

## Highways Committee Meeting Minutes

meeting held in the Village Hall, on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs McCarthy (Chair), Collier, Morris, Ward and Assistant Clerk (AC)

**In Attendance:** 5 members of public

**17H/042. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies** – apologies accepted from Cllrs Nicholas (personal) Wotherspoon (personal) and Young (personal)

**17H/043. Public participation – Standing Orders suspended at 7.30pm** – no comments - Standing orders reinstated at 7.31pm

**17H/044. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** - none received

**17H/045. Minutes** - amendment 17H/033. Reports - Roads and Pavements - 'letter' changed to 'article', 17H/035. 'ask British Legion if they could store' deleted. Resolution that the amended minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 be signed as a correct record, **RESOLVED**

**17H/046. Reports**

- **Assistant Clerk** – report circulated prior to the meeting to highlight matters on agenda & update on matters arising since last meeting. Add to next full council agenda; Local Highways Initiative Bid – to consider participating in bidding process for assistance with a 2018/9 project.
- **Pavement Project** - Update – Assistant Clerk said that there have been some teething problems with the costing and works ordering element of the new highway service contract – Cllr Morris to clarify with project manager.
- **Roads and Pavements Patrols** - Update - Cllr McCarthy has written article, Assistant Clerk to circulate to Highways Committee before submission. 6<sup>th</sup> Resident arrived at 7.41pm. Cllr Ward – will it include drains? Yes.
- **Speed bump removal at Wooden House** - Update - Assistant Clerk as per report. Cllr Ward asked that Cllr McCarthy and/or Assistant Clerk follow up at end of August.
- **Traffic and Transport Strategy Working Group** – Update – Assistant Clerk – 2 more residents have signed up. Cllr Ward pointed out that some of the answers given to residents at the meeting were based upon conversations between Cllr Morris and Police Traffic Management Officer from some time ago. Is there any change in their (police) reckoning regarding reducing speed limits and mirrors? Cllr Morris – will investigate before next T&T meeting. Cllr Ward doesn't want residents to be put off attending.

**17H/049. Yellow Line Project** (bought forward) - to consider next steps, following on from consultations.

Resolution to exclude Denmark Road and The Green from the Yellow Line Project, based upon resident's views obtained during consultation process. **RESOLVED.** Standing orders suspended at 7.51pm.

Discussion between residents and Councillors; concerns were raised regarding displacement/moving problems elsewhere, lack of other areas to park, lack of police enforcement. The consultations were carried out following several complaints received over time and were intended to gauge opinion and stimulate discussion. The opinions and views gained from the consultations have been very useful and informative and will help us to better formulate future consultations. It was suggested that consultations should be backed with supporting evidence, make it clearer to residents that we are asking for their views and consultations do not mean that we are going to carry out the proposals. Parked cars do help to slow traffic and perhaps we should be look at other speed reducing/calming methods. Parking on pavements is another problem. Standing Orders reinstated at 8.13pm. Cllr Ward; consultations have provoked strong feelings and it's clear that something needs to be looked at, but yellow lines are not the solution – we need to make Cottenham awkward to drive through to discourage rat-running. Standing Orders suspended at 8.17pm. Resident suggested making walking and cycling more attractive, and a need for better public transport. Cllr Morris outlined CPC's current pavement project which has taken 3 years to get to 'nearly there'. Safer walking routes are being investigated as part of Neighbourhood Plan. Equality Act; CCC may be discriminating against young/old/disabled as pavements are not as safe as they might be. Standing orders reinstated 8.20pm. Resolution to suspend work on Yellow Line Project for 6 months to

allow consideration of alternatives. **RESOLVED.** Cllr Ward asked that we respond promptly to resident's responses, ask for suggestions and include summary of results. AC to respond. Cllr Collier reiterated that CPC are mindful of resident's opinions. 3 residents left the meeting at 8.24pm.

**17H/047. Long Drove** - Cllr McCarthy believes we should install advisory single carriage road with passing places signs as he believes it to be dangerous. Cllr Morris asked where's the evidence? As regular users Cllrs Ward and Collier agreed that some motorists do drive dangerously. Cllr Morris pointed out that the signs signal the end of the 30mph zone and not that drivers can go faster. Consultation would be needed along Beach Road, Brenda Gautrey Way, Long Drove and Race Course View and an article in Cottenham Newsletter (to target other users, not just nearby residents). Cost of signs to be investigated prior to any possible consultations. Deferred to next meeting.

**17H/048. Remembrance Day Road Closures** – Resolution to recommend purchase of sufficient road signs from Start Traffic to allow efficient running of event at a cost of £397.85 + VAT, to be stored in CPC container. **RESOLVED.**

**17H/049** Discussed earlier in meeting

**17H/050. HCV Commercial Company Covenant** – Resolution to publicly thank first haulier that has signed the covenant and name some of the other hauliers that have signed up at County level. **RESOLVED.** AC to write and circulate to Highways Committee before publication on Facebook, CPC Website and Cottenham Newsletter.

**17H/051. Matters for consideration at the next meeting** – updates on alternative parking areas, cycle parking, ways to sanction inconsiderate parkers, Long Drove signs (costing), LHI bid

**17H/052. Date of next meeting** – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**17H/053. Close of Meeting** - 8.44pm

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