

Parish & Town Council Conference
Ashill Village Hall
14 October 2015

Breakout Sessions



Safety Defect Changes:

Group 1

- Bedding of flagged paving
 - Change to black or mortar
- Question the 20mm trip for elderly
- Enforcement – vehicle damage
- Hedges growing forcing pedestrians in road
- Noticing

Group 2

- £40.00 per pothole – pothole fund
- Climate event relief
- Weeds – no weed spraying (except Easter) must use certified contractor.
 - Training course (no sub contract)
- Ditches – farmers' responsibility for monitoring, 90% of ditches.
 - Campaign to promote awareness
- Road closures – need to change statutory requirements
- Community payback - minimal cost.
 - Supervisor needs chapter 8
- Ragwort and other noxious weeds – no longer acted on (County Cllr decision)
- Signage – need to clear up road clutter
- Footpaths and cycle paths – ? CPO's



Group 3

- Clerk lead – working together
- Bulk buy insurance for operations for volunteers
- Risk high / risk assessment
- Effective reporting back to parish
- Wastage in contracting / idle equipment
 - Mechanism for reporting
- Liaise with planning and highways on applicants
 - Traffic Management plan
- Enforce – don't enforce – safety conditions
- Automatically approve appeals despite local objections with costs
- Planning applications should be reviewed if changes are being made

Group 4

- Trust – lack of
- Lack of respect
- Treat as partners
- No listening
- Approval of planning / lack of consultation
- No coordination planning / highways / impact
- No credence to local knowledge / safety
- Reports to appeal not substantial / incomplete
- Do not take account of accumulative development
- Feedback / take notice / consultation prior to precept
- Cost of assuming services / grass cutting / bins
- Volunteers / share equipment and staff / collaborate with neighbours

Working Together:

Group 5

- Community Volunteer Coordinator – one point of contact
- Budget
- Remove red tape
- Communication
- Sharing contractors / with other parishes
- Remove restrictions
 - Insurance
 - Training (not weekdays)
- Working with others
 - Licence EA
- Clarity on what services Highways will provide