

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

1. Apologies:

None.

2. Present:

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

3. In attendance:

James Overbury (Deputy Town Clerk)

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Minutes of previous meeting:

Cllr Jones proposed that in agenda item 13.2 the words 'Parking Working Group' replace the word 'Them'.

51211220 Cllr Eastwood proposed that, with that amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as an accurate record of the meeting, which was seconded by Cllr Jones with all in favour.

6. Public Comment:

None.

7. Rights of Way:

7.1 Castle Brooks Footpath License:

No business.

8. Highways:

8.1 Resident request for help at top of Fore St

The DTC reported that ESC does not know who owns the parcel of land and SCC has not responded to the same question.

8.2 Community bus transport - Update on link to station.

Cllr Eastwood reported that the service will begin from 15 January 2021. This has been publicised on the website and the newsletter. SCC would be attaching publicity material to lampposts in the town.

8.3 S.I.D.

The data from College Road and Station Road was noted. Cllr Eastwood agreed to summarise the results and publish them on the website.

8.4 Electric vehicle charging points

It was noted that ESC did not have any plans to install any. SCC had been asked for help in securing funding and the DTC would be researching the Central government website.

8.5 Inventory of problems for mobility scooters

A resident has offered the loan of a mobility scooter and Cllrs Jones and Eastwood would be using this to establish areas in the town that could be improved to for mobility scooter users.

8.6 Speed Watch Group – update and plans for speed camera

Residents have been returning the application forms and it was hoped the police would be able to organise training before too long.

8.7 Cycle Routes Working Group.

There had been a disappointing response. The DTC was asked to publicise the working group more widely and to follow up asking the schools for volunteers and comments.

8.8 Covid-19 response

No progress with the volunteer graffiti artist and it was agreed that Cllrs Jones and Eastwood would mark the pavements where required.

81211220 Cllr Eastwood proposed to spend up to £10.00 on paint which was seconded by Cllr Wraight with all in favour.

9. Parking:

9.1 On Street Parking – including update on CPE

9.2 Off-Street Parking

It was agreed to take both these agenda items together.

Cllr Eastwood reported that the meeting with ESC had not been as positive as had been hoped. Cllr Jones reported that he had been in discussion with the College and the land owner of parts of The Elms in an attempt to resolve the difficulties. Cllr Eastwood thanked Cllr Jones for these efforts and it was agreed that Cllr Jones would continue with them. It was agreed to wait for a response from ESC with regard to progressing the plans.

It was agreed that FTC would accept ESC's solution for two periods of free parking (one via RingGo and the other via the machine) and reluctantly accept the Sunday parking charges.

Cllr Wraight asked if there were to be residents permits for the car parks and Cllr Eastwood explained that none were planned but that residents could purchase season tickets.

9.3 Land adjacent to Sitwell Gardens

It was agreed to remove this from future agendas unless there were any developments.

9.4 SMR Site

No business.

10: Discussion on anticipated capital expenditure – 2020 - ?

Cllr Jones had completed the first draft of the Strategic Plan and this would be considered at the January meeting of the Full Council. Thereafter the timing and sequence of events would be planned.

11. Pedestrian safety initiatives

It was agreed that the DTC would press SCC for costings and to engage with the new Community Liaison Engineer regarding the proposals.

12. Lighting: Progress of dark spots in the town.

The DTC reported that he was actively seeking costings for lighting on Pigs Meadow and the Fens.

13. Correspondence:

13.1 From Flagship RE Elms Residents Parking

Noted.

13.2 Elms Parking #1

13.3 Elms Parking # 2

13.4 Elms Parking #3

13.5 Parking Permits Elms #4

13.6 Elms Parking #5

It was agreed the DTC would respond with the latest information to these items.

13.7 Mills Parking on Saxtead Rd

It was agreed that this would be put forward as an agenda item for the January meeting.

13.8 EV Charging Points

This item had been covered earlier.

13.9 New LED Lights

It was agreed that Cllr Eastwood would respond and ask the resident if he could see the problem for himself.

13.10 Email re dropped kerbs.

The DTC would respond.

13.11 Letter re vans crossing the barrier at Castle Brooks

It was agreed that the DTC would raise this with SCC Highways.

14. 2020/21 Action Plan:

14.1. Report of updated plan.

This was deferred until January.

14.2 Suggestions for CIL Bids

None.

15 Highway problem reports:

None.

16 Matters of report or items for next agenda:

Thomas Mills Parking

Updating FTC owned streetlamps with LED lamps.

16.1 Items to be reported on monthly update

None.

17 Next meeting:

Monday 11th January 2020 at 7:00pm.

The Meeting Closed at 7:55pm