

DRAFT Highways Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting held online via Zoom on Tuesday 28th July 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Ward (Chair), McCarthy, Morris, Henderson, Stewart, Jones, Hewitt, and the Assistant Clerk

In Attendance: Cllr Bailey, SCDC Cllr Wilson, Tam Parry (CCC), and two members of the public

20H/027. Election of Chairman – to elect a Chair for the Committee. Cllr McCarthy wished to stand down as Chair. Cllr McCarthy was thanked for his work as Chair over the years. Resolution that Cllr Ward take the Highways Chair. Proposed Cllr McCarthy and seconded by Cllr Hewitt. **RESOLVED**

20H/028. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies – None received.

20H/029. Public Participation – Resident 1 interested in cycling/20mph limit. Felt more attention needed to existing cycle paths. Resident 2 interested in improved facilities for active travel, and issues around speeding. Cllr Hewitt confirmed that an application to the Emergency Active Fund was made last week. SCDC Cllr Wilson spoke in support of a 20mph limit zone and additional traffic calming measures to deter HGV traffic. Cllr Ward explained rules around public participation.

20H/030. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – None given

20H/031. Minutes – Resolution that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 21st April 2020 be signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Stewart seconded by Cllr McCarthy. **RESOLVED.** Cllr Wotherspoon and resident 3 joined the meeting at 7.43pm

20H/032. Reports:

- **Cottenham to Waterbeach Cycleway** – Brought forward. Standing Orders suspended 7.47pm. Tam Parry from CCC outlined his role and how he works with developers to fund Highways improvements. Cycleway from Long Drove would require creating a bridleway along existing track/fields. Creating a cycleway along Beach Road would be expensive and unlikely to be funded. A cycleway from Long Drove could link with Green End through into Landbeach, or go through Cambridge Research Park, giving two possible crossing points over A10. Both crossing points have planned toucan crossings. Concerns raised over distance to Waterbeach, and increased risk of fly tipping. Upgrade on Green End bridle path will include a gated entrance, which would likely be the same for a bridle way from Long Drove. Change to public right of way would mean SCDC responsible for fly tipping. The Neighbourhood Plan supports new connections to neighbouring villages. Discussion of lighting options, and gravel vs tarmac. Possibility of Greater Cambridge Partnership adopting route as part of link between greenways. No developer funds currently available but Tam looking for possible sources, needs landowners' agreement for bridleway first. Standing Orders reinstated 8.17pm. Tam Parry left the meeting at 8.17pm.

20H/036. Walking Bus Station – To consider using the Recreation Ground as a walking bus station for school drop off – Brought forward. Standing orders suspended 8.18pm. Cllr Bailey outlined proposal to use recreation ground as a drop off for walking buses/siblings of children already dropped off at school. Staggered school start times in September mean that some parents have up to 50 minutes wait between drop off times for siblings, possibly leading to large numbers waiting in the area. Still one of several options being considered. Concerns raised regarding building work traffic. Possibility of Cambridge Water installing their water connection to new developments through our site, to avoid closure of Rampton Road. More details needed regarding timings and numbers of children, as well as a risk assessment. Deferred to September full council meeting. Standing orders reinstated 8.40pm.

20H/032. continued

- **Clerks Report** – Report Noted. Asst. Clerk reported that overgrown hedges on Rampton Road have been reported to landowner, and she will be pressing for them to be dealt with.
- **Response from Derek Crosby, Cambridgeshire constabulary** – 20mph zone discussion. Regulations on calculating free flow in urban spaces have changed. Measurements can now

be taken close to junctions, parked cars, and urban furniture. Roads with existing traffic calming are accepted as having speeds below 24mph. Locations on Denmark Road and High Street identified for additional speed surveys, at an estimated cost of £500 per survey. The NHP has a specific objective to propose 20mph limit, with zone mapped out, around half size of zone illustrated in report pack. Standing Orders suspended 8.55pm SCDC Cllr Wilson questioned availability of active travel funding and why Cottenham was not receiving this. CPC has submitted bid for portion of 2nd tranche of money, 20mph zone not proposed as additional data needed to support. Funding is for projects ready to implement. CPC proposal is for cycling stands and upgrades to cycleway. Standing Orders reinstated 8.58pm.

- **Motorcycles using the cut through from the High Street to Tenison Manor** – Cllr Hewitt has prepared a flyer to gauge nearby residents’ opinions. As cut through is not yet part of the adopted highway, CPC is able to install signs, should they wish, with no additional cost other than the cost of signs. Cllr Hewitt to circulate flyer to Highways committee for comment, before leafleting local residents. SCDC Cllr Wilson left the meeting at 9.06pm
- **Update on Cambridge Water – Rampton Road closure** – as discussed in item 20H/036 Cambridge Water are considering rerouting their water supply across CPC land, from Lambs Lane to the new developments on Rampton Road. Will learn more in next week or two.
- **Update on upcoming roadworks and the streetworks allocation process** – Work on Rampton Road by Cambridge Water halted, as Redrow instructed Cambridge Water to stop. Cambridge Water made aware of This Land development by CPC, and so pipe upgrade still needed. Concerns raised over viability of either development going ahead.
- **Summary of roadworks included in developer agreements** – report noted.

20H/033. Remembrance Day Parade- CPC to put in application as usual, with Cllr McCarthy to liaise with British Legion regarding plans and will update at October meeting. Volunteers will be needed if parade goes ahead. Resolution for the Assistant Clerk to apply for temporary road closure. Proposed Cllr Morris seconded by Cllr McCarthy. **RESOLVED.**

20H/034. Zero Carbon Grant – Cllr Hewitt outlined possible locations for bicycle stands. Included in application for active travel fund, but if unsuccessful could then apply to zero carbon fund. Likely to know if our proposal was included in bid for funding by combined authority 1st week August. Zero Carbon deadline is beginning of September. Resolution to apply for Zero Carbon Grant towards bicycle stands, should we be unsuccessful in application through active travel fund. Proposed Cllr Ward seconded by Cllr Hewitt. **RESOLVED**

20H/035. School Streets Scheme– To consider how the Parish Council can support CPS in their application. Resident 1 left the meeting at 9.15pm. Discussion regarding levels of traffic cited by County Highways, and whether data included in the Gladman development application supported that. Unknown if County Highways using same data, or more recent measurements. Possible reduction in car use due to Covid -19. Noted that Comberton have been successful in their application on main road running through the village. County Highways have not taken into account upgrading of recreation ground access road. General discussion of traffic problems in the area. Staggered drop off could result in large numbers of people waiting in area, and possibly increased car numbers as parents having to wait longer. Cllr Hewitt left the meeting at 9.29pm. Discussion on strength of arguments against: Point 1, 2 and 3: questions over validity of traffic volume, Point 4: wrong as not a single track, Point 7: overstated, buses run one way. Resolution to support in principle Cottenham Primary School’s application for the School Streets Scheme, and for the Assistant Clerk to write to Martin Ellwood to ask if the points raised would make a difference to their decision. Proposed Cllr Ward seconded by Cllr McCarthy. **RESOLVED**

20H/037. Traffic and Transport Group– to consider sending an update on the Traffic and Transport strategy. Proposal to send an update to the Traffic and Transport Group, with a summary of this meeting’s discussions. Proposed Cllr Ward seconded by Cllr Henderson. **RESOLVED.** Cllr

Ward encouraged residents present to contact CPC if they were interested in joining the T&T group.

20H/038. Considerations for next meeting – LHI bid, 20mph Zone, Remembrance Day parade

20H/039. Date of next meeting – 20th October 2020

20H/040. Close of meeting - 9.50pm

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____

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