

DRAFT Minutes of the Rights of Way, Highways and Lighting Committee meeting held on Monday 21st September 2020 Remotely Via Zoom at 6:30pm.

1. Apologies:

None.

2. Present:

Cllrs D Carter, C Eastwood (Chair), J Jones, P Wraight.

3. In attendance:

James Overbury (Deputy Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

4. Declarations of Interest:

None

5. Minutes of previous meeting:

200921-1 Cllr Eastwood proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were an accurate record of the meeting which was seconded by Cllr Carter with all in favour.

6. Public Comment:

None.

7. Rights of Way:

7.1 Castle Brooks Footpath License:

It was noted that this was still awaited.

8. Highways:

8.2 Pedestrian Safety initiatives – College Road

Cllr Eastwood proposed to bring forward in the agenda two items of correspondence relating to this topic which was agreed. Following the letter Cllr Eastwood had delivered to residents close to the proposed crossing, and the feedback from it, it was clear that the aims of the Walkways project had not been properly communicated. To alleviate this, before individual responses could be made to the residents, it was agreed that a further letter be drafted which would aim to explain more clearly the aims of the project.

8.3 Community bus transport - Update on link to station.

Cllr Jones reported positive progress on the project with the Community Partnership, escalating the bid for funds to board level. There was hope of more positive news after a meeting in October.

8.4 Bus shelters and improvements

It was noted that work had begun to install these.

8.5 S.I.D. Update on Service

The DTC reported that the manufacturer has reported that the cost of the repair *(including Carriage) would be £159.50.

200921-2 Cllr Eastwood proposed to spend £159.50, from budget 1909, on repairing the SID unit, which was seconded by Cllr Carter with all in favour.

8.6 Electric Vehicle Charging points

No business.

8.7. Inventory of potholes and road conditio

It was agreed that the DTC, the Chair and Cllr Jones meet to finalise this work.

8.8 Update on TRO considerations

It was agreed the DTC would continue to seek answers from the questions posed earlier to East Suffolk Council.

8.9 Speed Watch Group – update and plans for speed camera

It was agreed to delay progressing this project until it is clearer how we may proceed in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the Town Council receives much correspondence on speeding issues and responses to these communications should include a description of what the Town Council is doing in reaction to such matters, including the operation of the SID, the purchases of a speed camera (and plans to introduce a speed watch group), and regular lobbying of the County Council Highways Department to add safety measures in the town. Furthermore this message would be repeated in the Newsletter and posted on the website.

It was further agreed to discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

8.10 Cycle Routes Working Group.

It was agreed to publicise a call for volunteers to form a cycle routes working group in the Newsletter and on the Website. It was agreed it was important to seek involvement with the schools as a number of students cycled to school.

8.11 Covid-19 response

It was agreed that the DTC replace the missing signs for queue direction outside the bank.

8.12 Painted 2m Markings on pavements

It was agreed that the DTC ask for these to be refreshed.

9. Parking:

9.1 On Street Parking – including update on CPE

No further information received from ESC.

9.2 Off-Street Parking

It was noted that the parking meters had been installed and that we understand signage will begin to be installed throughout the district week commencing 21st September. The Town Council remains disappointed with the very poor level of communication from the District Council.

9.3 Land adjacent to Sitwell Gardens

In the absence of any progress or replies for help from ESC, it was agreed that the DTC request a face to face meeting with Ben Woolnough and his team at ESC to try and push this forward and to discuss Framlingham's local CIL allocation and how this might be used in connection with the town's parking problems.

9.4 SMR Site

No business for this Committee.

9.5 Cemetery entrance parking

Cllr Eastwood proposed that The Row H&L Committee recommends to Full Council not to take action in regard to considering converting the entrance of the Cemetery into a Car Park, which was seconded by Cllr Carter, and with two votes in favour, one against and one abstention the motion was carried.

10: Risk Assessments for Committee:

- Rights of Way Walks
- SID

Cllr Eastwood reported that he would be conducting both risk assessments.

11. Budget for ROWHL 2020-2021

Cllr Eastwood reported that he was meeting the DTC the following week to look at the budgets and report back to the next meeting.

12. Lighting:

It was agreed to ask for an analysis of the comments and answers to the questions regarding lighting in the town and consider the points made at the next meeting.

13. Correspondence:

A number of items of correspondence were considered. It was noted that most had received a reply before the meeting. Additional replies would be sent to the correspondants relating to the on street parking, and any others that had not been responded to on the subject of parking.

14. 2020/21 Action Plan:

14.1. Report of updated plan.

No business.

14.2 Suggestions for CIL Bids

None.

14.3 Town Survey – discussion on needs of this committee for data analysis

As above, responses concerning lighting would be considered.

15 Highway problem reports:

Cllr Eastwood reported on an issue for pedestrians attempting to cross the top of Fore Street. This will go onto the next agenda.

16 Matters of report or items for next agenda:

16.1 Items to be reported on monthly update

It was noted that the SP Committee were looking to recommend a tender for a professional transport strategy for the town.

Cllr Eastwood reported on the recent meeting with the SCC Highways liaison engineer where a number of highways defects were considered.

17 Next meeting:

Monday 19th October 2020 6:30pm.

The meeting concluded at 7:58pm