

Highways Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting held online via Zoom on Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: one member of the public

- 21H/001. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies** – Apologies accepted from Cllr Hewitt (work). Cllr Wotherspoon to leave the meeting briefly at 8pm.
- 21H/002. Public Participation** – Standing Orders suspended 7.33pm. Resident attending to speak about Lambs Lane; previously emailed regarding dangers of street, vehicles mounting the kerb and speed of traffic. Cllr Ward explained that while CPC have little powers regarding highways issues, they can lobby for change. Resident stated that large vehicles still using road despite weight restriction. Has been in contact with police, who are unable to monitor regularly due to budgetary constraints. Standing orders reinstated 7.40pm.
- 21H/003. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** – None given.
- 21H/004. Minutes** – Resolution that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 17 December 2020 be signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Stewart and seconded by Cllr Henderson.
RESOLVED.
- 21H/005. Reports:**
- **Clerk's Report** – Noted. Clerk has spoken to Local Highways Officer regarding outstanding gully cleansing; Highways experiencing difficulties with their contractor. Highways maintenance contract changing hands shortly, so experiencing disruption due to this. Things may settle once new company has taken over. Confirmed that slurry sealing on Rook street taking place this year, but no date yet.
 - **Local Highways Initiative (LHI) schemes** – Report noted. Cllrs Ward, McCarthy and Hewitt to cover management of MVAS speed sign, risk assessment needed. Asst Clerk to enquire with engineer regarding post for MVAS. Cllr Wotherspoon left the meeting at 7.55pm. Have received confirmation that LHI bid for Oakington Road speed reduction measures was successful, subject to final approval in May. Lambs Lane potential location for additional MVAS post.
 - **Cycle paths** - deferred until later in the meeting
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 - **Maximum waiting limit in parking bay outside the Post Office** – Query whether anyone has spoken to owner since previous meeting. Cllr Ward has spoken to him, he is aware it is two spaces affected, has experienced issues with deliveries. Things have improved slightly since putting notes on vehicles. Asst Clerk has spoken to LHO, who will mark up the two restricted bays. Discussion regarding parking enforcement and use of parking meters. Cllr Wotherspoon re-joined the meeting at 8.04pm.
 - **Cycle Stands** – CCC Tranche 2 Active travel stands will not be implemented until May. No further communication from Redrow regarding their planned sites for stands, following CPC comments from 21st February Planning Committee meeting.
 - **Cycle paths** – Cottenham to Oakington – Almost completed transactions with all landowners along route – none objecting to scheme. Cottenham to Waterbeach – CCC officers have put in bid for Northstowe phase 3 s106 funding; eligible as Waterbeach station serves Northstowe. Once confirmed they will pursue negotiations with landowners. Understand concerns over creating public access to land and issues with fly tipping. No date for phase 3 to go to planning committee, likely no earlier than June.
- 21H/006. Future arrangements for Recreation Ground access road during school pick-up times** – Cllr Ward has spoken to headteacher of Cottenham Primary. He understands that the school now need to manage the road closure. Less of a danger now building works have finished. The school will take over from beginning of summer term, after the Easter break.

- 21H/007. Modal filter at junction of Lambs Lane & Rampton Rd-** Cllr Wotherspoon ran through what a modal filter would involve. Cllr Wotherspoon envisioned it as part of wider plans for 20mph zone, not a stand-alone scheme. Need to gather residents' opinions, making them aware of cons as well as pros, to gauge how much support the scheme would have. Discussion regarding traffic and speeding along Lambs Lane, and other forms of speed reduction measures such as speed humps, and pedestrian crossing. Standing orders suspended 8.24pm. Resident spoke regarding concerns over speeding, and cars mounting pavement. Concerned that residents on Lambs Lane need to be asked their opinion on modal filter, not just surrounding roads. Standing orders reinstated 8.25pm. Cllr Wotherspoon to survey public opinion to gather evidence base. Cllr Ward willing to support with this.
- 21H/008. 20mph Zone –** Close to 24mph needed for 20mph zone. Cllr Wotherspoon stated informal traffic calming, such as parked cars, may be enough to lower it. Reducing speed is not enforced by police, physical barriers needed. Discussion regarding speed mitigations as part of Redrow development, and why they disappeared from the plans. Cllr Wotherspoon to find out more from County Highways. Round-a-bout design still not signed off; Persimmon have not released design yet.
- 21H/009. Annual Parish Meeting –** to consider items to report at APM on 27th April 2021. Cllr Ward to write a report covering LHI bid for Oakington road, 20mph zone plans, gully cleansing, and 4-year strategy. Will circulate draft to rest of committee.
- 21H/010. CPC Highways 4-year strategy –** To review draft of 4-year Highways strategy. Budgets need updating based on prices on County Council Highways website. Prices seem high compared to independent quotes, Cllr Wotherspoon stated questions being asked as part of change of maintenance contract at County Highways. CPC can purchase improvements from 3rd party, if safety audits conducted by County, roughly 3rd of the overall cost. Discussion regarding prioritising items; cost/benefit, proportion of residents who benefit and strategic value. Resident left at 8.45pm. Could get feedback from Traffic and Transport group, once further refined. Public benches to make walking more accessible. Cllr Henderson to review pavements and possible locations for benches. County Transport Improvement Programme – includes cycleway to Wilburton. Cllr Wotherspoon to check what is included for Cottenham. Parking enforcement: could lobby SCDC to include Cottenham in their patch, but was stated this may displace cars to more dangerous locations. Working party to meet after Easter break to discuss further.
- 21H/011. Considerations for next meeting –** Parking enforcement, 20mph zone, duelling of A428.
- 21H/012. Date of Next meeting –**15th June 2021
- 21H/013. Close of meeting -** 9.12pm

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____