

DRAFT Highways Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd April 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs McCarthy (Chair), Dewey, Morris, Ward, Wotherspoon, Young and RFO

19H/010. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies – Apologies received from Cllr Nicholas (sick)

19H/011. Public participation – Six members of the public present. One resident spoke about item 19H/016. He expressed an opinion that Cottenham is behind with 20 mph schemes in comparison to Cambridge. He stated that certain parts of Rampton road are used regularly by children as a route to school and should be prioritised. Other residents expressed their concerns regarding speeding traffic and that more development will increase traffic further in the area. Two residents felt that a 20 mph scheme should be extended throughout the whole village. This has been raised before and the residents are keen to understand why this has not yet been implemented. One resident has written to the chair about his concerns regarding Telegraph Street and Denmark Road corner suggesting an island might be a solution. One resident described the roads as hostile and unsafe and spoke about how difficult it is for residents to cross the road at certain points in the village believing that a 20 mph enforcement would calm this down.

19H/012. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – Cllr Young declared an interest as he resides on Rampton Road.

19H/013. Minutes - To resolve that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 15th January 2019 be signed as a correct record. **RESOLVED.**

19H/014. Reports

- **LH Bid update** – The bid was successful and will be used for traffic calming measures on Histon Road. The work is due to be allocated in the coming year.

19H/015. Speedwatch – The assistant clerk is currently unable to coordinate the Speedwatch Scheme, a resident has come forward who is happy to take on this role temporarily.

19H/016. Rampton Road – A resident from Cottenham has written to the council asking for 20 mph speed zones in the village. With anticipated increases in traffic the resident has asked the council to consider such a limit for Rampton Road. A number of residents were present at the meeting and keen to discuss this issue. Cllr McCarthy spoke about a number of traffic slowing strategies already implemented around the village and how long traffic calming schemes can take to action. There is also an active Speedwatch scheme in the village. The Neighbourhood plan might enable the core of the village to qualify for a 20 mph zone. Cllr Wotherspoon recollects that the core of the village meets the criteria for 20 mph, but this would not include Rampton Road or other roads outside of the core of the village. One suggestion was to liaise with police to look at alternative strategies. The police do not generally object to reduction in speed limits but do not always believe that they will make a difference and they do not wish to criminalise people. There is a Toucan crossing planned for near the exit to the new Persimmon Estate and some other measures including widening the pavements. Rampton Road and the Green are less clear as the Gladman development is not yet certain. All developments have been assessed for traffic management and certain measures are demanded to ensure that the roads are safe. Another factor that might be considered is the number of school children who regularly use the roads to and from school. The committee were keen to see what levels of support amongst the residents of Cottenham there are for a 20 mph scheme in the village. It was agreed that a Traffic and Transport group meeting be arranged for a month's time to gauge opinion and whether there is enough resident interest to take this forward. Possibly to launch a consultation at the Fen Edge Festival by use of a questionnaire. To take this discussion to the full council meeting on the 4th June. In the meantime, to do some fact finding/testing with Cambridgeshire County Council about implementation in the core of the village and then the roads outside of that area. Cllr Ward will contact Cambridgeshire County Council for further information. The next Traffic & Transport meeting will be on held on Monday 20th May in the pavilion, this is open to all members of the public. To be advertised on our website, Facebook and posters.

19H/017. Matters for consideration at the next meeting –

- Progress on 20 mph scheme in the village

19H/018. Date of next meeting – Thursday 25th July 2019

19H/019. Close of Meeting – 8.48

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____