

Strengthening Local Relationships (SLR) meeting 25.02.25

MINUTES

Present: Liam Riley– ESCC Lead Highway Steward.
 Jo Reed – ESCC Traffic & Safety Officer
 Sarah McEvoy-Peall Stakeholder Liaison Manager.
 Cllr Phillip Hill – ED&FPC, Chair of SLR meetings & RoW lead (south A259)
 Cllr Stephen Harvey – ED&FPC & RoW lead (north A259)
 Cllr Stephen Shing – County Councillor

In Attendance: Phil Burgess – Clerk & RFO EDFPC

1.	Welcome, apologies for absence and introductions Introductions were made. No apologies.	
2.	Draft minutes of 25th February 2025 The minutes were approved, and progress is detailed below.	
3.	Actions and comments from minutes of 30th Sept and 25th Feb meetings Item2: Large pothole by Butchershole Car Park. Item 3: Footpath 7 (Old Willingdon Rd to parish Boundary (North) – ownership & maintenance. <i>Liam advised that ESCC had responsibility for the footpath surface, but the sides fell to the Parish Council to maintain.</i> Item 3: Footpath 25 (Upper Street to Friston Church). No cycling signage erected by EDFPC had been torn down problems with cyclists still remain. Jo Reed advised that a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) would be required to prohibit cycling. The upper part of the path falls within the Highway and responsibility for the lower part is PROW. There is a problem with the southern side of the path crumbling and falling away into the hedge. Liam advised that a condition report raised in September 24 recommended a 13m x1.5m patch. Enquiry number 126705 Item 4: FP 28. (two paths from Warren Lane and Hillside onto A259) ESCC had previously advised that the paths could not be closed despite the danger posed to pedestrians. Signage already dealt with by EDFPC. One path (on private land) has been closed Item 7: Friston Hill/Upper Street drainage. The problem with the gulleys still exists. Water flows down the footpaths rather than the gulleys. It may be remedied by a concrete bund to channel the water. Access to gulleys for street	<i>Completed</i> <i>Action: Clerk to forward Map of RoW to Sarah</i> <i>Action: ESCC to arrange further path inspection by Riley.</i> <i>Completed</i> <i>Action: Liam to approach Mark Stapeley to address. Video to be sent to Sarah/Liam</i>

	<p>cleaner still difficult. Video evidence of flooding problem is available. Logged as Enquiry no. 126713.</p> <p>Item 8: Defibrillator Power Supply. ESCC advised that the Street Lighting department would not be able to supply electric for the defibrillator at Friston.</p> <p>Item 10: Drainage Gilberts Drive (water extending to bus stop): This may be an issue with pipes silting up on the private land. A letter confirming this from ESCC would enable the council to approach landowner.</p> <p>Item 11: Unregistered land on A259 by Friston Pond - trees dead from Ash Dieback. ESCC advised the Tree officer has stated that the trees are not currently causing a safety concern, but it is being monitored by ESCC Highway Officer. PC to advise Highways if trees appear to be deteriorating.</p> <p>Item 12: Weed control on footpaths. The PC asked to be advised on scheduling of this work. Is it adhoc, only when requested, or is there a schedule for the whole village? <i>Not known at time of meeting. May be on website.</i></p> <p>Item 13: Traffic Speed Survey Results sent to EDFPC. There is a delay on 20mph limit for the private estate as ESCC are still awaiting a response from Sussex Police. The cause is understood to be bereavement leave.</p> <p>From February Minutes: Item 6: This is being addressed in-house by EDFPC in liaison with the Beachy Head Chaplaincy and National Trust.</p> <p>Item 7: Lorry damage to the footpath (by shops on East Dean Village Green) has been repaired.</p>	<p><i>Action: Sarah to check reason for refusal.</i></p> <p><i>Action: ESCC to consider</i></p> <p><i>Action: Jo would re-check</i></p>
4.	<p>Trees near the Parsonage (Eastbourne Rd) These trees are being monitored by ESCC (ref TRE004119). As they are in a particularly dangerous position regularity of monitoring would be checked.</p>	<i>Action: Sarah to check and advise</i>
5.	<p>Trees near the Outlook (ref TRE004120) This report had been rejected as it was on private land. Liam agreed with EDFPC that the position formed part of the Highway.</p>	<i>Action: Clerk to pursue tree report.</i>
6.	Update on 20 mph limit. Covered in 3 above	
7.	<p>AoB Lower Street Trees Ash trees near the Grange on Lower street continue to overhang the road. Enquiry no. 126718.</p> <p>Jevington Rd resurfacing. Manhole cover needs resetting as the water now overflows down the main A259 from the junction of Old Willingdon Rd and Windmill Lane. In cold weather the flow freezes making the A259 very dangerous.</p> <p>Sarah reported an increase in liaison efforts from ESCC. Two presentation sessions for Parish Councils (nearest one Uckfield) are planned. Webinars would also be provided for details of road closures and diversions. Clerks would be able to download these if they are unable to attend.</p>	<p><i>Action: for inspection</i></p> <p><i>Action: Inspection and remedy required</i></p>
8.	Date of next meeting	

	5 th March 2026 at 11 am. Venue Ringmer	
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