

AGENDA REPORTS PACK

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

30th January 2020

20H/004. Minutes

DRAFT Highways Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 7.30pm

- Present:** Cllrs McCarthy (Chair), Dewey, Morris, Ward, Young, Wotherspoon and Assistant Clerk
- 19H/031. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies**
- 19H/032. Public participation** – None present
- 19H/033.** To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – None given
- 19H/034. Minutes** - To resolve that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 1st August be signed as a correct record - **RESOLVED**.
- 19H/035. Reports**
- **Clerks Report** – Report noted. no recent updates as Asst Clerk unable to contact LHO. Cllr Wotherspoon still chasing up gulley clearing. Cllr Hewitt arrived at 7.34. Asst Clerk to report damaged drain cover on High St near post office, blocked gulley near Coolidge Gardens, and knocked down bollard on Rook street. Cllrs reminded to report highways issues through Highways website.
 - **LHI Bids** – No date yet for work to start on Histon road. LHI bid for Oakington road was submitted by Cllr Morris and will go to panel in March.
 - **Speed survey Twenty Pence Road** – Discussion of survey results. Speeding not significant and within police parameters. Query whether the average speeds would be adequate to reduce the speed limit to 20mph. Cllr Hewitt to contact Derek Crosby, from Cambridgeshire constabulary, to clarify County policy. Would be useful to extract data on volume of HGV traffic. Resolution to appoint traffic consultant to comment on results of Cottenham speed ATC survey, up to a value of £500 - **RESOLVED**
 - **LED upgrade to footway lights** – As per reports pack. Asst Clerk to contact SCDC requesting they contact the PC before any work takes place on ornate lights.
- 19H/036. Arrangements for Remembrance Day parade** – Waiting for road closure notices to arrive. Need additional road closed signs, as current signs state “except for access” which causes vehicles to try and go through. Resolution to purchase two road closed signs up to a value of £100 - **RESOLVED**
- 19H/037. Community Gritting scheme** Currently a lack of volunteers. Cllrs Wotherspoon, McCarthy, and Hewitt volunteered to sign up to the scheme. PC would need to decide gritting routes. Resolution that Cottenham Parish Council sign up to the Community Gritting Scheme 2019/20 - **RESOLVED**
- 19H/038. Budget projection** – Not currently spending the budget set but would struggle to fund a larger project if reduced. Felt that the budget should be index linked to include 5% increase. As there are no immediate projects planned, budget is currently adequate, but need to consider future projects at next meeting. Resolution to accept budget projection for next five years, indexed at 5% - **RESOLVED**
- 19H/039. Harradine Traffic** – At previous meeting with Harradine they agreed to use various routes to spread load. They do not appear to be doing this now. Willingham have an agreement that muck trucks linked to Northstowe will not pass through. Traffic in Cottenham unlikely to come from Northstowe. Still several years until bunds at Gun Club will be complete. Resolution that the chair of the Parish Council writes to Harradine to request a meeting to discuss Harradine traffic movements through Cottenham - **RESOLVED**

- 19H/040.** **Cambridgeshire Highways Open Days** - Cllrs unable to make the date for Whittlesford depot open day but have found them useful in past. Resolution that the Assistant Clerk attend Cambridgeshire Highways Open Day on behalf of the Parish Council– **RESOLVED**
- 19H/041.** **Matters for consideration at the next meeting** – Potential projects over the next five years. Outcome of consultant’s report on ATC data. Update on pavement schemes for new estates. LHI bid for Oakington Road. Cycle studs on Histon Road.
- 19H/042.** Date of next meeting – 30th January 2020
- 19H/043.** Close of Meeting – 21.02

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____

20H/005. Reports

Clerks report

- **Rooks St** - HCVs ignoring advisory signs 4/4 - Resolution at Highways Meeting on 18/1/18 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.
- **Rooks Street** - HO has put forward Rooks St for the slurry scheme; with Network Management to inspect & to state if included in program. 9/1/19 LHO still waiting for Network Management to inspect, IF project got the go ahead, it would be approx. 2 yrs before works would be carried out. Added to rolling program, due to be done 2021/22. 22/8/19 - Footpaths up for slurry sealing in the new year.
- **Wilkin Walk** (High St end) – overgrown laurel and brambles. Removed 28/1/19. (stumps and lots of cuttings left in situ, AC has requested they come back and finish properly). 22/8/19 - Will be cleared and sprayed in next month with a view to grassing in spring 2020 (need further authorisation re. grassing)
- **Junction of Victory Way/Lambs Lane** - flooding issues raised with HO, awaiting response. Works ordered to install 1/2 gullies in front of bus shelter which should solve issue (within next 12 wks). Works cancelled 25/5/18 as new surfacing has solved issue (AC not convinced and will monitor). Still puddling, reported to LHO 19/10/18 – will be reassessed next financial year (2019/20). 22/8/19 – LHO will check puddling to Victory Way crossings when next wet.
- **Footpath from Pelham Way through to High St** – 13/9/18 LHO confirmed that the tree roots are too shallow for the path to be repaired, unsure what can be done. No footpath budget available - will be reassessed next financial year (2019/20). 21/1/19 LHO hoping to shave tree roots in May 2019. LHO meeting Works Manager w/c 26/8/19 to discuss how to do without damaging neighbouring property.
- **Blocked Gullies** – 22/1/19 jetting ordered for High St; Lambs Lane junction up to Church Lane roundabout. Will be picked up when the gully cleaner does the surface dressing area on Twenty Pence Road (31/8/19). Gulleys were cleared in September, but three still blocked. LHO to send out inspector 16/12 **LHO has ordered jetting 17/1/20**
- **Twenty Pence road - surface dressing done.** 25/01/19 – LHO to request Gun Club pay for repairs to junction caused by HCVs delivering there. Repairs made by the Gun Club but they are starting to deteriorate. LHO will monitor (Aug 19).

- **Smithy Fen Bridge** – Asst Clerk reported crack to LHO Dec 2018, awaiting structures team to inspect. (No other reports received from residents). 16/1/21019 requested urgent action (no response). 17/1/19 – LHO reported that structural engineers have visited the site and the bridge is safe. 22/1/19 - bridge inspector has been out to site and confirms that there is no change in the brickwork from the last visual inspection and the current crack is due to damage from a previous impact damage. The main structural arch barrel does not show any further deterioration. They will continue to monitor this spandrel wall and will intervene as necessary. 23/1/19 – CCC bridge inspector has asked Engineers at Skanska to visit and report on this particular issue with the spandrel wall, they will also advise if CCC should add this bridge to our visual monitoring programme at a suitable frequency (quarterly or monthly etc) until they can programme in some repairs longer term.
- **High Street bollards** – CCC will replace any damaged bollards ‘like for like’. If we wanted more visible ones, e.g. on the build outs at the north end of the High Street, we would need to fund ourselves. (Approx cost is £1,000 for a bright yellow bollard with keep right arrow). LHO has ordered replacement reflective tape for the ‘Cambridge’ bollards. Due to be re-taped 2/08/19. 22/8/19 – Still waiting for tape.
- **Denmark Road** – 22/8/19 gullies due to be cleared shortly. LHO will examine report when received to check for specific issues. Works not undertaken last year hence why it may have got worse. Gulleys were cleared in September, but three still blocked. LHO to send out inspector 16/12 **LHO has ordered jetting 17/1/20**
- **Potholes on Margett Street, High St by Green, and Denmark road due to be repaired. 16/12 potholes on corner of Rook St/Denmark Rd repaired 24/1 ones on Beach road temp filled by LHO 10/1 and scheduled for repair within 21 days**
- **Asst Clerk and Cllr McCarthy to attend LHI meeting on 3rd February.**
- **Cracked/clanking Drain Cover by Baptist Church, High Street has received multiple reports online. Cllr Wotherspoon to raise with Highways 20/1/20**
- **Bridge on Broad Lane, loose railings AC reported to Highways 07/01/20**
- **Zebra Crossing High Street by Village College – residents have contacted us 28/11/19 and 17/12/19 regarding visibility on zebra crossing/vehicles not stopping reported to LHO 1/11/19**
- **Community gritting going well, 9 volunteers signed up**

20H/006. Motorcycles using the cut through from the High Street to Tenison Manor

To:

"clerk@cottenhampc.org.uk" <clerk@cottenhampc.org.uk>

Sent:

Sun, 10 Nov 2019 16:04:11 +0000

Subject:

Motorcycles on footpath

Hi,

There has been a marked increase in the number of motorcycles using the footpath between Tenison Manor and the High Street next to the Salvation Army; sometimes coming through rather fast. There have been comments of this on the Cottenham Facebook page.

Would it be possible to get some “no motorcycle” signs erected on the lampposts on this cut through?

I believe that this is designated for emergency access and non motorised traffic.

If it is a matter of funding, I am more than happy to fund this, looking at signs this is roughly £45.

<https://roadsignsdirect.co.uk/road-signs/circle>

I look forward to hearing from you

Response from Joe Haylock, PCSO

On 13/11/2019 09:57, HAYLOCK, Joe 7221 wrote:

Beth,

How often is this occurring and do you know at what times? Please encourage the parents to report this on 999 when it happens so that we have a log and can monitor to see if there is a pattern.

I think signage would be a good idea, and on a more permanent basis, consideration of a pedestrian chicane to block vehicle access.

Best regards

Joe

20H/007. Overnight parking in Layby on Twenty Pence Road

6/12/19 Resident reported overnight parking in layby

09/12/19 County Council Policy & Regulation department confirmed there is a TRO prohibiting waiting in the lay-by between 10pm and 6am.

20H/008. Problem parking outside the Co-op

To:

clerk@cottenhampc.org.uk

Sent:

Sun, 8 Dec 2019 19:00:49 -0000

Subject:

Unacceptable Coop parking

Good afternoon,

I wish to complain about the disrespectful and dangerous parking on and by the yellow cross hatched area outside the Coop.

Recently I had paused on the area to prepare to enter the store when a car swung onto the zone from the Histon direction and stopped just short of me. I had to step aside to avoid being knocked down while the young male driver revved his engine in irritation because I was blocking his way. When he got out of the car I pointed out that it was illegal to park on those markings, to which he drawled 'Yeah, well.' and went into the store.

Yesterday, because the traffic in Denmark Road was severe, on exiting the Coop car park, I had to turn left towards Telegraph Street instead of right and do a loop round the area to get onto Histon Road. While driving back towards the Coop, I had to swerve on the blind bend just before the Coop because two cars had pulled off the road and were straddling the pavement facing towards Histon. This was dangerous to me and the traffic behind me, as well as

oncoming traffic because the road was obstructed. One of the drivers then emerged from the Coop, climbed over the high concrete kerb, flung open her car door and clearly had no conscience about the obstruction and danger she posed.

As there is also a pedestrian pathway at the side of the Coop's driveway, it makes this inconsiderate and lazy driving behaviour additionally dangerous.

I appreciate that with the cost of policing no-one will ever be prosecuted for this type of behaviour and I would argue that it is unlikely to be caused by people who are caring and considerate residents of the village community. Why couldn't rising bollards be installed at the kerb before the entrance to the Coop driveway and operated from inside the store for deliveries and/or emergency services. A few bent bumpers for miscreants might contribute to a change in behaviour. It is simply a matter of time before someone is injured by the blatant disregard of some people who access the village's supermarket.

Your comments would be appreciated.

Many thanks,

20H/009. Parking in bus shelter on Histon Road

Resident states it's a designated bus stop (see original correspondence from 2018 below) so does google maps and a bus shelter is situated on opposite side, but according to LHO not showing on CCC's system as a bus lay by. Residents have been corresponding with CPC and County Highways regarding this since at least June 2018. When the bay is blocked buses are dropping off passengers onto a grass verge with a ditch, and no lighting.

The bay has had a white dashed line painted across it during recent LHI line repainting on Histon Road. Another bus stop further down the road has had yellow lines repainted across it. AC has queried this with the LHI engineer.

Can we get Highways to recognise it as a bus stop and/or stop vehicles from parking in the bay?

Sent: 14 January 2020 15:16

To: clerk@cottenhampc.org.uk

Subject: Fwd: URGENT. Bus Bay outside xxx Histon .Road, Cottenham,

Good afternoon,

We would refer you to our numerous emails/photos of last year regarding the constant parking in the bus bay outside 146 Histon Road. We understood that "Sam" was dealing with this and we were advised to contact the Highways Dept. We requested a contact name but none was forthcoming. We sent an email to Highways today and as you will see they have referred us back to the PC. Last week we had new road markings on Histon Road and the bus bay further down from us had yellow lines to deter parking. Why didn't we? As you will see from our email we are struggling with builders vehicles clogging up the bus bay making our access dangerous as we have to turn out blind into fast moving traffic in both directions. The buses cannot access the bus bay so drop off passengers further down the road on the grass verge, no lighting, and a large ditch which is not visible in the dark.

We think it would be advisable if someone from the PC or Highways inspected the site and we would always be available to explain.

We understand that "Sam" has been unwell so perhaps you could point us in the direction of someone who can help.

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

Sent: 24 July 2018 17:38

To: asstclerk@cottenhampc.org.uk

Subject: Re: Parking xxx Histon .Road, Cottenham

[extract]

Thank you for your email of today and set out below details of which should be in the Highways Dept. Records.

In approximately 1965 we were approached by the then Highways Dept. asking if we would have any objection for the frontage to be piped and filled in in order to make a bus bay. (This being an open ditch at the time). (Photo evidence as proof available). We agreed and our then neighbour at xxx also was in agreement. This was duly carried out and the dropped kerbs automatically put in place. We signed an agreement that we and our neighbour had no objection to this being carried out.

We have never been advised that this has changed from a bus bay to a lay by