

**DRAFT Minutes of the Rights of Way, Highways and Lighting Committee meeting to held on
Monday 18th March 2019 in The Cell, The Old Court House, Bridge Street at 6:30pm**

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Jones and Cllr J Simpson

Present:

Cllr D Beal, Cllr P Collins, and Cllr C Eastwood (Chairman)

In attendance:

Mr James Overbury (Deputy Town Clerk)

2. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Beal declared an interest in agenda item 6.5 (Bus shelter Mount Pleasant) and signed the Interest Book.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

Cllr C Eastwood proposed the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 18th February 2019 (circulated in draft form prior to the meeting) be approved as an accurate record, seconded by Cllr D Beal with all in favour.

The Chairman signed the minutes.

4. Public Comment:

None.

5. Rights of Way:

5.1 Footpath from Fairfield Road development to Fore Street (#38) Update on progress.

Cllr Eastwood reported that a date for a site meeting with SCC was awaited.

5.2 Proposed hard surface footpath leading from Castle Brooks to the Play area across a grass area – Update.

Cllr Eastwood reported that confirmation of adoption was being awaited from SCDC.

5.3 Condition of Footpath behind The Elms.

It was agreed to instruct the Deputy Clerk to contact Suffolk Heritage Housing Association to ask them to make repairs. It was also agreed to check the legal status of the route.

6. Highways:

6.1 Update on TRO considerations.

No business.

6.2 New Grit Bin Castle Brooks – Update.

Cllr Eastwood reported that confirmation of adoption was being awaited from SCDC.

6.3 Grit Bin Bibby's Way – Update.

Cllr Eastwood reported that confirmation of adoption was being awaited from SCDC.

6.4 Community bus transport - Update on link to station.

The Deputy Clerk reported on the progress of the Working Group. It was decided to include the Town Council Crest on the Questionnaire and to add a question asking for a partial postcode of the respondent.

6.5 Bus shelters and improvements - Update on work with SCC Highways and Persimmon.

It was decided to instruct the Deputy Clerk to confirm the Town Council's acceptance of SCC's plans for the Bus Stop improvements.

6.6 S.I.D: - To consider data analysis, and advice from Westcotek regarding anomalous readings

The Deputy clerk was instructed to contact Westcotek and seek their help in recalibrating the device.

6.7 Station Road Pedestrian Crossing – update on completion.

It was noted that this had yet to be completed.

6.8 Well Close Square Pedestrian Crossing and road repairs required adjacent to it.

Cllr Eastwood reported that SCC were in the process of issuing a schedule of works.

6.9 Blocked Gullies – Fore St, Victoria Mill Road, Fairfield Road.

Cllr Eastwood reported that SCC had advised the Town Council that emergency works were to be completed on Wednesday 20th March 2019.

6.10 Concrete blocks at the bottom of Mount Pleasant.

Cllr Eastwood reported that SCC had advised that this was still part of a legal dispute.

7. Parking:

Update from Parking Working Group

Cllr Eastwood reported that the SCDC had contacted the Town Council and advised that a new Parking Manager would be in post from April 1st and that completing this work would form part of their workload.

8. Lighting:

Suffolk County Council – Inventory and information on Town Council owned street lighting.

Cllr Eastwood reported that one of the Town Council's street lights on New Road had been removed and two new ones had been installed. The Town Clerk was establishing whether SCC owned these two new lights.

9. 2018/19 Action Plan:

It was decided that at the next meeting a 'wish list' of potential projects requiring CIL funding would be discussed.

10. Correspondence:

10.1 Email from Dr Poulter MP regarding a complaint from a resident regarding Fairfield Rd Flooding.
Noted.

10.2 Email from resident alerting condition of Pig's Meadow Path and proposed Vyces Road to Mount Pleasant footpath.

The Deputy Clerk was instructed to respond to the person, asking if were possible for them to supply a map or photographs of the proposed route.

10.3 Email from resident regarding blocked Footpath #83 (Mount Pleasant to Vyces Road)

The Deputy Clerk was instructed to write to SCC and establish whether revised paths 83 and 84 had been adopted and if not when this would happen.

11. Highway problem reports:

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that a resident had supplied photographs of poor parking in Coucy Close.

.12. Matters of report or items for next agenda:

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that SCC would only be pruning 3 of the 6 lime trees on Market Hill. The others, being privately owned, would be the responsibility of the owners.

It was decided to set the time for the meeting in May would be 8:15pm following the Lands Committee.

The provision of charging points for electric vehicles on the Market Hill would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

13. Next meeting:

Monday 15th April 2019 at 6:30pm.

The meeting closed at 7:30pm