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North Mid Sussex County Local Committee

13 June 2018 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Imberhorne School, Windmill Lane, East Grinstead, RH19 2DT.

Present:

Mrs Brunson (Chairman) (Imberdown;), Mrs Bennett (East Grinstead Meridian;), Mr Lea (Lindfield & High Weald;) and Mrs Russell (East Grinstead South & Ashurst Wood;)

Absent: Mr Acraman (Worth Forest)

Also in attendance: Mrs Amanda Jupp (Cabinet Member for Adults and Health)

Officers in attendance: Monique Smart (Democratic Services Officer), Gulu Sibanda (Principal Community Officer) and Richard Speller (Area Highways Manager)

1. **Election of Chairman**

1.1 RESOLVED that Mrs Heidi Brunson be elected Chairman of the North Mid Sussex County Local Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

2. **Welcome and introductions**

2.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members and Officers introduced themselves.

2.2 The Chairman highlighted information available for residents on the 'What Matters to You' Survey and Scam Prevention.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

3.1 Ms Liz Bennett declared a pecuniary interest in the Community Initiative Funding application from Stone Quarry Crew as she is a cheque signatory for the group.

3.2 It is recorded in the register of interests that the following Members of the Committee are also Members of Mid Sussex District Council: Mr Andrew Lea, Mrs Heidi Brunson and Ms Elizabeth Bennett.

4. **Minutes**

4.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the North Mid Sussex County Local Committee meeting held on 21 March 2018 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

5. **Urgent Matters**

5.1 There were no urgent matters but the Chairman took the opportunity to provide a brief update regarding the Travellers on Imberhorne Lane and stated that a court order had been successful to move them on.

6. **Highways Update**

6.1 The Area Highways Manager provided a presentation, attached to the signed minutes.

6.2 The presentation included details on how residents should report defects and the process and intervention levels for getting defects, such as potholes, repaired. Following the presentation the following matters were discussed:

- It was stressed that contacting Highways directly via the 'Love West Sussex' app, website or by phone was the best option. Any other route, including via your local County Councillor, would add delay to a response.
- Additional funds had been allocated by the Department for Transport. These funds had resulted in an increase in the number of 'seek and find' gangs and also the introduction of a high quality gang for larger scale repairs.
- It was noted that the intervention levels for pothole repairs was based on national guidelines.
- The Area Highways Manager explained the process for booking road space to ensure that no conflicts occur. He explained that the County Council received on average 200 requests across the County in a week.

7. **Progress Statement**

7.1 Members considered the statement on matters arising from previous meetings (copy appended to the signed minutes). The following comments were made:

- The Area Highways Manager confirmed that letters would be sent out soon regarding traffic calming measures in The Oaks. He also confirmed this would not be a formal public consultation but any comments received would be taken on board before any works begin.
- The Area Highways Manager also updated on works due to start in Turners Hill as the result of a new development. This would include a new mini roundabout on North Street and would likely result in a 6 week road closure during the school summer holidays. The County Council was working closely with the local Parish Council on this closure.
- Members expressed further disappointment that there was still no progress on the Road Space Audit (RSA). The Chairman explained this had delayed the Committee making a decision on Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for this year. The Committee asked that their disappointment be passed onto the Officers managing this at both Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council.

- The Area Highway Manager confirmed that 9 objections had been received for proposals for Calluna Drive, Copthorne. He was hopeful to resolve some of the objections but if not it would need to come to the next CLC meeting for a final decision.
- Mrs Jacquie Russell asked for an update regarding a crossing for Sackville School. The Area Highways Manager agreed to get an update from the Safer Routes to School Team.

8. **Talk With Us Open Forum**

8.1 The Chairman invited questions from those in attendance and the following matters were raised and discussed:

- Tim Addie asked why smaller potholes are monitored rather than just repaired. The Area Highways Manager confirmed that due to the Highways Contract and available resources, there has to be an agreed criteria.
- Ian Gibson referred to a question he had submitted in advance of the meeting and had already discussed with the Chairman. This was in relation to the Council's response to the Government's guideline that a primary school needs a roll of at least 150 to be viable, in particular, whether there are any implications for schools in the North Area. The Chairman confirmed that she had discussed this with Mr Gibson but that an officer response would also be provided.
- A resident asked if the County Council could insist that new roads on housing developments are adopted. The Area Highway Manager stated that this was something that would need to be done at the Planning Application stage. Mr Andrew Lea suggested that if residents or Members feel strongly about this they should comment on Planning Applications.
- A local resident asked if claims could be made if a car was damaged but the defect already 'marked' for repair. The Area Highways Manager confirmed that the mark was purely a reference point for the contractor to undertake the job.

8.2 The Chairman welcomed Amanda Jupp, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health, West Sussex County Council. The Chairman explained that Mrs Jupp had kindly agreed to come along this evening to respond to local questions and concerns about the future of Glen Vue. The following is a summary of the questions and answers:

- Mrs Jupp confirmed that West Sussex County Council (WSSC) was not closing Glen Vue. She explained that the WSSC day service that was provided from the Glen Vue site in East Grinstead was a Mid Sussex District Council owned building and WSSC currently lease space from them.
- The service provided by WSSC at Glen Vue currently serves six people. The demand for this service has been decreasing over the last few years, despite continued efforts to promote the service.
- The proposal for the day service that WSSC provide at Glen Vue was to offer an appropriate alternative service to those currently

using it. There may be scope for the Shaw contract to increase if there was demand.

- WSCC was also in discussion with Age UK about the possibility of them taking on the lease at Glen Vue.
- WSCC recognise that Glen Vue was more than just the small day service that we currently provide. There are a number of external providers who currently use space at Glen Vue for free and WSCC fully recognise the need to work very closely with Mid Sussex District Council and all groups currently sharing the space at Glen Vue to identify the best option going forward.
- WSCC have engaged closely with the service users and families but there has not been a public meeting.
- Mrs Jupp confirmed that she would be happy to accept more information from residents and service users prior to making any decision. Mrs Jupp encouraged anyone with further concerns to email her.

9. **North Mid Sussex Community Initiative Funding (NMS01(18/19))**

9.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes), which detailed applications for Community Initiative Funding. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought.

9.2. Resolved – that the following pledges were considered and deferred:

212NMS - The Stone Quarry Crew, Quarry Café Counter – Towards a modular display counter. Members agreed to consider a pledge once the project had started fundraising and they could see the level of community support. It was agreed this could be done via an urgent action decision prior to the next CLC meeting.

203NMS - Sussex Clubs for Young People Ltd, Streetmate, A mobile Youth Space – Towards a mobile unit, paintwork and interior work/equipment. Members agreed to consider a pledge at the next CLC meeting if the project had started fundraising at that point.

9.3 The Committee also asked the Democratic Services Officer to request that up to £3000 of the Committees Community Initiative Funding allocation be used to purchase a Speed Indicator Device for the North Mid Sussex Parishes to use.

10. **Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies (NMS02(18/19))**

10.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Education and Skills (copy attached to the signed minutes).

10.2. Resolved –That the Committee approved the following nominations for appointment:-

- Mrs Margaret Belsey for a four year term to Blackwell Primary School
- Mr Charles McCarthey for a four year term to Copthorne C.E. Junior School

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

11.1 The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the North Mid Sussex County Local Committee would be held on Tuesday 13 November 2018 at Copthorne Village Hall.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

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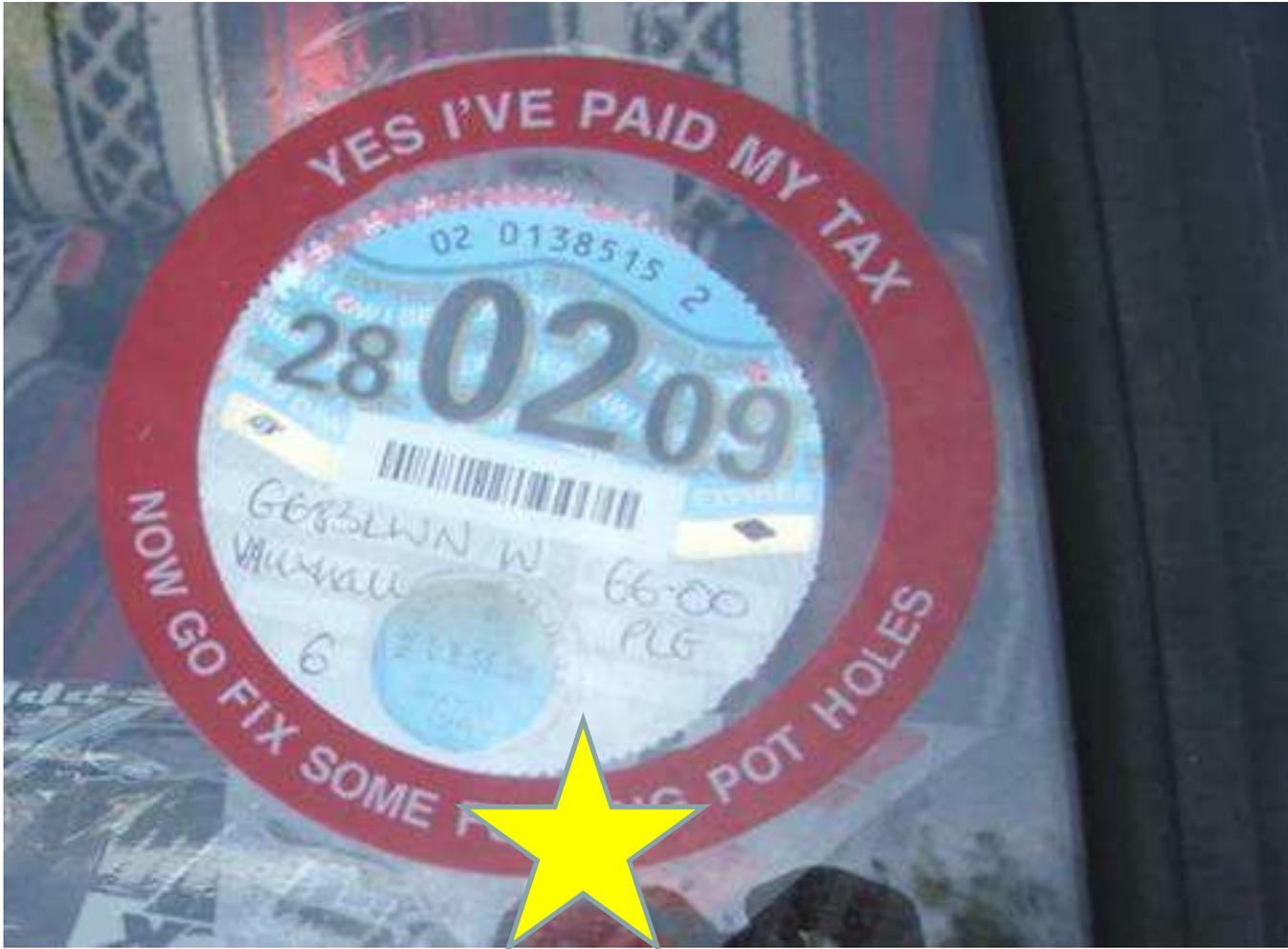


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By Richard Speller

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Capital budget funds the Annual Delivery Program (AKA IWP) see web site.

Revenue funds

Safety defects (pot holes / trips)	£1.52M
Lines and Signs	£0.45M
Grass Cutting	£1.77M
Gullies cleansing & Drainage	£0.95M
Structures	£0.4M
Signals	£0.7M
Winter Service	£1.48M
Trees	£0.6M
Other	£1.23M



What is a pot hole or defect?

Under “Safety Plus”

Roads

0 to 39mm	Monitor
40 to 100mm	Fixed with 28 days (if road space available)
Over 100mm	Fixed with 5 days (if road space available)
Sink Holes	Close road within 2 hours

Footpaths

0 to 19mm	Monitor
20 to 40mm	Fixed with 28 days (if road space available)
Over 40mm	Fixed with 5 days (if road space available)

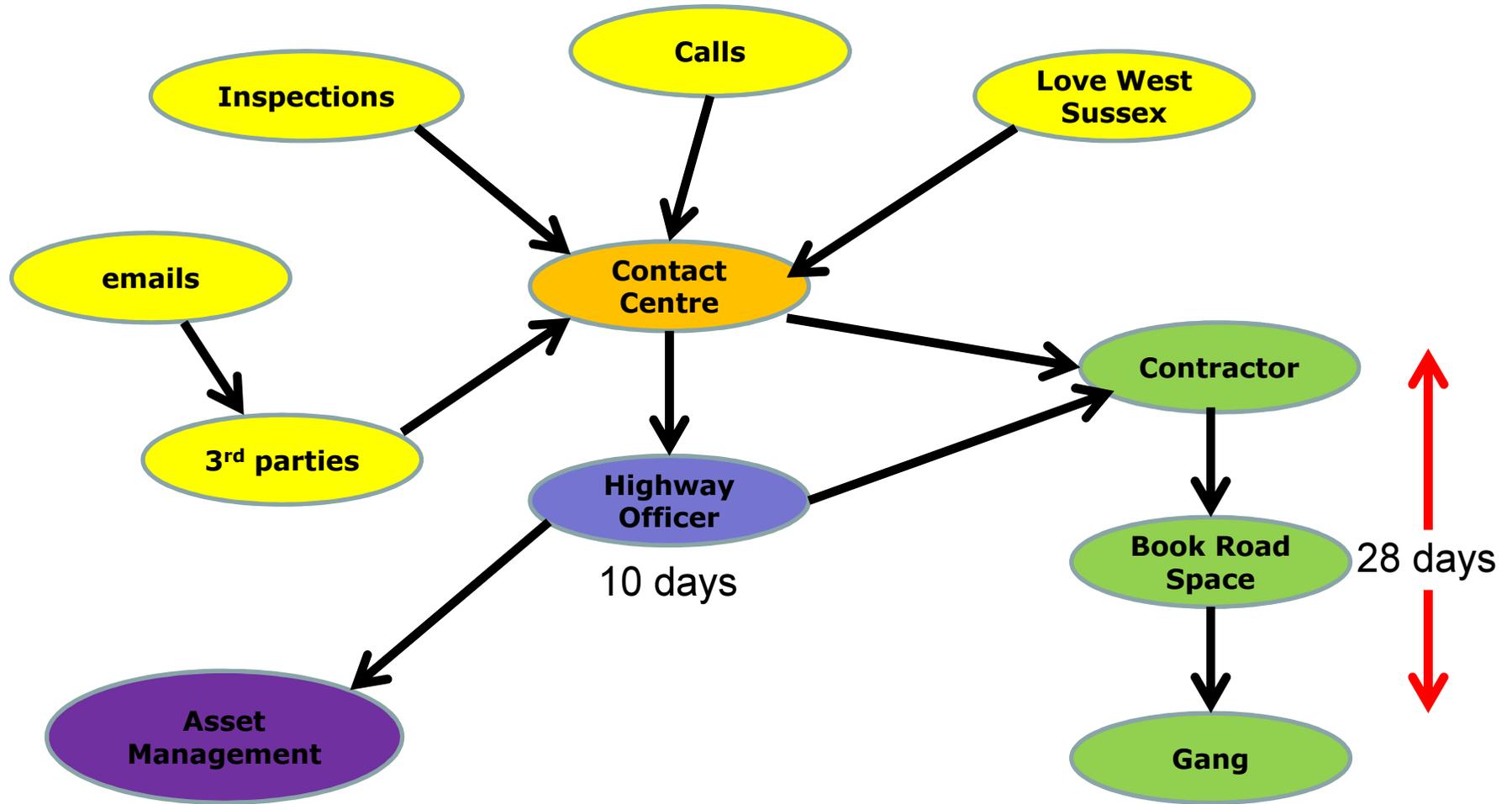
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<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/>



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Types of Highway repairs

Re construction	£60 / m ²
Re surfacing	£30 / m ²
Over lay	£10 / m ²
Surface Dressing	£3 / m ²
Patching & Reactive (pot holes)	£250 to £35

There are 28,000,000 m² of tarmac in West Sussex

£1,680,000,000 to re -construction all the roads in west Sussex



Winter Damage 2018

WSCC have received £1,594,870 from the Department for Transport's Pothole Action Fund, which is shared across all six Districts and Boroughs

This additional funding will be used to employ even more repair teams dedicated to tackling potholes in West Sussex - with an additional two 'seek and fill' gangs.

Also a gang dedicated to patching larger areas of road surface will also begin soon.

The County Council has also recently committed an additional £540,000 which will help fund larger-scale, high-quality repairs. You may be interested to note that we have already completed 11,000 pothole repairs to date this year



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Any Questions



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