

DRAFT Highways Committee Meeting Minutes

meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs McCarthy (Chair), Morris, Ward and Wotherspoon and Assistant Clerk.

In attendance: 2 members of public.

18H/016. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies – Apologies received from Cllrs Collier (traffic) and Dewey (traffic) Cllrs Hodson and Nicholas absent.

18H/017. Public participation – Standing Orders suspended at 7.30pm, resident 1 interested 18H/022. Cllr Young arrived 7.32pm. Standing Orders reinstated at 7.33pm

18H/018. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – none received.

18H/019. Minutes - To resolve that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 24th January 2018 be signed as a correct record. Amends to 18H/005 – definition of MVAS added. **RESOLVED.**

18H/020. Reports

- **Assistant Clerk** – as per reports pack. Cllr Morris liaising with Rampton Parish Council re lighting studs on cycle/foot path between Cottenham and Rampton.
- **Pavement Project** - Cllr Morris outlined as per reports pack. Assistant Clerk to obtain update from Project Manager.
- **Traffic and Transport Strategy Working Group** – as per reports pack.
- **Major Developments** – Cllr Morris outlined as per reports pack.
 - Bellway Homes (50 homes off Oakington Road) have obtained full planning permission following their successful Reserved Matters submission – building likely to start over the next few months.
 - Gladman Developments site (up to 200 homes and 70 residential care places) sale of land is imminent (closing date 16th March 2018.); a Reserved Matters application will follow in due course, S106 signed.
 - Persimmon Homes (up to 126 homes off Rampton Road) has outline permission; Reserved Matters application to be heard at CPC Planning Meeting on 6th April 2018.
 - County Council (up to 154 homes off Rampton Road) appeal heard on 14th March 2018 at SCDC Inspector due to report within 2 to 6 weeks (end of April).
 - Manor Oak Homes (up to 50 homes off Beach Road) has not yet been considered by SCDC – discussions taking place regarding open space provisions, thereby reducing the number of houses.
 - Lau (23 homes off Oakington Road) has not yet been considered by SCDC – drainage issues raised.
- **Cleaner Communities Pilot Scheme** – disappointed that Cottenham wasn't selected for the pilot scheme, Asst Clerk to monitor progress of scheme.
- **Corbett/Margett/Rooks Streets weight limit TRO** - Cllr Wotherspoon has discussed with Local Highways Officer (LHO) but given his advice that it would have to be done through an LHI bid, thinks a crossing near the Post Office has higher priority. Cllr Wotherspoon to explore other ways to make the lanes more difficult for HGVs to use as a through route, by talking to residents and police.
- **Cycleway linking Oakington & Westwick and Cottenham** - Cllr Wotherspoon; Oakington PC very keen to work with CPC. They are currently giving priority to its link with Girton as part of the Northstowe Phase 2 negotiations. Cllr Wotherspoon has been working closely with the district and county councillors for Landbeach and Waterbeach, with a view to exploring improved links to the railway station there. It is possible that a proper cycleway to Cottenham could be part of the travel planning associated with the new town there. CCCs new Cycleways Officer is very enthusiastic in improving cycle connections between villages.

18H/022. High Street Zebra Crossing (Bought forward) – consider next steps following 2 unsuccessful LHI bids for a Zebra Crossing near to the Post Office. Cllr Morris outlined the LHI process, this year we were very close to receiving. Highways engineers have looked at site and the most viable location for a zebra crossing

would be between Rooks & Margett Streets, by the Baptist Church. Discussion amongst councillors regarding zebra crossing – would cause loss of up to 20 parking spaces, need to investigate ways to ensure other parking spaces are fully utilised, e.g. rear of Baptist Church, The Pound. Maybe we need to focus on other solutions to provide other, safer, crossing places on the High Street and ways to make High Street less attractive to use as a through route. Cllr Wotherspoon has subsequently learned that a zebra crossing may be under consideration as part of traffic management associated with development in the local area. Cllr Ward suggested that we ask the Traffic and Transport Group to research and gauge residents' views – to be brainstormed at next meeting on 10th April. Resident 1 left at 8.15pm.

18H/021. Pothole repairs – consider representations to County Highways (Cllr Shuter) to challenge his comments that the pothole repairs are “good value for money”. Cllr Wotherspoon spoke with Cllr Shuter earlier today asking his opinion, his response was “would they prefer it if we left the potholes until the weather improves”. Potholes are currently being made safe by temporary repairs, with permanent repairs taking place when weather improves. Permanent repairs take longer and are a lot more expensive. Concerns also raised regarding debris being left on site of repairs. Cllr Wotherspoon pointed out that County Highways are now aiming towards more preventative/risk assessed repairs. Cllr McCarthy to write to Cllr Shuter asking for assurances that a program of proper repairs will take place before next winter – will circulate to Cllrs/Asst Clerk before submitting.

18H/023. Annual Parish Meeting – to consider items to report at APM on 10th May 2018, as per reports pack. Need to make it clear that Coolidge Gardens was resurfaced due to lots of pressing by Asst Clerk after project was moved to the next financial year twice. Add in - we have been in talks with local Hauliers to reduce High Street usage, organised road closures and work with the British Legion to ensure remembrance parade runs smoothly, including purchase of road signs. Traffic and Transport Group – recruit more members.

18H/024. Matters for consideration at the next meeting – elect chair.

18H/025. Date of next meeting – 22nd May 2018

18H/026. Close of Meeting - 8.43 pm

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____