



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
Wednesday 29 September 2021
7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Ken Peters (Chairman), Graeme Acraman, Barry Barnes, Edna Bengler, Paul Berry, Phillip Day, Craig Gale and Dave Homer.

In Attendance.

G Burt, Clerk to the Council.

1 Member of the Public.

135/21 Chairman's Announcements.

The Chairman advised

1. That the meeting was being streamed to the internet.
2. That Cllrs wishing to speak should raise their hand and speak loud and clearly.

136/21 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Roy Margetts due to a prior engagement. On the proposal of Cllr Ken Peters, seconded by Cllr Craig Gale **RESOLVED** that the apology and reason given be accepted.

137/21 Declaration of Interests and notification of change to members' interests.

Cllr Paul Berry declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Minute 142/21.

Cllr Graeme Acraman declared a prejudicial interest in Minute 146/21 being the applicant.

Cllr Phillip Day declared a personal interest in Minute 139/21, as he had signed the petition in favour of the proposal.

138/21 Public Session (Members of the Public may speak for up to 3 minutes at the discretion of the Chairman).

Hilary Jubert spoke in support of the bid to have Okehurst Lane designated as a *Quiet Lane* and answered questions.

The meeting agreed to bring forward the following item:

139/21 Highway Matters - To consider supporting the dedication of Okehurst Lane *et al* as Quiet Lanes.

Residents in the vicinity of Okehurst Lane had asked for the Council's support for the said roads to be designated Quiet Lanes. These roads were very narrow and of a rural nature but were becoming increasingly used by inappropriate traffic, many looking for shortcuts etc. *Quiet Lanes* is a national initiative, supported by Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), where through the use of signs, mock cattle grids etc, motorists are left in no uncertain terms that the area is of a special nature and they should drive more slowly or use a different route. There are no such designations yet in West Sussex, so this could, if approved by West Sussex County Council (WSCC) be a beacon project. The residents plan to submit a Community Highways Scheme application to WSCC but need the Parish Council's support in advance. Councillors were already well aware of the problems in the area, caused by some of the businesses located in the area and, in particular, motorists

looking to beat road works on main roads. On the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale, seconded by Cllr Paul Berry, **RESOLVED** to support the designation of Okehurst Lane *et al* as Quiet Lanes.

140/21 Minutes.

The minutes of 28 July 2021, previously circulated, were taken as read. On the proposal of Cllr Ken Peters, seconded by Cllr Graeme Acraman, **RESOLVED** that the minutes be approved and signed as a correct record.

141/21 Matters Arising.

None.

Cllr Paul Berry left the meeting.

142/21 To Approve Payments and Note Receipts.

Details of payments totalling £157,354.61 for July-August 2021 were previously circulated – Appendix A. On the proposal of Cllr Ken Peters, seconded by Cllr Craig Gale, **RESOLVED** that the payments be approved, and any receipts noted and published on the Council's website accordingly.

Cllr Paul Berry re-joined the meeting.

143/21 To note Bank Reconciliations.

On the proposal of Cllr Ken Peters, seconded by Cllr Craig Gale, **RESOLVED** the following Bank Reconciliations be approved. (The corresponding statements were then initialled by Cllr Craig Gale).

Current Account to 30 July 2021	Statement 419 – Appendix B
Business Reserve Account to 30 July 2021	Statement 321 – Appendix B

Current Account to 30 August 2021	Statement 423 – Appendix C
Business Reserve Account to 30 August 2021	Statement 322 – Appendix C

Bonus Saver Account to 31 July 2021	Statement 96 – Appendix D
Bonus Saver Account to 31 August 2021	Statement 97 – Appendix E

144/21 To consider suggestion to add Phased Budgeting to Accounting package.

Councillor Phillip Day had suggested that the Council amends its accounting package to allow for monthly budgeting which he felt would be useful for monitoring expenditure and income. There would be an additional cost and a small amount of extra work at budget-setting time for staff. The Clerk had shared a mock-up of what the report would look like. Having spoken to the software providers and other Clerks who used it, he felt it was more beneficial for much larger Councils, however he would be happy to use it if Members wished. Cllr Day explained the benefits, but others felt the additional expense and work would have disproportional benefits. On the proposal of Cllr Dave Homer, seconded by Cllr Graeme Acraman, **RESOLVED** not to proceed with phased budgeting at this time.

145/21 To consider any expenditure recommendations from other Committees over and above current budgetary provision.

The Property Committee of 15 September 2021 agreed to move forward with Phase 1 of the new Skate Park at Jubilee Fields. The total cost of Phase 1 is £142,457, subject to any final design tweaks/changes in material prices. The Council has budgeted £100,000 and Horsham District Council (HDC) has declined to contribute any S106 funds.

On the proposal of Cllr Ken Peters, seconded by Cllr Paul Berry, **RESOLVED** that the additional expenditure be approved, to be met from forthcoming Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) or a Public Open Space (POS) Commuted Sum, to be decided at a future date.

It was reported that a final public consultation would be undertaken before the final project sign-off, as this was promised to users. The possibility of some fundraising by users towards the project was suggested.

Cllr Graeme Acraman left the meeting.

146/21 To consider any grant applications from Billingshurst Community Transport (BCT). (Note this is in addition to their usual budgeted grant of £2,000).

Members considered an application from BCT for £566 towards a new computer for their office, however there was only £575 remaining in the budget. On the proposal of Cllr Paul Berry, seconded by Cllr Ken Peters, **DEFER** to next meeting, as the Clerk suggested there may be some capacity to rearrange the grants budget this year to support more causes. In addition, the applicant would be asked if any other parishes had been approached for funding.

Cllr Graeme Acraman re-joined the meeting.

147/21 Highway Matters

a. To consider response to WSCC Transport Strategy.

It was agreed that if any Member had any comments, that they pass them to the Clerk for onward submission.

b. To receive verbal update on traffic calming in High Street and West Street.

The Clerk reported that consultants had presented their initial thoughts to Councillors informally and, once the plans were revised, Members would have a chance to look at them in Committee and determine the next steps.

c. To receive verbal report on traffic calming meeting.

Cllr Paul Berry reported on the recent meeting held with residents to look at village-wide traffic calming; notes attached to these minutes, Appendix F.

148/21 To consider making a response to the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy consultation.

WSCC was consulting on the above strategy. On the proposal of Cllr Paul Berry, seconded by Cllr Ken Graeme Acraman, **RESOLVED** that the Council echo the comments of the Billingshurst Flood Action Group accordingly.

149/21 To consider options for new office photocopier.

Members considered four options to replace the office photocopier as the rental agreement will be ending shortly. Looking at likely cost based on existing usage, on the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale, seconded by Cllr Dave Homer, **RESOLVED** to appoint ALE accordingly.

150/21 To consider options for new phones etc throughout Billingshurst Centre.

Members considered three options to replace the telephone system in the Billingshurst Centre as the rental agreement will be ending shortly. Although cost was important, all three were offering to upgrade the connection to the nearby telecoms box, where there was Fibre Broadband which should improve internet speeds in the building. In addition, all proposed telephones via computers, as existing dedicated phone line technology was being

phased out. As the new telephone system would be using existing IT, Members were persuaded that it made sense for existing IT provider, NETCOM to be awarded the contract. On the proposal of Cllr Paul Berry, seconded by Cllr Barry Barnes, **RESOLVED** to appoint NETCOM accordingly.

151/21 Update on Public Open Space (POS) on Kingslea Farm development.

The Clerk reported that the conditions proposed by the Council for the acceptance of the transfer of POS at Kingslea Farm had largely been accepted by the developer. It would appear that the overall liability to be transferred was less onerous than at first thought. A target transfer date of 1st April 2022 had been suggested. NOTED

152/21 Verbal update from Clerk on Remembrance Day Parade Road Closure.

The Clerk reported that: the Road Closure application had been submitted; agreement reached with Farthings Vets to use their car park if required; sufficient marshals would be available; radios secured. All NOTED.

153/21 To note Sussex Clubs for Young People (SCYP) Termly youth reports.

NOTED.

In answer to a question, the Clerk reported that work at 83a High Street was largely complete. SCYP could move in under a *Licence to Occupy* pending completion of the lease and he was meeting the letting agent the following day, to progress urgent occupation of the upstairs flat. NOTED

154/21 Any other matters for Information only.

None.

155/21 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 24 November 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman

Date

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Current Bank A/c

List of Payments made between 01/07/2021 and 31/08/2021

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
01/07/2021	Parkfield Retail Ltd	CARD	8.87		Ironmongery
01/07/2021	Amberol Ltd	CARD	821.40		x2 new High St. planters
01/07/2021	Netcom IT Solutions	DD	559.56		IT support etc
05/07/2021	Saxon Wield Homes Ltd	DD	70.29		Garage rental
06/07/2021	Baskets in Bloom Ltd	012932	402.00		Fill x2 new planters
06/07/2021	Clearance Express	012934	400.00		SRG green waste removal
13/07/2021	Unique Workwear Printing & Emb	012910	20.40		x2 HV vests
13/07/2021	Vision ICT Ltd	012911	288.00		Website hosting Sept 21- Aug23
13/07/2021	JWP Concrete & Stone Restorati	012912	1,104.00		Anchor grout to skate park
13/07/2021	Horsham District Council	012913	124.00		Bin emptying
13/07/2021	West Sussex County Council	012914	16,377.98		June salaries
13/07/2021	Kris King	012945	5.40		LW Mileage
13/07/2021	Southern Electric	012916	100.95		Street lighting energy
13/07/2021	Billingshurst Comm. & Conf. Ce	012917	1,628.34		May furlough owed to BCCC
13/07/2021	Mulberry & Co	012918	42.00		Training / Gale
13/07/2021	Wightman & Parrish Ltd	012919	64.20		Toilet cleaning materials
13/07/2021	CNG Energy Ltd	012920	5.99		Gas S/O
13/07/2021	Gary Steer Builders Ltd	012921	180.00		Skate studs LSR/Jub bridge rep
13/07/2021	Gary Steer Builders Ltd	012921A	890.00		Skate studs LSR/Jub bridge rep
13/07/2021	Quadrant Building Control Ltd	012922	840.00		83a Building Control
13/07/2021	Epoch Projects Ltd	012923	35,662.64		83a High St works Cert 01
13/07/2021	Cooper & Withycombe Ltd	012924	768.00		83a Principal Designer Service
13/07/2021	Kris King	012945	-5.40		Purchase Ledger Payment
13/07/2021	Kris King	012915	5.40		Purchase Ledger Payment
14/07/2021	Restream Inc.	CARD	14.15		Restream service
14/07/2021	Network One	DD	243.50		Phone charges etc
15/07/2021	A272 Design	SO	490.20		TWEET advert Aug
22/07/2021	S W Time Recorder (S&S) Ltd	CARD	115.00		Clocking in machine for LWs
23/07/2021	EE & T Mobile	DD	11.53		Mobile phone
26/07/2021	Siemens Fin Serv	DD	160.80		Copier rental
30/07/2021	Tennant UK Cleaning Sol.	DD	161.40		Sweeper servicing
30/07/2021	Tennant UK Cleaning Sol.	DD	161.40		Sweeper service
30/07/2021	NatWest	BACS	23.45		Bank charges
02/08/2021	Parkfield Retail Ltd	CARD	19.77		Ironmongery
02/08/2021	Sussex Land Services	SO	2,328.11		GM - July
02/08/2021	Horsham DC	BACS	-1,896.20		Refund of public loos NDR
02/08/2021	Netcom IT Solutions	DD	559.56		IT support etc
05/08/2021	Tennant UK Cleaning Sol.	DD	-161.40		Returned payment
05/08/2021	Saxon Wield Homes Ltd	DD	70.29		Garage rental
06/08/2021	Horsham District Council	012925	450.00		9686134/9686142/9686126/971320
06/08/2021	Billingshurst Comm. & Conf. Ce	012926	2,974.00		Room hire/furlough/utilities
06/08/2021	Epoch Projects Ltd	012927	33,570.95		Works 83a High St Cert 2
06/08/2021	Sussex Clubs for Young People	012928	3,595.68		Youth serv Q2
06/08/2021	Glasdon UK Ltd	012929	28.40		Grips for litter barrow
06/08/2021	Riattas Business Solutions Ltd	012930	240.00		Remote training
06/08/2021	Clares Office Supplies Ltd	012931	95.35		Various stationery
06/08/2021	Surrey Hills Solicitors LLP	012933	150.00		Prof advice

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06/08/2021	Wilbar Associates Ltd	012935	4,665.00		Prf fees-High+East St traffic
06/08/2021	Felicity Burnet	012936	100.00		Literacy help
06/08/2021	West Sussex County Council	012937	19,006.66		July salaries
06/08/2021	Maureen Chaffe	012938	150.00		DPO services 21-22
08/08/2021	Uni Silk Screen Printers & Sig	CARD	1.65		Gate closed sign / SRG
11/08/2021	KPCM Display Ltd	CARD	13.76		Playground sign
13/08/2021	Network One	DD	236.71		Phone charges etc.
16/08/2021	Automated Systems Ltd	DD	348.58		Copier charges
16/08/2021	Restream Inc.	CARD	14.16		Restreaming sub
16/08/2021	A272 Design	SO	490.20		Sept TWEET advert
20/08/2021	Tennant UK Cleaning Sol.	DD	307.16		Sweeper repair
23/08/2021	EE & T Mobile	DD	11.53		Mobile phone
23/08/2021	BNP Paribus Leasing	DD	508.54		Phone rental
23/08/2021	SSE	DD	140.73		Elec public loos
26/08/2021	Replacement Keys Ltd	CARD	14.45		New keys for LSRRG lock
26/08/2021	JPIMedia Publishing Ltd	DD	49.92		County Times sub
27/08/2021	Southern Electric	012939	221.40		Southern Electric
27/08/2021	West Sussex County Council	012940	18,505.81		August salaries
27/08/2021	Billingshurst Comm. & Conf. Ce	012941	1,180.01		Reimb July furlough
27/08/2021	Mulberry & Co	012942	42.00		Training / Day
27/08/2021	R G Prior Consultancy Services	012943	255.00		Prof fee LSRRG + Jub drainage
27/08/2021	Robin Nugent Architects	012944	2,577.60		83a H/St architect fees
27/08/2021	Clares Office Supplies Ltd	012945	14.71		Stationery
27/08/2021	Surrey Hills Solicitors LLP	012946	1,506.00		Legal: Adver Hall/S106 transf
27/08/2021	Sutcliffe Play Ltd	012947	324.45		Play area spare parts
27/08/2021	Roland Clark	012948	15.48		LW Mileage
27/08/2021	Kris King	012949	16.20		LW mileage
27/08/2021	Greg Burt	012950	32.43		Fuel + duster
27/08/2021	Colin Ellis	012951	19.43		Ironmongery + mileage
27/08/2021	Horsham District Council	012952	407.50		Bin emptying
27/08/2021	SSE	012939	-140.73		Cancel part payment as DD
27/08/2021	ICO	DD	35.00		Info Comm Off annual fee
31/08/2021	Tennant UK Cleaning Sol.	DD	161.40		Sweeper service
31/08/2021	NatWest	BACS	23.80		Bank charges
31/08/2021	Sussex Land Services	SO	2,328.11		GM - Aug

Total Payments	<u>157,354.61</u>
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Cash Received between 01/07/2021 and 31/08/2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cash Received from</u>	<u>Receipt No</u>	<u>Receipt Description</u>	<u>Receipt Total</u>
16/08/2021	B'hurst Allotment Society	102541	Allotment Mgmt fee 21-22	354.96
01/07/2021	Billingshurst CCC	102539	June salary reimb.	4,335.90
30/07/2021	Billingshurst CCC	102540	Mgmt fee + July salaries	6,335.90
30/07/2021	Deacon Crickmay	BACS	JM cleaning April-July	3,521.04
03/08/2021	HMRC	BACS	VAT Refund Q1	8,061.21
30/07/2021	NatWest	BACS	Bank interest	2.60
31/08/2021	NatWest	BACS	Bank interest	2.26
Total Receipts				<u>22,613.87</u>

Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 06/08/2021
for Cashbook 1 - Current Bank A/c

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Current Account	30/07/2021	419	100.00
Business Reserve Account	30/07/2021	321	276,153.34
			<u>276,253.34</u>
<u>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</u>			<u>Amount</u>
23/03/2021 012836	Aurac Sound & Vision Ltd	20.00	
11/05/2021 012865	Victim Support	75.00	
13/07/2021 012910	Unique Workwear Printing & Emb	20.40	
13/07/2021 012916	Southern Electric	100.95	
13/07/2021 012915	Kris King	5.40	
			<u>221.75</u>
			276,031.59
<u>Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)</u>			
30/07/2021 102540		6,335.90	
			<u>6,335.90</u>
			282,367.49
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	282,367.49
		Difference is :-	0.00

Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 01/09/2021
for Cashbook 1 - Current Bank A/c

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Current Account	31/08/2021	423	100.00
Business Reserve Account	31/08/2021	322	219,632.09
			<hr/> 219,732.09

<u>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
23/03/2021 012836 Aurac Sound & Vision Ltd	20.00
11/05/2021 012865 Victim Support	75.00
06/07/2021 012934 Clearance Express	400.00
06/08/2021 012930 Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	240.00
27/08/2021 012939 Southern Electric	221.40
27/08/2021 012940 West Sussex County Council	18,505.81
27/08/2021 012941 Billingshurst Comm. & Conf. Ce	1,180.01
27/08/2021 012942 Mulberry & Co	42.00
27/08/2021 012943 R G Prior Consultancy Services	255.00
27/08/2021 012944 Robin Nugent Architects	2,577.60
27/08/2021 012945 Clares Office Supplies Ltd	14.71
27/08/2021 012946 Surrey Hills Solicitors LLP	1,506.00
27/08/2021 012947 Sutcliffe Play Ltd	324.45
27/08/2021 012948 Roland Clark	15.48
27/08/2021 012949 Kris King	16.20
27/08/2021 012950 Greg Burt	32.43
27/08/2021 012951 Colin Ellis	19.43
27/08/2021 012952 Horsham District Council	407.50
27/08/2021 012939 SSE	-140.73
	<hr/> 25,712.29
	194,019.80

<u>Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)</u>	
16/08/2021 102541	354.96
	<hr/> 354.96
	194,374.76
Balance per Cash Book is :-	194,374.76
Difference is :-	0.00

Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 01/09/2021
for Cashbook 3 - Bonus Saver Account

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Bonus Saver Account	31/08/2021	97	186,358.81
			<u>186,358.81</u>
<u>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			186,358.81
<u>Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			186,358.81
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	186,358.81
		Difference is :-	0.00

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Cllr. Berry welcomed those present. He explained that Billingshurst Parish Council (BPC) often received concerns from residents about road safety issues and traffic calming but in reality there was little that parish councils can do regarding such things. It was felt that the meeting might be useful to find out what the main areas of concern were for the residents present and to find out what might be able to be done.

Cllr. Berry explained that BPC had successfully obtained funding from WSCC to employ the services of a highways consultant to look at possible measures to control traffic speed and volumes particularly in the High Street and East Street areas and to make the area more appealing and safer for pedestrians and cyclists. Mr Burt explained that the final designs for the scheme would probably go out for public consultation in the New Year. WSCC and/or HDC would need to find considerable funding for any measures.

Speeding

Speeding was a concern raised by many members of the community. It was asked if Sussex Police or the Sussex Safety Camera Partnership (SSCP) could do more speed monitoring in the area; they often publicise their activities in other areas but rarely if ever Billingshurst. **ACTION - PS Macmanamon would look into this.** Cllr. Berry said that although it is very good that local accident statistics were quite low, this meant that resources were often channelled to areas with greater problems.

Billingshurst has a Community Speedwatch (CSW) group which can report offenders to the Police who will then send them advisory letters, repeat offenders may be dealt with more robustly. The groups activities can also provide data to help gauge the location and severity of speeding problems. Sadly, volunteers are thin on the ground so the number of sessions which can be held are limited. Cllr. Berry felt this was a particular shame as some other local villages seem to have much more active groups which can regularly be seen monitoring speeds. **Are any of the residents who have shown an interest in the road safety/traffic calming group prepared to join CSW?**

It was asked if speed limits could be marked more clearly, for example with 30MPH roundels painted on the road. Mr Thomas, WSCC Highways Manager, said that although rules had been relaxed involving the use of such things, if provided they then create a large strain on WSCCs highways maintenance budget as they often need repainting.

Regarding speed humps, Mr Thomas said that they can create ground vibration problems and that often residents are in favour of them, until they are planned outside of their own homes! Cllr. Berry said that speed cushions are being considered as a possible measure as part of the highways consultants work. Speed cushions cause fewer problems for larger vehicles and the emergency services.

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It was asked if a blanket 20MPH could be considered for Billingshurst. It was stated that these would just criminalise more motorists and would not necessarily bring the desired effects. Measures which physically slow traffic such as pinch-points and speed cushions are more effective. Speed indicator devices can be effective and these were another measure being considered by the highways consultant.

It was asked if the Primary School could ask its children to design posters aimed at encouraging drivers to slow down. **ACTION - Cllr. Berry would speak to the Neighbourhood Wardens to see what other warden schemes do and if they can work on a project with the school.**

It was felt that 30MPH bin stickers can be a helpful reminder to drivers. **ACTION - BPC would look into costs and suppliers and consider if it could buy a supply of stickers and give them to any residents who want them.**

Traffic not using the new spine road

It was noted that things had improved and that more through traffic was gradually using the spine road. It was felt that "All through traffic" signs might assist; some motorists might be reluctant to use the new spine road as it looks as if they are being directed into a housing estate. BPC had previously been asked by our county councillor if the council would like to see any further measures taken regarding the spine road. BPC is awaiting an update on its requests for better signage, speed indicator devices and making the spine road a clearway. **ACTION- BPC to chase?**

Cllr. Berry asked if weight limits might persuade more through lorries to use the spine road and by-pass. Mr Thomas said that road haulage bodies often object to these. Enforcement can also be difficult.

Parking

HDC civil parking enforcement officers do visit Billingshurst but are spread very thinly across the district.

Concerns were raised about parking near the level crossing at the railway station particularly as badly parked vehicles could increase the chances of lorries not being able to clear the crossing and getting hit by the barriers. Cllr. Berry said that a meeting had previously been held regarding accidents on the crossing but HDC, WSCC and Southern Railways seem to have done nothing to rectify the problems. A resident suggested that some of the badly parked vehicles are from a local private hire company. HDC register private hire operators and vehicles and could be contacted if residents are concerned.

Cllr. Berry noted that in other areas, Neighbourhood Wardens had put posters up specifically asking drivers to consider emergency vehicles when parking. **ACTION - Cllr. Berry would speak to the Billingshurst wardens to see if a similar initiative could be considered locally.**

Crossing point near The Alders

BPC had previously successfully submitted an application to WSCC to look at a potential crossing point near The Alders but this was later rejected. Cllr. Waller explained that in fact 2 crossing points were needed as if residents cross east to west, they then have to cross back further down the road as a section of the footpath was so narrow. This was all being considered as part of the highway consultants work.

It was asked if environmental issues such as air quality could assist in getting approval and funding for projects to reduce traffic speed and volumes. Mr Thomas said that such things can certainly help but that there are other areas with considerably more problems than Billingshurst. ***ACTION - Cllr Rowbottom would try to get data from HDC about local air quality.***

Cllr. Berry reiterated that hopefully there was light at the end of the tunnel with the work being undertaken by the highways consultant and hoped that the community, WSCC and HDC would support any proposed works. It was felt that a follow up meeting could be useful so Cllr. Rowbottom can pass on any data regarding air pollution and those who were unable to attend this evening might be available.

Resources and contact information

Graeme Acraman, Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator – 07999 981547

Operation Crackdown –

www.operationcrackdown.org

West Sussex Accident Data –

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-safety/accident-locations-map/>

Sussex Safer Roads Partnership –

<https://www.sussexsaferroads.gov.uk/>