

Highways Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs McCarthy (Chair), Dewey, Kidston, Morris and Nicholas and Assistant Clerk.

In attendance: 2 members of public.

18H/027. Election of Chair - Cllr McCarthy was elected as Chair

18H/028. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies – apologies accepted from Cllrs Ward (work), Wotherspoon (work) and Young (work)

18H/029. Public participation – Standing Orders suspended at 7.31pm. Resident 1 recently participated in Speedwatch event on Histon Road and interested in item 18H/033. Believes that a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) would be a useful tool throughout the village. Resident 2 interested in item 18H/033 and wanted to know how much data we need before anything is done to reduce speeding on Histon Road. Standing Orders reinstated at 7.35pm.

18H/030. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – none received.

18H/031. Minutes - To resolve that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27th March 2018 be signed as a correct record. **RESOLVED.**

18H/033. (Bought forward) Traffic survey – Cllr Morris outlined. We need specific data relating to traffic flows, speed and vehicle types to help identify the best way to slow traffic. Speed cushions have been shown as the most effective way to slow traffic; HCVs and motorbikes are not affected by them. A highways engineer can look at the data collected and recommend the way forward, possibly through a Local Highways Initiative (LHI) bid. Traffic flows and speed are currently being measured by CCC, although this information is useful it won't provide enough information to support a bid for specific measures. Standing Orders suspended at 7.44pm. Resident 1 said that the temporary measures currently on Histon Road (parking, signage) could interfere with survey results. The current flashing speed sign is ineffective as it doesn't give enough warning. Standing Orders reinstated at 7.45pm. Priority features are disliked by CC Highways, mainly due to maintenance. When the Beach Road one is installed, we'll be able to gauge effectiveness. Resolution to commission carriageway improvement advice based on a 7-day traffic survey on Histon Road at two points within the 30mph area for an overall cost within £1,200+VAT. **RESOLVED.** Cllr Morris to action. Resident 2 left at 7.48pm.

18H/032. Reports

- **Assistant Clerk** – report circulated prior to the meeting to highlight matters on agenda & update on matters arising since last meeting. Asst Clerk to chase Beach Road to Landbeach works; with temperatures rising we don't want a repeat of last years problems with melting surfaces.
- **Pavement Project** – as per reports pack. Asst Clerk to push for completion date in writing.
- **Traffic and Transport Strategy Working Group (T&T)** – MVAS data shows that the majority of traffic is within the 30mph speed limit and to the police it shows we have no problem. Higher speeds were recorded between 7.30pm 6.30am. It appears that peak speeds are at the village edges, particularly when clear of roundabouts. The Beach Road buffer zone does slow incoming traffic. Next T&T meeting 27th June 2018.
- **Major Developments** – Cllr Morris outlined. SCDC declared yesterday that they now have a 5 year housing supply. Amey incinerator application in progress – expected to be heard at July or Sept CCC planning committee.

18H/034. Terms of Reference – review the Committees' Terms of Reference. At the next T&T meeting, discuss co-opting up to 3 members onto the Committee. Resolution to accept the Committees' Terms of Reference as satisfactory for the next 12 months. **RESOLVED.**

18H/035. Local Highway Improvement funding 2019/20 (LHI) – to consider ideas for submission towards a Local Highways Improvement bid (application deadline 31st July 2018). Cllr Morris outlined the LHI process. The T&T group minutes show persistent local support for traffic calming on Histon Road. Cllr McCarthy expressed the need for any new measures to tie in with the cycle path crossing point. Defer to next meeting.

18H/036. Matters for consideration at the next meeting – LHI Bid, Histon Road survey results, Cycleways; Cottenham to Oakington and Cottenham to Landbeach.

18H/037. Date of next meeting – Thursday 26th July 2018

18H/038. Close of Meeting 8.27pm

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____