

AGENDA REPORTS PACK

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

27th March 2018

18H/019. Minutes

DRAFT Highways Committee Meeting Minutes
held in the Village Hall on Thursday 18th 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 28th 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 13th 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 9th 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 14th 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 5th & 7th), 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 Wotherpoon 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** – 27th March 2018
- 18H/015. Close of Meeting 8.53pm**

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____

18H/020. Reports

Assistant Clerk - Updates

- Road marking program (white lining) planned for early 2018/19 – concentrating on junctions.
- Rampton to Cottenham cycle/foot path – lighting studs to be installed early April.
- Beach Road to Landbeach has been marked up for extensive repairs – date to be confirmed.
- Brenda Gautrey Way – 8 iron gratings disappeared mid Feb; have been replaced with plastic ones.

Pavement Project

- **Lambs Lane/Victory Way/Stevens Close** – tactile crossing points installed, rest of works to be completed 13th – 16th April.
- **Beach Road** – works underway - expected completion 29th March.
- **High Street Zebra Crossing** (near to Green) - work to start 16th April - overnight road closure 19:30 to 06:00.

Traffic and Transport Strategy Working Group

Asst Clerk met with Police Speedwatch Co-ordinator and 4 locations for Speedwatch events now have Police approval. (Northern end of High Street, Beach Road, Histon Road and Oakington Road – Rampton Road couldn't be assessed due to ongoing gas works). We now have 12 trained volunteers. Some of us met with the Histon and Impington Speedwatch Co-ordinator, who kindly gave us lots of advice and has agreed to show us how to use the equipment, which we will share with them. 2 sessions have been arranged: 14th and 21st April, at 72/89 High Street.

MVAS trial - Unfortunately the data was not downloaded before the sign was moved to the next location – to be re-installed and data made available mid April.

Next T&T meeting 10th April 2018 - we will be defining the main objectives of the group and ways to portray the group in a positive way. We also plan to have regular updates in the Cottenham Newsletter. 45 residents in group.

Major Developments

- Bellway Homes (50 homes off Oakington Road) have obtained full planning permission following their successful Reserved Matters submission.
- Gladman Developments site (up to 200 homes and 70 residential care places) sale is imminent; a Reserved Matters application will follow in due course.
- Persimmon Homes (up to 126 homes off Rampton Road) has outline permission; a Reserved Matters application has been submitted.
- County Council (up to 154 homes off Rampton Road) appeal is under way; Inspector due to report within 2 to 6 weeks.
- Manor Oak Homes (up to 50 homes off Beach Road) has not yet been considered by SCDC.
- Lau (23 homes off Oakington Road) has not yet been considered by SCDC.

Cleaner Communities Pilot Scheme

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 District Council**

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30 January 2018

Dear Parish Representative

Expressions of Interest for Cleaner Communities – New Pilot Schemes

Thank you very much for expressing an interest in the new environmental initiatives we are running as pilots until June this year with a number of parishes in South Cambridgeshire.

We received expressions of interest from twenty-two parishes in South Cambridgeshire and will be contacting six of these over the next week about their involvement, with a view to achieving representation from a good cross section of the district in the pilot schemes.

If you do not hear from us directly in this time, I am sorry that we were not able to involve your parish in the pilots. As you will understand, resource limits the number of parishes we can work with, but we will let all interested parishes know of the outcomes of the pilots.

We may also still be able to support your community environmental work and planned events in other ways. The Shared Waste Service continues to provide bags, gloves and litter picker tools for community litter picks, and will make arrangements for the collection of all litter collected. We can also provide talks to community groups about waste services, including recycling and waste prevention. If this support can help you with your forthcoming plans then please email us at Refuse@scams.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

Trevor Nicoll
 Head of Shared Waste Service

Corbett/Margett/Rooks Streets weight limit TRO - Update - Cllr Wotherspoon

I have discussed it with James Broder (LHO), but given his advice that it would have to be done through an LHI bid and I think a crossing near Shaun's has higher priority I paused at that point. However, as you know I subsequently learned that such a crossing may be under consideration as part of traffic management associated with development in the area, so I think my next step is to discuss the potential with Derek Crosby, as suggested by Frank Morris at the last meeting.

Cycleway linking Oakington & Westwick and Cottenham - Update - Cllr Wotherspoon

On the cycleways, Oakington is currently giving priority to its link with Girton. However, I have made contact with the transport group which is part of their community plan set-up. I have also been working closely with the district and county councillors for Landbeach and Waterbeach, with a view to exploring improved links to the railway station there. It is possible that a proper cycleway to Cottenham could be part of the travel planning associated with the new town there.

18H/021. Pothole repairs

Mathew Shuter, Chairman of Highways & Community Infrastructure at Cambridgeshire County Council commented at their Full Council meeting on 6th February 2018, that pothole repairs offer good value for money. Do we agree? Should we challenge these comments?

CCC have approximately 800 on their repair list and about 100 coming in daily due to the weather conditions. With 5 crews assigned they clear about 100-150 a day so slowly catching up.

(2 potholes on Lambs Lane have been repaired at least 3 times since Jan 2018).

18H/022. High Street Zebra Crossing

We have made 2, unsuccessful, LHI bids (2017 & 2018) for a zebra crossing near to the Post Office.

Traffic has grown making it increasingly difficult to cross the High Street safely at times. To keep a PO in the village, it was relocated away from the village centre and adjacent zebra crossing, to a location more than 400 metres further north with no formal crossing - but the same traffic.

Our Neighbourhood Plan surveys have highlighted the need to do something to calm - and preferably reduce – traffic; this crossing – along with the new zebra at the Green and improvements to the Beach Road crossing – will help. 64% of residents want better pedestrian crossings; relocation of PO has focused on need at this location.

Extract from the 2018 LHI report:

South Cambridgeshire LHI Panel Scorecard											Persistent Problem	Road Safety	Community Impact	Added Value	Overall Average Score
App No.	Applicant Name	Road Name/Location	Objective/Issue Description/Location	£ Estimated Project Cost	£ Applicant	% Applicant	£ CCC	Proposed CCC funding allocation	£ Cumulative CCC Total	Av Score					
				2018/19 South Cambridgeshire Budget		£130,823									
Panel Members:															
HB Cllr Henry Batchelor TW Cllr Tim Wotherspoon DJ Cllr David Jenkins RH Cllr Roger Hickford SK Cllr Sebastian Kindersley AB Cllr Anna Bradnam MS Cllr M Smith															
3193491	Hauxton Parish Council	Church Road	Supply and install MVAS/SID to be mounted on existing street furniture	£4,796	£1,850	39%	£2,946	£2,946	£2,946	4.33	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.58	
3194275	Newton Parish Council	Whittesford Road / Cambridge Road / Town Street / Fowlmere Road	Move give way line, install speed cushions, adjust carriageway/verge line through junction	£8,271	£828	10%	£7,443	£7,443	£111,007	4.00	4.00	3.40	3.40	3.70	
3194565	Elsworth Parish Council	Brockley Road	Install 20mph speed limit	£7,312	£3,000	41%	£4,312	£4,312	£115,319	4.33	2.67	3.67	4.00	3.67	
3194318	Rampton Parish Council	King Street	Install new street light	£3,354	£1,750	52%	£1,604	£1,604	£116,923	3.80	3.40	3.20	4.20	3.65	
3194948	Castle Camps Parish Council	Entrance to village	40mph buffer zones on entrance to village Supply and install wig-wag devices with temporary 20mph speed limit	£9,497	£2,000	21%	£7,497	£7,497	£124,420	3.50	3.67	3.83	3.50	3.63	
3189373	Ettisley Parish Council	Entrances to village	Improve entrances to village with signs and lines	£3,959	£400	10%	£3,559	£3,559	£127,979	3.60	3.20	3.60	3.80	3.55	
3194843	Gulden Morden Parish Council	Pound Green	Construct new short sections of footway	£10,601	£1,062	10%	£9,539			3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	
3192891	Cottenham Parish Council	High Street/ Rooks Street	Install zebra crossing	£29,345	£19,345	66%	£10,000			3.80	3.00	3.20	3.80	3.45	
3193658	Little Shelford Parish Council	Bridge Lane / Whittesford Road / Church Street	Change priority between junctions	£13,952	£4,000	29%	£9,952			3.60	3.80	3.00	3.00	3.35	

18H/023. Annual Parish Meeting 10th May 2018

Although highways/roads are the responsibility of the Cambridgeshire county council, the Parish Council undertakes a number of minor improvement projects around the village. Following work in 2017/18, to improve crossings, pavements and junctions, we are considering speed reduction measures and installation of a zebra crossing near to the Post Office.

Highways Projects Completed 2017/2018 include:

- **Coolidge Gardens** – resurfaced
- **Lambs Lane/Victory Way/Stevens Close** – Junction improvements including safer crossing points.
- **Beach Road** – give way feature with crossing point and traffic calming.
- **High Street Zebra Crossing** - near to Green.
- **Lighting studs** on the cycle/foot path between Rampton and Cottenham in collaboration with Rampton Parish Council.
- **Long Drove** – advisory signs installed “Single track road with passing places”.

- **Traffic and Transport Working Group** - set up to work with to explore ways of tackling the concerns about traffic and public transport provision that were raised during the Parish Council’s Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

The main themes that came out of the consultation were the need to:

1. Change the character and speed of traffic throughout the village (HGVs causing noise at all times and shaking houses, general speeding and aggressive driving);
2. Improve pedestrian safety (narrow pavements and proximity to passing vehicles, lack of pedestrian crossings, general pollution);
3. Improve public transport links especially with Cambridge (faster, covering all the village, links to other transport such as guided busway and rail); and
4. Improve cycle links (with Oakington and Waterbeach as well as the crossing on Histon Road).

Traffic related issues are some of the most frequently complained topics and whilst Cottenham Parish Council has limited powers in this area we are trying to work with residents to improve matters and resident feedback is crucial.

The group has re-activated Community Speedwatch, 12 volunteers have been trained and plan to hold regular sessions throughout the year.