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MINUTES OF MEETING WITH SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGARDING BRIDLEWAY SURFACE

ON 8TH OCTOBER, 2025

		<u>ACTION</u>
	Present: Acting Chairman: Nick Banks Retiring Chairman: Trevor Sykes Treasurer: Steve Bull Secretary: Linda Bennett SCC Countryside Officer: James Emmmett	
1	Bridleway: On 8.10.25, we had a meeting in the road with James Emmett to discuss SCC's latest suggestion for creating a horse friendly strip along Johns Road. The suggestion is that SCC will put down a 1m-1.2m wide strip of tarmac, down the middle of the road, on top of the concrete and cover it with hot tar and grit, starting from Matopos for 110m down the sloping stretch of the road. SCC will pay for this work and for any repairs to this section in the future. The Committee agreed that this would be a suitable solution for any horse riders using the road. James is hopeful that the work will be carried out before the onset of winter weather and he will let us know a date for the work after consulting his colleagues. We will then let residents know when this section of the road will be closed for the work to take place. For those newcomers to the road the history behind this consultation is: In January 2024 SCC received a complaint about a horse slipping on a small sloping section of Johns Road. The concrete surface of this section was in fact carried out about 30 years ago by a previous resident. Although we had met with SCC in August 2017, prior to JRRA carrying out repairs to any of the road, and followed their advice by using ridged concrete, SCC agreed that no surface would stand up to the volume of traffic using Johns Road.	James Emmett Committee

	Subsequently, SCC have said that our road surface is not horse friendly and needs either an adjoining horse friendly path or a strip of granite and tar down the middle of the road. SCC asked to have a meeting with the JRRA Comm. and it was agreed to ask him to come and view the road and for convenient dates. Prior to being made a Bridleway we were an Unadopted Road and had no objection to horse riders using our road at their own risk. As SCC were unable to find the original owner of the road we therefore became a Private Road, but were not given this information by SCC or told that we would be responsible for carrying out horse friendly repairs.	
	<u>OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED</u>	
2	Chairman: Trevor confirmed that he would now like to relinquish his role as Chairman and it was agreed that Nick would become Acting Chairman. Trevor has been Chairman for several years and we thank him for all his work and input whilst on the Committee.	
3	Subscriptions: Repairs to the top flat section of the road were put on hold pending our meeting with SCC. Now that this is resolved we will be able to fill in potholes etc and below is a reminder from our previous Minutes: In April 2025 we postponed asking residents for the 2025 subscriptions of £78 as we were still awaiting a response from SCC to our letter regarding the road surface. In order that our Bank balance can cope with any future road works and deterioration in the road surface etc it was felt that a subscription of £50 per household would be appropriate. This will take us up to April 2026 when the next annual subscription will be reviewed. Payment of subscriptions can be made in the following ways: - £50 payment by cheque payable to JRRA, sent to Treasurer, Steve Bull, at No.18 Johns Road. - £50 payment to the JRRA Bank Account at Lloyds Bank 30-99-50 32951260 Please quote your name/house in case we need to contact you and so we can identify your payment. - £5.50 by monthly Standing Order to above account. Please quote your name/house in case we need to contact you.	