

**Minutes of Meeting of the Highways Committee**

Held in the Village Hall, Lambs Lane, Cottenham

On **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs McCarthy (Chair), Morris, Ward, Sam McManners (Assistant Clerk)

**In attendance:** 1 member of public

**15H/068. Any Questions from the Public or Press – Standing Orders suspended at 7.30pm**

Resident from Paxton Close raised concerns of the poor design of signs visible when exiting Brenda Gautrey Way, leading to several vehicles entering/turning in Paxton Close posing a threat to the safety of young children living in Paxton Close.

**15H/069. Standing Orders re-instated 7.32pm - Chairman's Introduction and Apologies** – Apologies received from Cllrs Collier (trustee duties), Nicholas (ill) Wotherspoon (work), and Young (holiday)

**15H/070. Declarations of Interest** *To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting* – none received.

**15H/071. Minutes** – To resolve that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015 be signed as a correct record. **RESOLVED**

**15H/073. (Bought forward) Traffic Problems at Paxton Close, off Brenda Gautrey Way** – Cllr McCarthy outlined concerns raised by residents of Paxton Close caused by traffic exiting Brenda Gautrey Way and being drawn into Paxton Close by the large black arrows on the existing signs. **Standing Orders suspended 7.39pm** Resident apologised on behalf of other Paxton Close residents unable to attend. **Standing Orders re-instated 7.40pm.** Resolution to carry out consultation proposing removal of the black arrows, with affected residents. **RESOLVED.** Cllr Morris to prepare letter, Assistant Clerk to distribute.

**15H/072. HCV Group** - to discuss proposals and for a joint TRO and to consider response to report – Cllr McCarthy outlined the findings of the HCV Group's proposals. The validity of the report's findings were considered to be flawed, particularly the Environmental Monitoring Results. The report shows marginal benefits for Cottenham as the majority of HG vehicles are local/agricultural. If we commit to a joint TRO we expose ourselves to a large financial risk. We need a more viable and better researched report that shows a significant benefit to Cottenham to be able to commit. Resolution to support the HCV Group's proposals. **RESOLUTION FAILS.**

**15H/074. Speed Bumps near the Wooden House** – Cllr McCarthy outlined his meeting with the resident of the Wooden House who has raised concerns of the suitability of existing speed bumps, particularly the amount of noise generated by vehicles over them. Resolution to consult with nearby residents (approx. 50) with proposals to replace the bumps with cushions, extend the 30mph zone and introduce a 40mph buffer zone entering the village. **RESOLVED.** Cllr Morris to prepare letter, Cllr McCarthy to distribute.

**15H/075. Parking restrictions, High Street (Sean's Newsagents)** – Resolution to consult with nearby residents (approx. 20) with proposal to install 2 timed-restricted parking bays outside Sean's Newsagents. **RESOLVED.** Cllr Morris to prepare letter, Cllr McCarthy to distribute.

**15H/076. Date of next meeting** – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**15H/077. Close of meeting 8.24pm**

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