

Item 10

Minutes of the proceedings of the ANNUAL MEETING of the SPENNYMOOR ROAD SAFETY LOCAL WORKING PARTY held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Spennymoor on Thursday 8th July, 2004 at 6.30p.m.

PRESENT:	Councillor A. Gray	Chairman
	Councillor Ms S.Armstrong	Spennymoor Town Council
	Councillor J.C.Culine	“ “ “
	Councillor J.V.Graham	“ “ “
	Councillor Mrs.A.Armstrong	Sedgefield Borough Council
	Councillor A.Smith	“ “ “
	Councillor E.Foster	Durham County Council
	E.Brookes	Co-opted Member
	W.J.Davies	“ “
	Inspector S. Winship	Spennymoor Police

APOLOGIES: Councillors R.Campion, Mrs.B.Graham, Mrs.E.Maddison, J.M.Marr, Mrs C.Sproat, K.Thompson and F.Walker.

01/04.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman thanked all Members of the Committee for their attendance and commitment and stated that he felt that the Committee had achieved a lot during the last year.

RESOLVED -That Councillor A. Gray be appointed Chairman of the Working Party for the ensuring year.

02/04.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

RESOLVED -That Councillor Mrs. A. Armstrong be appointed Vice Chairman of the Working Party for the ensuring year.

03/04.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY.

RESOLVED –That Councillor Ms S. Armstrong be appointed Secretary of the Working Party for the ensuring year.

04/04.

MINUTES.

RESOLVED -That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May, 2004 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

05/04.

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

Reference was made to Minute 71/03 and County Councillor E. Foster reported that new Traffic Calming would consist of three speed cushions and three chicanes. The plans were on display for people to look at.

In the revised scheme, there would be no speed cushions on Carr Lane. The County Council would consult with the residents again about the revised scheme.

It was reported that the Emergency Services were not always in favour of Traffic Calming Measures as it could delay response times, they preferred speed cushions to humps as they could easily drive over speed cushions.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

06/04.

DAISY FIELD AND MERRINGTON LANE AREA.

Reference was made to Minute 74/03 and the Chairman reported that he attended a site visit at the Daisy Field and had witnessed motor cyclists using the field. He had met with the police about this problem and had been assured the police would take action.

Inspector Winship said that members of the public must continue to report incidents as this would help build up a profile of the problem and the matter has been referred, by Sgt. Rodgers, to the Road Policing Unit.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

07/04.

POLICE CALL CENTRE.

The Chairman asked Councillor Armstrong to report about her visit to the Bishop Auckland Call Centre (Police Call Centre).

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

08/04.

FOOTPATH AT THE DAISY FIELD.

Reference was made to Minute 75/03 and it was reported that Councillor J. Robinson was intending to address the meeting, however he had been unable to attend this meeting.

RESOLVED- To invite Councillor J. Robinson to the next meeting of the Road Safety Local Working Party.

- 09/04. **ACCIDENT STATISTICS.**
Inspector Winship gave a report on the Accident Statistics.

RESOLVED- That the information be received and Inspector Winship be thanked for the report and for his attendance.
- 10/04. **HIGH STREET.**
Inspector Winship referred to Minute 72/03 and reported that the problems in the High Street had been tasked to PC Dawn Southern and the Community Support Officer.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.
- 11/04. **KIRK MERRINGTON.**
Reference was made to Minute 80/04 and it was reported that the police had given the problem with the lorries at Kirk Merrington their attention and asked if numbers of the lorries concerned could be taken.

A member of the public expressed concern that lorries were still speeding in this area and it was requested that a 7.5 tonne sign be erected to deter the lorries.

RESOLVED- County Councillor E. Foster would investigate the erection of the sign.
- 12/04. **RIDGESIDE.**
Inspector Winship stated that the accident record does not warrant a reduced speed limit, however concern was expressed about the number of accidents in this area (Kirk Merrington).

The Chairman asked Inspector Winship to look into this problem further and the Inspector said he would report back on the matter at the next meeting.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.
- 13/04. **TAXIS/CARS.**
Concern was expressed about taxis and cars driving up the High Street. Inspector Winship stated that if taxis were identified they would write to them.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

14/04.

KINGFISHER CAR PARK.

The Chairman raised the issue of cars being sold from the Kingfisher Car Park in the Town Centre. The Town Centre Manager had investigated the matter and Inspector Winship would arrange to investigate the matter further.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

15/04.

HORSES AT THE DAISY FIELD.

Concern was raised about trotting horses at the Daisy Field, it was reported that this was not a police matter and it was the responsibility of Sedgefield Borough Council the landlords of this land.

RESOLVED- That the Chairman would bring this matter to the attention of Sedgefield Borough Council.

16/04.

CAR PARKING AT RIDGESIDE.

Concern was expressed about the number of vehicles parking on the footpath at Ridgeside.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

17/04.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED –That the date of the next meeting will be on Thursday 9th September, 2004 at 6.30pm.

COUNCILLOR A.GRAY
CHAIRMAN