

Meeting Minutes of the Highways Committee
Held in the Village Hall, Lambs Lane, Cottenham
On Tuesday 13th September 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs McCarthy (Chair), Collier, Morris, Nicholas, Ward, Young, Assistant Clerk

- 16H/041. Any Questions from the Public or Press** – none.
- 16H/042. Standing Orders re-instated - Chairman's Introduction and Apologies** - Apologies accepted from SCDC Cllr Wotherspoon (work) and Cllr Hodson (personal).
- 16H/043. Declarations of Interest** - *To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.* None received.
- 16H/044. Minutes** - To resolve that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 14th June 2016 be signed as a correct record. **RESOLVED.**
- 16H/045. TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) Applications** – update on progress re Lambs Lane Parking restrictions, High Street parking restrictions (outside Shaun's Newsagent/Post Office), Twentypence Road layby, Twentypence Road speed humps, Remembrance Day road closures - report circulated prior to meeting. Cllr Morris stated that there is no TRO in place for Twentypence Road speed humps, these could be part of an LHI (Local Highways Initiative) bid. Awaiting update from County Council on others. Cllr McCarthy to attend TMCE (Traffic Management for Community Events) training course on 10th October 2016.
- 16H/046. Highways Issues** - report circulated prior to meeting - Cllr Young asked why there was no progress on some items – Asst Clerk stated that staff changes and holidays were causing delays. Asst Clerk to continue chasing. Cllr Morris is awaiting information as to what works we could carry out ourselves, as Histon and Impington Parish Council do, e.g. clearing debris covering the Histon Road cycle path lighting studs.
- 16H/047. Consider speeding, parking issues and implementation of weight restrictions requests by residents - Beach Road, Histon Road, Denmark Road, Telegraph Street and Rooks Street** – report circulated prior to meeting. Cllr McCarthy said that CPC were aware of most the issues raised, but we cannot do anything due to budget constraints. Many of the resident's concerns are addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan and will be dealt with as that progresses. **Beach Road** issues are covered by the Safer Route to School project, using S106 monies from Race Course View, possibility of adding roundels to be investigated (see 16H/0510). **Telegraph Street** is the logical choice for HCVs to take as turning right into Denmark Road is very difficult – blue signs are advisory not compulsory. **Histon Road** – Cllr Morris suggested a LHI bid to reduce speeding. Cllr Nicholas outlined that the issue has been on lots of previous agendas, all suggestions have fallen foal of residents. Cllr Morris suggested 2 priority features on alternate sides of road. Cllrs Ward and Young raised concerns about backup of queuing traffic. **Rooks Street** – Cllr Nicholas has received a complaint – would like more bollards or yellow lines next to two cottages to prevent commercial vehicles parking in front of the cottages blocking their light. Cllr Ward said bollards are not effective as the one that is already in place has been knocked down several times, yellow lines would more effective. McCarthy suggested yellow lines would be the best solution, but may be difficult for other neighbours to agree. Cllr Collier queried costs. Cllr Morris stated that the most expensive part is the TRO application itself. Cllr Young said vehicles would still park on the road if bollards were there. Cllr Morris said it may be possible to bundle yellow lines into our LHI bid. Budget restraints are a major obstacle, and individual projects are unlikely to be successful, which is why we are bundling together groups of projects.
- 16H/048. Beach/Cottenham Road** - to consider requesting Cambridge County Council to investigate the deterioration in the road from Cottenham to Landbeach and make good the deterioration from the recent resurfacing work before this winter – Cllr Young said that since the surface dressing, the surface has pitted causing puddling, particularly the Race Course to Landbeach stretch. When this water freezes the surface will deteriorate further, making it a high accident risk. The surface dressing is less than 6 months, there should be guarantees in place by the contractors. Asst Clerk to write to David Jenkins expressing our concerns.

- 16H/049. Local Highways Initiative (LHI) bid** – to consider ideas for submission towards a Local Highways Improvement bid – Cllr Morris outlined report circulated prior to meeting. Ideas from residents were consistent with NP (Neighbourhood Plan) survey results. Despite our failed bid 2 years ago, we were encouraged to bid again at the Highways Depot Open Day, bids will be assessed on: persistent problem(s), road safety, community improvement (NP survey evidence) and added value, particularly in the core of the village. Cllr Young said that changing the bus route to High Street only would cause problems for older/immobile residents. Cllr Morris said that the NP survey shows demand for north of village and faster journey times into Cambridge. Cllr Morris recently met with Stagecoach, to discuss changes and improvements to route. Stagecoach will only change to what they think is commercially viable and they would like to be able to turn in the north of the village. Stage coach will only consider more straightforward routes. Cllr Morris said it is imperative to improve pavements along, and access to, the High Street. Cllr McCarthy expressed concerns that a limited one-way system throughout the lanes would lead to more speeding. **RESOLUTION** to carry forward 4 ideas for an LHI bid to next full meeting (4th October 2016):
- Pavement improvements on both sides of the High Street – Community Centre to Cottenham Club
 - Limited one way system on The Lanes and yellow lines on parts of Rooks Street.
 - Histon Rd - opposing priority features, with 40mph-30mph buffer zone, including blue police speed area check signs.
 - Twentypence Road – similar layout to Histon Road.
- RESOLVED** Cllr Morris to sketch out ideas by the next full meeting.
- 16H/050. Feedback from Highways Depot open day 4th July 2016** – Cllr McCarthy outlined report circulated prior to meeting, no further comments.
- 16H/051. Update on Pavement project** - Cllr Morris outlined report circulated prior to meeting. The next stage of the project is a safety audit of the designs, to be carried out by County Council. Cllr Collier queried the proximity of the priority feature planned for Beach Road, to junctions with Brenda Gautrey Way and Coolidge Gardens. Cllr Morris pointed out that the aim is to make it more difficult for HCVs and speeding vehicles. Cllr Young raised concerns about the visibility for cyclists turning right out of Brenda Gautrey Way. Cllr Morris stated the safety audit would determine any problems. Cllr Morris to investigate the possibility of including roundels as part of the proposed design. Zebra crossing on the High Street would give priority to pedestrians – the current railings/island do not.
- 16H/052. Upgrading of illuminated speed warning signs** - Cllr Nicholas requested that we upgrade the illuminated speed warning signs to speed indicator devices (SIDs). Cllr McCarthy said a mobile speed sign was discussed at the highways depot open day. As well as warning drivers of the speed, they can also gather traffic speed data that CPC can use when considering local traffic initiatives. Cllr Nicholas queried who would be responsible for moving and maintenance. Cllr Morris stated that they cost approximately £4,000 and that the County Council won't supply them – CPC would have to purchase, maintain and operate. Cllr Ward raised security issues. Cllr Morris said that they would be securely strapped to road signs/lampposts. **RESOLUTION** to investigate logistics of owning, using and maintaining speed indicator device, before deciding to purchase or not. **RESOLVED** Cllrs McCarthy and Nicholas to report to next Highways Meeting.
- 16H/053. HCV update** - Cllr Ward outlined report circulated prior to meeting, there were 2 approaches being considered and clarified the differences between loading/access. Cllr Morris said it would need qualified traffic police officers to enforce. Cllr Young stated it would be deterrent effect. Cllr Ward added that Cambridge County Council are now considering reviewing policies of 20mph on strategic roads such as the High Street.
- 16H/054. Community Highways Volunteering Scheme** – to consider taking part - report circulated prior to meeting. Cllr Morris queried who would organise volunteers. Due to possible admin responsibilities and extra work involved, it was decided not to take part.
- 16H/055. City Deal Congestion** – Consider response to consultation - report circulated prior to meeting. Cllr McCarthy wrote on behalf on CPC 6 months ago. Cllr Morris stated that lots had changed since then; proposals are now better for Cottenham residents. **RESOLUTION** to prepare draft response and circulate to Highways Committee prior to submission. **RESOLVED** Cllrs Collier and McCarthy will draft.
- 16H/056. A14 Community Fund** – Consider response to Rampton PC's proposal re. cycle path and lighting - report circulated prior to meeting. Cllr Morris suggested we wait until we know the outcomes of the various

major developments, before agreeing to anything. Asst Clerk to respond to Rampton PC and ask for cost analysis so that we can consider further.

16H/057. Child Designed Road Signs – to consider enlarging from A3 to A1 – Cllr Morris stated that Balfour Beatty have approved installation of up to A1 sized signs. Cllr Morris has concerns regarding the fixings. Cllr Nicholas demonstrated different sizes. Asst Clerk to obtain costs for A2 size and add to the next full agenda.

16H/058. Matters for consideration at the next meeting – to be emailed to Asst Clerk before next meeting.

16H/059. Date of next meeting – 8th November 2016

16H/060. Close of meeting - 9.28pm

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____

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