

**Minutes for the Rights of Way, Highways and Lighting Committee meeting held on
Monday 10th October 2016 at 10 Riverside at 7.00pm**

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Barrett (Chair)

Present:

Cllr J Ashley-Smith, Cllr S Bennell (Vice-Chairman), Cllr L Clouting, Cllr S Garrett, Cllr J Jones and Cllr G Kitching

As Cllr Barrett was not in attendance, Cllr Bennell chaired the meeting.

In Attendance:

Mrs Eileen A Coe (Town Clerk/RFO) and Mrs Amanda Scott (Office Assistant)

2. Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

Cllr Ashley-Smith proposed the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 12th September (circulated in draft form prior to the meeting) were approved as an accurate record, which was seconded by Cllr Garrett, with all in favour.

The Vice-Chairman signed the minutes.

4. Public Comment:

None.

5. Rights of Way:

➤ **November Rights of Way Walk**

Cllr Ashley-Smith reported that the next Rights of Way Walk would be on Saturday 19th November at 10am. The walk would be led by designated walk leader Colin Ayers. Cllr Ashley-Smith agreed to act as a back-up in case of emergency. There would also be two first aiders attending. Walkers would meet at the Town Council Office ending there for refreshments around 11.30am. It would be a shorter walk suitable for families. Dogs on leads were also welcome.

➤ **Town Trail on Ramblers website update on progress – Cllr Garrett**

Cllr Garrett reported that the project was underway and he would report further on the progress at the next meeting.

➤ **Public Footpath across Persimmon Development at Mount Pleasant**

The Town Clerk reported that there had been numerous complaints regarding the closure of the public footpath by Persimmon. The matter had been reported to Debbie Adams, Rights of Way Officer at Suffolk County Council who had promptly visited the site and sorted the problem out. The footpath was reinstated and she would be communicating with Persimmon on the future management of the footpath while the development is in progress. The Town Clerk advised that she had thanked Mrs Adams for her prompt action which had been extremely helpful.

6. Highways:

➤ **TRO update:**

Suffolk County Council 24/10

It was noted that an email from Bob Clench (SCC) had been received advising that although it was expected that the report following the Statutory TRO Consultation would be presented to the SCC Rights of Way Committee Meeting at their November sitting, this meeting had been cancelled and it was then hoped to make the October sitting. However, as the Advertisement / Statutory Consultation period did not end until 19 September 2016, the October date would not be able to be met. Therefore the report would now be delayed until the Rights of Way Committee Meeting in January 2017.

A further email had been received from Bob Clench (SCC) attaching all the responses from the Statutory Consultation for consideration and comments if any would be added to the report for the scheduled meeting in January. The Town Clerk was requested to summarise the Statutory Consultation responses, which would be considered at the next meeting.

Stuart Maitland 22/10

Copy of response to Statutory TRO Consultation. Noted.

Graham Haerle 23/10

Copy of response to Statutory TRO Consultation. Noted,

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➤ **Traffic Calming Measures – (S.I.D):**

Arrangements for the meeting with Westcotec had been arranged and details would be circulated to members. A list of questions/items to be discussed had been sent in advance as agreed.

➤ **Yellow lines in Station Road – Cllr Jones**

Cllr Jones raised concerns regarding parking issues in Station Road near the Hopkins Homes Development, and whether these needed addressing before the development was completed. Some of the properties front onto the road with parking spaces provided behind the property and he felt that some residents may just park on Station Road instead. He felt that there was a need to keep Station Road traffic flowing as it was one of the main routes into Framlingham. It was noted that any new restrictions would require a Traffic Regulation Order. It was also noted that the positioning of the planned pedestrian crossing would be crucial. The Town Clerk was requested to contact Suffolk County Council Highways for its opinion on the potential need for double yellow lines in Station Road and the exact position of the pedestrian crossing, for further consideration at the next meeting.

7. Parking:

No business.

8. Lighting:

➤ **Victoria Mill Road – Cllr Kitching**

Cllr Kitching reported that he had investigated the report of poor lighting in Victoria Mill Road, arising from comments at the last Consultation Event on Market Hill. He noted that while the lighting was not particularly good it was adequate would not be seen as a priority.

9. Correspondence:

Mr & Mrs Sugg 26/10

Copy of email sent to Bob Clench at SCC and photographs with concerns relating to the poor state of the hedge and footpath in Badingham Road. Noted.

Barbara Howard 27/10

Copy of email sent to Bob Clench at SCC supporting concerns already raised relating to the overgrowth of vegetation and footpath in Badingham Road. Noted.

10. 2016/17 Action Plan:

Cllr Barrett had completed the updates which were considered and agreed.

11. Communication with the Public:

Items for newsletters:

Rights of Way Walk

Mount Pleasant footpath

TRO Update

12. Budget 2017/18:

It was noted that budget figures had been considered and agreed at the last meeting and there were no other items to add or amend.

13. Highway problem reports and responses from SCC – Town Clerk

The Town Clerk gave an update on reports and responses, which were noted and filed for reference.

14. Matters of report or items for next agenda:

➤ Annual review of Risk Assessments to be considered at the next meeting:

Rights of Way Walks – Cllr Garrett

Speed Indicator Device – Cllr Kitching

➤ Cllr Ashley-Smith requested an update regarding the wall in Mount Pleasant which was still being held up by concrete blocks. The Town Clerk was requested to contact Suffolk County Council highways for an update.

➤ Pedestrian crossing at Mount Pleasant – Cllr Kitching – Agenda item next meeting.

15. Next meeting:

Monday 14th November 2016 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 7.45pm