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**Minutes of a Strengthening Local Relationships (SLR) meeting held via Zoom**

**on Friday 16th September 2022 at 08:45**

**Present:**

Cllr Jen Watkins - Chairman, Alfriston Parish Council

Cllr Stephen Rabagliati – Highways Portfolio, Alfriston Parish Council

Mr Ian Johnson – Traffic & Safety Manager, East Sussex County Council

Mr Thomas Lee, East Sussex Highways steward

Ms Corinne Black – East Sussex Highways customer manager

Cllr Stephen Shing – Councillor from East Sussex County Council

**In attendance:**

Mrs Victoria Rutt - Parish Clerk

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Nick Beechey and Ms Ruby Brittle.

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 18th March 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 18th March 2022 were approved.

1. **Matters arising from previous minutes**

Cllr Rabagliati raised one action that remains outstanding, despite emailing The Star. The flint wall belonging to The Star has not been repaired. He will chase this again next week. **Action 1.**

1. **Kings Ride – signs, sweep and resurface**

Clerk reported that despite several emails to SDNPA and ROW officer at ESCC, the Kings Ride signs have still not materialised despite SDNPA saying 12 months ago they were in production. Clerk to send information to Mr Johnson to see if he gets anywhere with them. **Action 2.**   
Clerk explained that due to recent resurfacing works done at the top of Kings Ride [which is being looked into by SDNPA and the residents who requested the work as the surface is disintegrating with rain] every time there is bad weather, the surface is coming away and creating more debris at the top of Kings Ride, corner of The Broadway. Clerk has requested a sweep but nothing as yet. Ms Black said she will liaise with Mr Lee and also make a request. **Action 3.**

1. **Star Lane road surface**

Clerk asked Ms Black if any changes on the status of resurfacing Star Lane. Ms Black confirmed it is not on the list for future works but they are keeping an eye and Mr Lee looked at it this week and no potholes meet the safety criteria. Cllr Rabagliati said there is edging near the High Street that he feels does meet the safety criteria, he will send a picture to the Clerk so she can make an official report to Ms Black. **Action 4.**

1. **Broken bollards on High Street**

Clerk confirmed that one broken bollard has been reported and ESCC have confirmed they will replace, this is outside the shop at the top of the Tye twitten. Ms Black confirmed that Mr Lee did a bollard review this week and has identified one near the Square that also needs replacing so this has been reported.

1. **Deans Place drains**

Clerk asked Ms Black if there has been any further action on this following Ms Brittle taking an action at the meeting in March to investigate. Ms Black confirmed that she has liaised with the draining manager and it has been agreed that an inspection needs to take place, however to do so the road does need to be closed and a diversion put in place so they are looking at when they can do this. Ms Black will update when she knows more.

On the subject of Deans Place, the Clerk raised a request from Cllr Beechey in his absence about dangerous foliage growing into the road on the opposite side of Deans Place which needs a hard cut back ASAP. Clerk to report to Ms Black. *Since the meeting the Clerk can confirm this was reported to ESH on the 6th September under ref 00721972.*

Cllr Watkins reported that the drain along the Furlongs is backing up again and flooded the whole road last week. Clerk to send official report to Ms Black. **Action 5.**

1. **Broken paviours along High Street**

Cllr Rabagliati raised a number of broken paviours along the High Street and up Kings Ride that has been identified with white paint for repair/replacement but nothing has been done with them. Mr Lee confirmed that he attended the High Street this week and has reported a number of loose bricks along the High Street which he has reported. He did not go up Kings Ride so he will attend and review whether they need reporting. **Action 6.**

1. **Highways update**

Ms Black reported that over the last 6 months the below have been carried out:

*Safety repairs carried out in the last 6 months: 113 in total*

* *81 carriageway/pavement*
* *9 drainage*
* *2 emergency repairs*
* *3 signs*
* *3 street furniture*
* *4 vegetation*

*Open cases: 8 in total*

*• 2 carriageway*

*• 4 drainage*

*• 1 enforcement*

*• 1 hedges*

1. **Any other business**

Cllr Rabagliati thanked ESH for the recent resurface of the road as you go out the village, this was unexpected but appreciated.

**Date of next meeting**

Friday 24th March 2023, 08:45 via Zoom.

Signed Victoria Rutt – Parish Clerk