

## DRAFT Highways Committee Meeting Minutes

held in the Village Hall on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs McCarthy (Chair), Dewey, Morris, Ward, Wotherspoon, Young and Assistant Clerk

- 18H/001. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies** – Apologies accepted from Cllr Nicholas (sick). Cllrs Collier and Hodson absent.
- 18H/002. Public participation** – none present.
- 18H/003. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** – none received.
- 18H/004. Minutes** - To resolve that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 be signed as a correct record. Amendment to 17H/072; Funds must be used by 31st March 2018. **RESOLVED**
- 18H/005. Reports**
- **Assistant Clerk** – report circulated prior to the meeting to highlight matters on agenda & update on matters arising since last meeting; noted. Asst Clerk added that Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) are currently inundated with potholes, the crews are working flat out to repair these as quickly as possible. Some potholes have been plugged to make them safe, and will be backed up with an order for a full cut and patch repair. Cllr Ward: Following the Histon Road Cycle path tidy up on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018, one of the participants has offered to mark out broken light studs and report to Asst Clerk to report to CCC Cycle Project Team. Sustainable Cottenham thanked for their hard work.
  - **Pavement Project** - Cllr Morris: price has increased yet again; total cost now £60K, Franklin Gardens and Eastlands Close to be dropped from the project to stay within our means, and quote accepted for Victory Way and Stevens Close (resolved at full meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 to spend up to £40k, ref 18/009).
  - **Traffic and Transport Strategy Working Group** – as reports pack; noted. MVAS data will available at end of trials for all the villages, due by end Feb 2018.
  - **Major Developments** – Cllr Morris: as reports pack; noted. Bellway, Gladman and Persimmon; no change, CCC's appeal on their first application starts 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018, second application going through. Two new applications to be aware of: 23 homes off Oakington Rd and 50 off Beach Road/Long Drove (opposite Racecourse View).
  - **LHI Bid** – Dates of Panel Meetings (Feb 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>), published on CCC's website; waiting for Highways Officer to discuss feasibility of our bid. Asst Clerk to chase.
  - **HCV Group meeting 14th December 2017** – report circulated prior to meeting; noted. Cllr Ward outlined the work of Community Roadwatch; run by volunteers and focusses on more than just speeding e.g. including mobile phone use, HCV traffic not following recommended routes and other aspects of traffic health and safety. HCV group are exploring ways to work with them re data collection/lobbying. The recent NO2 measurements showed reductions across all villages, since they were last measured 5 years ago. The HCV group set up indoor and outdoor noise monitoring in Haddenham; levels similar to those measured in Cottenham in 2012. Cllr Morris pointed out that we have noise data from Gladman and Persimmon. To get results officially recognised, data needs continuous assessment over 2 years and costs thousands of pounds – maybe a future project.
- 18H/006. Cleaner Communities Pilot Scheme** - Resolution to register Expression of Interest in Pilot Scheme 2 – Street Sweeping **RESOLVED**.
- 18H/007. Corbett/Margett/Rooks Streets** - to consider applying for a weight limit TRO - Cllr Wotherspoon outlined; not just poor road condition, HCVs are going on verges causing considerable damage. Cllr Morris wary of implementing a weight limit due to lack of alternative routes. Cllr Wotherspoon would like to gauge resident's opinions before applying. Historically width, weight, and speed restrictions, as well as yellow lines, have been discussed but not taken any further. Resolution to explore differences between types of weight restrictions (e.g. access only/except for loading), cost implications and to liaise with Derek Crosby (Police Traffic Management Officer) regarding feasibility **RESOLVED**. Cllr Wotherspoon to action.
- 18H/008. Cycleway linking Oakington & Westwick and Cottenham** – Cllr Wotherspoon outlined; has been lots of interest over years, CCC cycle team are currently preparing schemes in readiness for grants/s106 contributions. Parish Councils need to show support from both ends and present a case to CCC. May be

able to be included in Phase 3 Northstowe s106 contributions. Cllr Morris said that NP evidence shows lots of support. Cllr Ward queried cycle way from Cottenham to Landbeach, Cllr Dewey said this route is more important because of train stations (Waterbeach and Cambridge North). Resolution to set up a joint working group to push project forward **RESOLVED** Cllr Wotherspoon to action.

- 18H/009. Twentypence Road** - to discuss ways to increase safety on bend at junction with Lockspit Hall Drove. Safety issues are a CCC matter. Resolution to write to CCC in support of residents' need for better signage and armco barriers, request a safety audit and make recommendations **RESOLVED**. Asst Clerk to action.
- 18H/010. Twentypence Road Speed Limit** - to consider applying for a TRO to extend 30mph outwards towards Brookfields Business Centre. Cllr Morris indicated that the police won't support extending the 30mph as there is not rows of houses on both sides of the road. It was decided not to progress further.
- 18H/011. Yellow Line Project; Margett, Rooks and Telegraph Streets** - to discuss way forward - Cllr Ward concerned with lack of enforcement, will move parking problems elsewhere. Parked cars do slow traffic. Resolution not to take Yellow Line Project any further **RESOLVED**.
- 18H/012. Pothole repairs** – consider representations to CCC to increase funding for minor road repairs – Cllr Morris suggested that the 5 arterial roads into Cottenham, within 30mph zone, need replacing; substructure inefficient. Lots of big projects in the pipeline throughout Cambridgeshire, what about the B1049? Being the lifeblood of village, it too needs attention. Cllr Young pointed out the use of substandard materials Beach Road and we should have a “shovel ready scheme”. Need something tangible to support our case. Cllr Wotherspoon outlined City Deal meeting attended today, various options discussed; joining M11 to A47 and A10 dualling, a difficult challenge to co-ordinate funding and developments. Resolution to write a strategy on how to deliver the regeneration of the 5 arterial roads with a 30mph **RESOLVED** Cllr Morris to draft.
- 18H/013. Matters for consideration at the next meeting** – updates on 18H/007, 18H/008 and 18H/012, APM presentation.
- 18H/014. Date of next meeting** – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- 18H/015. Close of Meeting 8.53pm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair) Date \_\_\_\_\_