

Item 6

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 9th September, 2004 at 6.30p.m.

PRESENT: A. Gray Chairman
Councillor Mrs. M.Smith Spennymoor Town Council
Councillor G.Tolley " " "
Councillor Mrs.A.Armstrong Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs.C.Sproat " " "
Councillor N.C.Foster Durham County Council
A.R.Hawkes Co-opted Member
PC D.Southern Spennymoor Police

APOLOGIES: Councillors Ms.S.Armstrong, Mrs.B.Graham, J.V.Graham and Mrs.E.Maddison.

E.Brookes.

18/04.

MINUTES.

RESOLVED -That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 8th July, 2004 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

19/04.

DAISY FIELD AND MERRINGTON LANE AREA.

Reference was made to Minute 6/04 and it was reported that a meeting had taken place with Sedgefield Borough Council Officers and Councillor J. Robinson and it was agreed that the perimeter area would be renovated.

PC D. Southern reported that motorcyclists had been issued with Vehicle Notices to prohibit them using the Daisy Field.

Vehicles have also been using the subway to access the Daisy Field and Inspector Winship is going to try and get Spennymoor designated as an OPERATIONAL HARMONY AREA in order to get vehicles towed away if they are not complying with the Highway Code.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

20/04.

FOOTPATH AT THE DAISY FIELD.

Reference was made to Minute 8/04 and it was reported that Councillor J. Robinson had not been invited to attend the Road Safety meeting as he was in attendance at the Daisy Field meeting.

He is also to be invited to attend the Area Forum meeting to discuss provision for off road motor cycles.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

21/04.

KIRK MERRINGTON.

Reference was made to Minute 11/04 and it was reported that the Committee are awaiting a response from County Councillor E. Foster with regard to the lorries at Kirk Merrington.

RESOLVED- That this information be received.

22/04.

ACCIDENT STATISTICS.

PC D. Southern gave a report on the Accident Statistics.

RESOLVED- That the information be received and PC D. Southern be thanked for the report and for her attendance.

23/04.

RIDGESIDE.

Reference was made to Minute 12/04 and it was reported by PC D. Southern that this area does not meet criteria for speed restrictions or the enforcement of double white lines. The bottom junction could be closed off with the agreement of the residents.

RESOLVED- That PC D. Southern would arrange to install a portable speed camera in this area for a trial period.

24/04.

MOBILE TELEPHONES.

It was reported that drivers are still using mobile telephones.

RESOLVED- That his information be received.

25/04.

MERRINGTON LANE.

It was reported that footballers are parking their vehicles on the pavement at Merrington Lane.

RESOLVED- That the matter be raised by the Chairman at Sedgefield Borough Council.

- 26/04. **CAMPBELLS SHOP AREA.**
It was reported by Councillor Mrs.E. Maddison that there was a problem with the parking of vehicles in the Campbell's Shop area.

RESOLVED- That this information be received.
- 27/04. **PARKING AT RIDGESIDE.**
Concern was expressed with regard to the parking of vehicles on the footpath at Ridgeside.

RESOLVED- That this information be received.
- 28/04. **MAYFIELDS AREA.**
It was reported that trees were overhanging the footpath in the Mayfields area.

RESOLVED- That this information be received.
- 29/04. **CARR LANE.**
It was reported that there is no footpath on either side of the road at the bottom of Carr Lane.

RESOLVED- That this matter would be investigated by County Councillor E. Foster.
- 30/04. **CYCLING ON FOOTPATHS.**
This problem was raised with PC. D. Southern and she reported that there was very little that could be done regarding this problem whether the culprits were adults or children.

RESOLVED- That the owners of Festival Walk are to erect No Cycling signs in the near future.
- 31/04. **CYCLE ROUTES.**
County Councillor N Foster reported that some Cycle Routes in the Town are operational but signs have not been erected. He will follow this matter up.

Sedgefield Borough Council Neighbourhood Wardens may go into schools to teach cycling proficiency to help educate young cyclists.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

32/04.

DOG SHOWS.

Councillor Mrs. C. Sproat reported that she was concerned about the problems caused by Dog Shows i.e. cars parking and dog fouling.

RESOLVED- That this information be received and noted.

33/04.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED –That the date of the next meeting will be on Thursday 11th November, 2004 at 6.30pm.

COUNCILLOR A.GRAY
CHAIRMAN