

Minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting 12 February 2019, 7.00pm

Held in the Community Centre, King Georges Avenue, Leiston

Present: Cllr Lesley Hill (Chairman)
Cllr John Last
Cllr David Bailey
Cllr David Morsley
Cllr Colin Ginger
County Cllr Russ Rainger
Ms Denise Mortimer – Suffolk Highways
Mrs Caroline Rinder (Deputy Town Clerk)

Action

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Betson asked if a 40mph speed limit could be revisited again along Lover's Lane to Sizewell Gap Road. Her report, on behalf of Sizewell residents, had been circulated to all for consideration. The Chairman asked the Committee if this item could be brought forward on the agenda to be discussed first, all agreed.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Harle.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20 NOVEMBER 2018

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record.

4. 40MPH SPEED LIMIT REQUEST – LOVER'S LANE TO SIZEWELL GAP ROAD

Mrs Rinder advised this had been looked at in March 2017. Highways undertook a desktop survey where 85% of traffic was 53pmh or below and the criteria to have a 40mph limit was not met. After a lengthy discussion on various points it was agreed Ms Mortimer would contact the speed and safety team at Highways to investigate this further, especially with the possibility of the Sizewell C project. Mrs Rinder would contact EDF, Greater Gabbard and Galloper to request their employees take safety into consideration and keep their speed down. County Cllr Rainger suggested this should be mentioned in the Council's response to the relocation of the Sizewell B car park area, once the planning application is received. Cllr Morsley thanked Mrs Betson for her report.

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5. MATTERS ARISING

High Street Resurfacing – Ms Mortimer advised the sealing of the 'open' joints on the speed ramps had been completed today.

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<u>Valley Road (Kemps Hill) to Lover's Lane Road</u> – Cllr Ginger asked when the resurfacing of the road would be done. Ms Mortimer will report back with a timeline.	Highways
<u>Dropped Kerb on Junction of Crown Street/Sizewell Road</u> – Ms Mortimer advised this was progressing and will clarify the timeline.	Highways
<u>Station Road Crossing</u> – Ms Mortimer would get costings for the chevron signs and ask the team if this would be the best first step.	Highways
<u>Haylings Road/Kings Road Gulleys</u> – Cllr Bailey advised the work was still outstanding. Ms Mortimer confirmed temporary repairs had been done but would chase this up.	Highways
<u>Eastbridge Road, Theberton – Report 00218098</u> – Cllr Ginger advised this was still outstanding. Ms Mortimer will chase this up.	Highways
<u>White/Yellow Lining</u> – Ms Mortimer advised the 'keep clear' lining for the surgery was considered a low priority. Works orders for the refreshing of road markings are being undertaken in priority order and it will be a while before they come to Leiston. Cllr Ginger asked County Cllr Rainger if he could fund the cost of the surgery lining to which he agreed and Ms Mortimer will discuss costs with County Cllr Rainger. Mrs Rinder advised the Committee that the maps for the yellow lining were in the office if anyone wished to view them.	Highways/RR
<u>Leiston/Theberton Road</u> – Cllr Last felt the road was getting worse. Ms Mortimer advised unfortunately it is still not at intervention level for repairs.	

6. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON ALDEBURGH ROAD – CIL BID

Further to the site visit with Luke Barber (Principle Engineer) in early December, Mrs Rinder confirmed Highways would be supportive of this venture. The Committee agreed the site on Aldeburgh Road, between Seaward Avenue and Kings Road junctions was the best option. It was proposed by Cllr Ginger, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed to recommend to Council this site and to allocate £20,000 from the CIL reserve for match-funding in our CIL application. Ms Mortimer will speak to the road safety team to enquire if there is any further funding available. Mrs Rinder advised no date had been given for CIL applications but this was usually around May with the Cabinet meeting in October/November.

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7. 'NO FOOTPATH' SIGN NEAR Highbury Cottages

Mrs Rinder advised this sign was no longer required because a footpath had been created behind the hedgerow at the top of Waterloo Avenue. Ms Mortimer confirmed the sign would be removed in due course.

8. BUS SHELTERS

The Committee discussed possible sites where a new bus shelter could be installed. Cllr Ginger queried if the bus stop outside the Waterloo Centre was still used and if not, whether the bus shelter there could be relocated. Mrs Rinder will contact Simon Barnett for clarification and possible relocation costs.

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It was proposed by Cllr Last, seconded by Cllr Ginger to recommend to Council to purchase two new bus shelters and relocate one (if possible) but this was not carried. It was further proposed by Cllr Morsley, seconded by Cllr Bailey and agreed to recommend to Council to purchase one new bus shelter and relocate one (if possible). The cost of a bus shelter is approximately £10,000 and the funding would come from the CIL reserve. The Committee were in agreement that the new shelter would be sited near Minden Drive and the relocated shelter at the bottom of Church Road.

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9. SIZEWELL ROAD/CROSS STREET/HIGH STREET TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Cllr Ginger advised that the two 'red' pedestrian signals, one on eastern side of Aldeburgh Road and one on the northern side of Sizewell Road were not working. Ms Mortimer will report this. Cllr Ginger asked when the traffic lights would be replaced and Ms Mortimer confirmed they are currently scheduled for upgrading in the next financial year and will clarify. Cllr Bailey commented that the timing of the lights from Cross Street is still erratic.

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10. FUTURE PLANNED HIGHWAYS WORKS

No further planned works are scheduled.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Road Work Signs

Cllr Last commented that road work signs are left which can be misleading, ie indicating a road closure when there isn't one. Ms Mortimer suggested ringing the contact number on the signs to report these problems and they will be investigated.

Fallen Tree on Abbey Road/Abbey Lane

Cllr Ginger reported a fallen tree on the junction which is blocking information signs. Ms Mortimer will report this.

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Drain Cover in the High Street

Cllr Hill reported the two drain covers in the High Street, one near the carpet shop and the other by the Tattooist move and bang when vehicles go over them. Ms Mortimer will ask for these to be checked.

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Pothole Machine

Cllr Hill queried if the 'pothole machine' will be coming to Leiston. Ms Mortimer will find out.

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Sizewell Hall Road – Drainage Works

Ms Mortimer confirmed work will commence on 18 February.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 21 May 2019, 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm