

# Minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting 20 November 2018, 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  
Cllr Phil Harle  
County Cllr Russ Rainger  
Ms Denise Mortimer – Suffolk Highways  
Mrs Caroline Rinder (Deputy Town Clerk)

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### 1. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were in attendance.

### 2. APOLOGIES

None received.

### 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14 AUGUST 2018

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

High Street Resurfacing – Ms Mortimer advised the sealing of the ‘open’ joints on the speed ramps has still not been done. Ms Mortimer will chase this up with the Asset Manager.

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Valley Road (Kemps Hill) to Lover’s Lane Road – Work has been carried out on the junction with Lover’s Lane and other bad areas on the road in preparation of the surface dressing next year. Councillors were moderately pleased with the outcome.

Traffic Light Issues – The Engineer’s report had been previously circulated to the Committee and Ms Mortimer confirmed a further 2 seconds had been added to the timings on the lights from Cross Street to Sizewell Road. Cllr Bailey felt this was a significant improvement.

Dropped Kerb at Sizewell Crossing – Ms Mortimer agreed the kerb at the crossing was slightly raised and felt that the kerb at the entrance to the railhead could also be done as that was slightly raised too. The Town Council would have to fund this improvement with a possible cost of £4,000. No decision was made to take this forward at the moment.

Dropped Kerb on Junction of Crown Street/Sizewell Road – County Cllr Rainger had previously agreed to fund this from his locality budget. Ms Mortimer also felt the kerbs at the entrance to the pub car park should be done and County Cllr Rainger agreed this would be sensible and confirmed he would fund both elements. Ms Mortimer quoted approximately £4,200 for this work.

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Gulley Surveys – Ms Mortimer reported the deep gulley near Highbury Cottages had not reached intervention level but it would be monitored every three months.

Station Road Crossing – Cllr Ginger asked if chevron signs could be installed. After further discussion it was agreed that Ms Mortimer would get costings for the chevron signs and ask the team if this would be the best first step.

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Haylings Road/Kings Road Gulleys – Ms Mortimer confirmed the defects had been repaired. Cllr Bailey was concerned weeds and vegetation was still a problem and asked if this could be addressed.

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King Georges Avenue Road Surface (Rail Crossing to Crown Farm Junction) – Ms Mortimer reported this road was inspected on 17 October and no defects found.

Eastbridge Road, Theberton – Report 00218098 – Cllr Ginger advised this was still outstanding. Ms Mortimer will investigate.

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Sand on the Highway – Cllr Ginger felt some areas on the highway were still not being cleared of sand/debris which is dangerous for cyclists. It was noted sand/dirt can be there one day and have been washed away the next so difficult to keep on top of. The District Council sweeps the roads at the request of the County Council. It was agreed that these incidents should be reported online where they will be documented.

## 5. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON ALDEBURGH ROAD

Mrs Rinder advised that we were not successful with our application for CIL funding from the District Council in October, mainly due to the fact we did not have match-funding or Highways support. It is estimated a zebra crossing would cost approximately £50,000 and a signalised pedestrian crossing around £70,000. We currently have £32,795 in the CIL reserve which could be used for match-funding this application. After further discussion it was agreed for Mrs Rinder to contact Luke Barber, Principle Engineer at Highways and arrange a site visit for him to give recommendations/support for this project to possibly go forward for next years CIL funding applications.

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## 6. BUS SHELTERS

Cllr Ginger suggested we could utilise the CIL Reserve to have four bus shelters installed which were detailed in the Neighbourhood Plan. The cost per bus shelter was around £9,000. Various locations were mentioned but it was agreed that Ms Mortimer would contact Simon Barnett at Passenger Transport and ESTA for any possible funding they may be able to provide.

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## 7. WHITE/YELLOW LINING

Cllr Morsley was very frustrated that after 2½ years the white/yellow lining still had not be done. Ms Mortimer said surveys are currently being done to programme works with costs and once this is complete areas will be prioritised. She will try and get more clarity for Leiston. Cllr Harle also mentioned the white lining for the doctor's surgery, which should be a priority. The Committee felt disappointed and let-down on this whole issue. Ms Mortimer did confirm yellow lining would be completed within the next month, subject to weather conditions, as detailed in the plan from David Stiff, Civil Parking Enforcement Officer (previously circulated).

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## 8. KINGS ROAD DRAINAGE

Cllr Harle raised concerns regarding weeds growing out of the drains and old tarmac in them. He felt that the drains would not cope in heavy rain and flooding would occur. Ms Mortimer will investigate further with the drainage team.

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## 9. FUTURE PLANNED HIGHWAYS WORKS

Ms Mortimer advised a number of roads in Leiston are relatively high on the priority list for resurfacing, probably top third. Mrs Rinder will email the list to all for reference.

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## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### Leiston/Theberton Road

Cllr Last raised concerns again regarding the Leiston to Theberton Road which is in an atrocious state due to the BT works undertaken a few years ago. Ms Mortimer will ask for this to be checked.

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### Road Work Signs

Cllr Bailey queried why road signs were not taken away once the work had been completed. Ms Mortimer will raise with the team.

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### Pedestrian Crossing

Cllr Ginger advised the green man is not shining on the Aldeburgh Road East to West side. Ms Mortimer will report to the team.

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## 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 12 February 2019, 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm