# Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Highway's Authority held on Thursday 19th May 2016 @ 09:00am in the Council Chamber.

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| **Present:** | Hon. Pamela Ward Pearce | - | Chairperson |
| | Hon. Gavin Ellick | - | Deputy Chairman |
| | Hon. Cyril George | - | Member |
| | Hon. Mrs Christine Scipio-O'Dean | - | Member |
| | Mr Trevor Graham | - | Director of ENRD |
| | Mr Derek Henry | - | Deputy Director of ENRD |
| | Mr Ben Hathway | - | Roads Manager |
| | Mr Nicky Lawrence | - | Secretary |
| **Apologies:** | Hon. Dr. Corinda Essex | - | Overseas conference. |
| **Absent:** | PC Jonathon Clark | - | Police Representative |

**Open Agenda.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting.

**38.1 Matters arising from Minutes of 21st April 2016.**

The Chairman noted that most action points were for PC Clark. He will be contacted and asked to submit his actions to the Secretary before the next meeting.

**Action: Secretary**

**Festival of Lights.**

The Chairman said that she has no control over when the meeting takes place as this is the remit of the Pilling Primary School PTA and the Police; therefore this item can be removed from the minutes.

**Car at China Lane.**

The Deputy Director said that he had checked with the Environmental Risk Manager and there appears to have been some misunderstanding. The ERM did not tell PC Clark that the car could be removed under EPO Regulations. There are no regulations in place at this time.

At the previous meeting the Police Representative was asked to check on the cars insurance and license expiry dates and inform the Highway Authority via email. Members still await this information.

**Action: PC Clark**

**Barracks Square.**

The Roads Manager reported that the mirrors have not arrived yet. However, the mirror from Ladder Hill road has been found and re-installed.

**Planters at New Bridge.**

It was reported that the planters have been moved to the neighbouring residence behind bollards. This defeats the purpose of the bollards which were placed to protect pedestrians. The Secretary was asked to send a new letter to the residents concerned asking for the planters to be removed.

**Action: Secretary**

**Merchant 'No Parking' signs.**

Letters have been sent to all users of these signs reminding them that the signs are to be used for loading/offloading goods and not to reserve parking spaces for their private vehicles.

**Obstruction near Shamrock.**

The Roads Manager reported that no action can be taken until the Road Traffic Ordinance has been amended.

**Whiteweed at Rock Rose.**

The Roads Manager reported that this work is being prioritised with a second road team clearing vegetation from the roadsides. He said that this should be completed by next month. A member asked if verge cleaning could be contracted to the private sector. The Roads Manager replied that this had been done in the past but is no longer possible due to budget cuts and limited resources.

A member commended the work done on the Levelwood road but expressed concern about *'taking the bank off'* in the Warren's Gut area which poses a danger to motorists. The Roads Manager explained that they are trying to clear everything back to the bank to a certain standard. Any regrowth will be treated with a herbicide.

Members commended the road teams for their excellent work so far.

**Overhanging Vegetation at Barren Ground.**

The Roads Manager reported that after the issue of a Press Release asking landowners to remove overhanging vegetation from their boundaries; the programme has been a success. Landowners have taken responsibility and removed the vegetation.

The Roads Manager also responded to a comment by a member whereby it was reported that five men with two vehicles were spraying weeds in Market Street. The matter was looked into and he was happy to report that it was when the whole of Jamestown had been sprayed for weeds by separate teams who had joined forces at the end to finish the last area.

38.2 **Any other urgent business.**

**Speed limit sign at Levelwood.**

A member said that residents of Levelwood had approached him about a 15mph speed limit near The Flag which they felt was useless due to its location. The Roads Manager said he would investigate the matter.

**Action: Roads Manager**

**Direction sign at Longwood.**

A member reported that a direction sign outside Longwood Gate indicated Bottom Woods when it should read Longwood. The Roads Manager will look into the matter.

**Action: Roads Manager**

**Sign outside General Hospital.**

It was reported that a New Bridge direction sign is placed on the wall outside the General Hospital. Members asked that the sign be removed.

**Action: Roads Manager**

The Chairman informed members that she will be leaving for the UK this weekend and the next meeting in June will be chaired by the Deputy Chairman, the Honourable Gavin Ellick.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 09:18hrs.

38.3 **Date for the next meeting is set for 16th June 2016 at 09.00am in the Council Chamber.**

Confirmed.....Date.....7th June 2016.....