

# ALFRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a Strengthening Local Relationships (SLR) meeting held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 10.00am

### Present:

Cllr Diana Monteath-Wilson – Chair Alfriston Parish Council  
Cllr Stephen Rabagliati - Highways Portfolio, Alfriston Parish Council  
Cllr Jen Watkins - Planning Portfolio, Alfriston Parish Council  
Cllr Stephen Shing - East Sussex County Council Councillor  
Wayne Gibbs - Stakeholder Liaison Officer East Sussex Highways  
Steph Quinnell - Highway Steward East Sussex Highways

### In attendance:

Mrs Suzanna Dry - Parish Clerk

1. Welcome, Apologies for absence and introductions.

No apologies were received. Everyone present introduced themselves.

2. Diversion Arrangements for Planned and Emergency Road Works.

Cllr Rabagliati stated there had been a number of incidents during the recent diversions, with problems stemming from using The Furlongs as a two way road. Due to the number of parked cars in this road, it can only operate as a single track road. Both Cllr Rabagliati and Cllr Diana Monteath-Wilson requested having a two way system in future for diversion routes – using Weavers Lane, The Broadway and the Furlongs. Cllr Rabagliati to give the Clerk name of the ESCC contact for diversion routes **Action Point 1**. The Clerk was asked to write to the contact to request this. **Action point 2**. Cllr Shing asked to be copied in, so that he can press for a meeting with Highways. **Action point 3**. Steph Quinnell commented that Highways couldn't stop people driving where they want, even if diversion signs are in place.

3. Clearing of Drains by Willows Car Park and Deans Place.

Willows Drain - Steph Quinnell reported that the drainage team had advised there was a broken chamber and this is scheduled to be repaired in February half-term week. APC requested this be carried out sooner if possible, S.Q. will ask if this can be done. **Action Point 4**. Cllr Shing will also see if this work can be brought forward. Dean Place Drain - S.Q. advised this is being investigated by the drainage team – the shingle opposite keeps blocking up the drain, requiring constant

clearing out. S.Q. will arrange for this work when required. Any problems can be reported on line.

4. Resurfacing of Star Lane

Steph Quinnell has reported two pot holes in Star Lane for repair. Road resurfacing is done on a priority basis, Star Lane has been reported for resurfacing but is not currently a priority category.

5. Signage at top of Kings Ride/South Downs Way.

Steph Quinnell advised Wealden D.C are responsible for sweeping bottom of SDW on Kings Drive. SDW signage is not responsibility of Highways, however S.Q. will ask the Highways Traffic Safety team to look at this. **Action Point 5**. The Clerk was asked to write to SDNP re signage and copy in both Cllr Shing and Vanessa Rowlands, SDNP Parish Member.

6. Timely Cutting back of Footpaths.

The Clerk mentioned two footpaths leading out of the village, adjacent to the road which have been in a bad state all summer. These have been confirmed as the responsibility of Highways – White Way, Westhill Cottage to Cuckmere Cottage and High Footpath, opp. Willows car park. Steph Quinnell will look into this. **Action Point 6**.

7. Pot Holes and Kerb Repairs.

High Street - Cllr Rabagliati pointed out the pot holes outside The Wingrove, opposite Chestnuts, and The George. Steph Quinnell has already reported these. General public need to report pot hole issues to Highways. Kings Ride - kerbstone sets getting displaced regularly and is a constant problem. S.Q. stated there is nothing Highways can do about this. Stanley House – cobbled fells in need of repair. S.Q. reported these on the tour of the village.

8. Improved Give Way signage in lower High Street.

Cllr Rabagliati explained e-mail received from one resident regarding signs being ignored, vehicles mounting the pavement and hitting buildings opposite Chestnut Cottages. Steph Quinnell confirmed that it is not Highways policy to install mirrors. Complaint will need to go to traffic safety team. S.Q. happy to pass on, the Clerk will pass details to S.Q. **Action Point 7**.

9. Any Other Business

23 Deans Rd - Cllr Rabagliati asked for an update from Highways Enforcement on their position. Wayne Gibbs will look into this and report back.

Refuse Bins in Star Lane - Steph Quinnell witnessed these on the village tour and has reported them to Highways Enforcement.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am.