High Street, Hurstpierpoint - Joint Review Working Party
NOTES of a meeting held at 10.00 am Monday 10 October 2016 at the Village Hall, London Road, Sayers Common.

Present:

Stephen Hand (HP&SCPC Chairman)
Tony Lank (HP&SCPC Chairman of Traffic + Parking WG)
Stephen Hoyles (CLERK to the COUNCIL)
Richard Speller (WSCC Highways)
Colin Trumble (MSDC Ward Member)
Anthony Watts Williams (MSDC Ward Member)
Steve Lewsey (MSDC Parking management)

1. Welcome and introductions: Apologies for absence were given by Peter Griffiths (WSCC Member). The group welcomed Mr Lewsey to the meeting.

2. Parking enforcement: MSDC reported that the enforcement teams were given a daily briefing sheet, setting out the programme of visits. Hurstpierpoint was normally visited twice each day (except Sunday). In the three months to 30.09.2016 the following notices were served: 45 on-street; 48 in carpark; of which: 28 in high Street, 16 in Loading Bay. 2 in disabled. Across the District there was a target of 70% on-street and 30% carparks, and it was acknowledged that further adjustments to the practice were required in Hurstpierpoint.

The '5-minute observation' rule was noted, whereby an officer had to give a parking offender 5 minutes before issuing a notice. The only exception would be on areas where there are loading restrictions, of which there ore none in the High Street.

It was noted that there could be confusion about the Loading Bay, because of the split restrictions (loading only in the morning and parking in the afternoon). It was agreed that the High Street traders would be informally consulted regarding the best use of the Loading Bay.

Parking offences can be reported to the Parking Enforcement Team at MSDC, preferably by email, when the officers are then immediately contacted.

3. WSCC review of High Street: The following was reported
(1) The s278 Agreement was not yet sealed, pending repairs to three kerbs and one bollard. HP&SCPC had requested that WSCC arrange for their contractor (Balfour Beatty) to undertake the work and charge the Parish Council. There remained some debate about the bollard at the junction with West Furlong Lane and WSCC would decide on this matter.
(2) Richard Speller (WSCC) and Stephen Hoyles (HP&SCPC) had walked and observed the High Street on 28 September 2016.
(3) The WSCC Traffic engineers were not willing to agree to cross-hatching on the Bay, as it was a split restriction. It was agreed that the High Street traders would be informally consulted regarding the best use of the Loading Bay.

Discussion took place on the following:
(4) The design of signage at each end of the High Street, including the use of yellow backing to emphasise the signs, and the possible use of description to explain the length over which priority give ways applied. It was agreed that WSCC and HP&SCPC would together produce proposals.
(5) The matter of bollards and the prevention of vehicles mounting the pavements was explored. It was agreed that WSCC would identify if additional bollards were suitable.
(6) The value fo CCTV, either permanent or temporary, was explored. WSCC advised that there needed to be a financial benefit case to justify funding, which could not be shown in this instance. The matter of monitoring and what sanctions could be applied were also considered, but it was agreed that no reasonable case could be made and this would not be pursued.
(7) It was noted that WSCC had held back a press release on the High Street, for the moment. It was hoped that the Parish Council might issue some positive items in the Parish Newsletter, to be published early December.

4. Parish Council improvement plans: HP&SCPC advised of current investigations being undertaken, following the approval of the Parish Plan, into making the village a more attractive place to visit and stay, including a Heritage Trail and 'village in bloom' ideas. This might include more substantial floral displays in the High street, particularly at either end. The possiblility of a Food Festival was also briefly suggested, to enhance the attractiveness of the High Street.

5. Funding issues: It was noted that s106 funds were in the pipeline, from current housing developments in Hurstpierpoint, which were identified with the High Street and could be allocated to other village road projects. WSCC also raised the possible availability of the Community Highway Initiative (CHI).

Date of next meeting: 2.00 pm Tuesday 8 November 2016 – Village Centre, Hurstpierpoint.

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