

Item 8

Minutes of the proceedings of the MEETING of the SPENNYMOOR ROAD SAFETY LOCAL WORKING PARTY held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Thursday 13th May, 2004 at 6.30p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Gray Chairman
Councillor Ms.S.Armstrong Spennymoor Town Council
Councillor J.C.Culine “ “ “
Councillor Mrs. E.Maddison “ “ “
Councillor G.Tolley “ “ “
Councillor Mrs.A.Armstrong Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A.Smith “ “ “
Councillor Mrs.C.Sproat “ “ “
Councillor E. Foster Durham County Council
W.J.Davies Co-opted Member
A.R.Hawkes “ “
R.Stewart Middlestone Moor Action Reform
Group A.Wilson “ “ “
“
Sgt. I. Rodgers Spennymoor Police
One Member of the Public

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.B.Graham and J.V.Graham.

E.Brookes.

68/03. **MINUTES.**
RESOLVED -That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March, 2004 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

69/03. **BINCHESTER CROSSROADS.**
Reference was made to Minute 59/03 and it was reported that the Traffic Order on Binchester crossroads would become a permanent order.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

70/03.

MIDDLESTONE MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Reference was made to Minute 65/03 and County Councillor E. Foster explained why the area of Middlestone Moor Primary School did not qualify for a pelican crossing.

Concern was raised with regard to the parking outside of the school and County Councillor E. Foster was asked if yellow lines could be put outside of the nursery along with a No Parking sign.

It was also reported that the County Council was intending to write to all parents as part of the Safer Routes to School Initiative and County Councillor E. Foster would raise these issues with J. Stephenson of Durham County Council.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

71/03.

TRAFFIC CALMING IN THE CARR LANE, PARKSIDE, OX CLOSE AND WOOD VUE AREAS.

Reference was made to Minute 60/03 and County Councillor E. Foster was asked if consideration had been given to the installation of roundabouts, instead of road humps, to slow down traffic.

County Councillor E. Foster reported that speed cushions were one of the options for the Carr Lane area.

RESOLVED- That County Councillor E. Foster would meet with the Traffic Engineers and look at Traffic Calming Measures for these areas.

72/03.

HIGH STREET.

Reference was made to Minute 57/03 and a question was raised about cars parking in the loading and un-loading area of the High Street.

RESOLVED- That Sgt. I. Rodgers would arrange for this matter to be investigated.

73/03.

ACCIDENT STATISTICS.

A report was given by Sgt. I. Rodgers a copy of which was submitted to the secretary for the records.

RESOLVED –That the information be received and Sgt. I. Rodgers be thanked for the report and for his attendance.

74/03.

DAISY FIELD AND MERRINGTON LANE AREA.

Concern was expressed about motor cyclists using the Daisy Field and Merrington Lane area. A member of the public said that they had seen several people on bikes in these areas.

It was also raised, as a concern, the length of time taken for the police to respond to calls. Sgt. I. Rodgers emphasised the importance of contacting the police to report all incidents to ensure a record can be kept.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

75/03.

FOOTPATH AT THE DAISY FIELD.

It was reported that the fence had been removed from around the Daisy Field and concern was raised about the path crumbling away.

RESOLVED- That the Chairman would investigate this situation with Sedgefield Borough Council.

76/03.

CENTRAL DRIVE, MIDDLESTONE MOOR.

A member of the public asked how many speeding complaints had been received with regard to the Central Drive area. Sgt. I. Rodgers was not aware of the number of complaints.

County Councillor E.Foster indicated that he was investigating Traffic Calming in this area.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

77/03.

ROCK ROAD.

A question was raised about Traffic Calming on Rock Road and County Councillor E. Foster stated there was a lot of warning indicators in this area.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

78/03.

RIDGESIDE.

The residents of Ridgeside are concerned about the live stump of a street light left in place.

RESOLVED- County Councillor E.Foster said he had reported this matter and it would be removed.

79/03.

CAMPBELLS SHOP, CLYDE TERRACE.

Concern was expressed about the pull out from Campbell's Shop opposite St. Paul's Church and County Councillor E. Foster reported that the area by the shop would receive double yellow lines.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

80/03.

KIRK MERRINGTON.

A question was raised about the traffic on the road up to Kirk Merrington from the Merrington Lane or Chilton Lane areas. There had been an increase in the amount of lorries using these areas and County Councillor E. Foster said that if numbers of the lorries over 7.5 tonnes were taken then they could be prosecuted.

RESOLVED- That Sgt. I. Rodgers would contact the Transport Unit about this matter.

81/03.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED- That the date of the next meeting the Annual Meeting will be Thursday 8th July, 2004 at 6.30 p.m.

COUNCILLOR A.GRAY
CHAIRMAN