

MINUTES of a meeting of the HIGHWAYS SUB-COMMITTEE held at 7.30pm on Monday 4th April 2022 in The Mountfitchet Exchange, Crafton Green, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex.

PRESENT Cllr G Sell (Chair), Cllrs M Caton, P Jones, A Khan and O'Brien
R Woodcock Esq – Co-opted member

ATTENDING Mrs Ruth Clifford – Parish Clerk
Mrs Emma Philbrick – Trainee Deputy Clerk
Cllr L Prior
1 member of the press

408 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Ray Gooding

409 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

410 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH OCTOBER 2021

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2021 as a true and accurate account.

411 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PROGRESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

203 Office to find out if Annette Thornton is still an employee at County
Yes, still works for County

203 Gypsy Lane – Obtain accident data // 20 is Plenty – request Collate poll results
Have been researching but have been unable to find and not sure where to go with this.

204 Office to obtain accident data recorded for Chapel Hill
Have been researching but have been unable to find and not sure where to go with this.

204 Cllr Sell and Cty Cllr Gooding to work together on a contingency plan for Chapel Hill
Cllr Sell reported that this is still to be done

205a Cllr Sell to contact Nigel Brown to find out developers for the Elsenham and Henham sites and contact them to obtain start dates.
Elsenham – Bloor Homes and started already
Henham – Still awaited

205d Put a formal request into ULHP for a pelican crossing on Silver Street
Clerk confirmed that this was not yet done but will be done this week.

206a Undertake consultation with residents – Walson Way
A meeting planned by Cllrs Sell and Khan with the residents didn't materialise, but this item is on the agenda tonight

- 206b** **Cty Cllr Gooding to look into what provisions could be put into place for residents if double yellow lines put in**
Cty Cllr Gooding unavailable for the meeting. Cllr Khan asked for an update on the strategic review of traffic in Stansted promised by Cty Cllr Gooding.
- 206b** **Make a formal request for double yellow lines on both sides of the road**
Cambridge Road – Submitted application but NEPP requested evidence of consultation. Letters sent to residents and responses being collated to send back.
- 206c** **Make a formal request for double yellow lines**
Newell Road/Bayford Way/Bentley Drive – Submitted application but NEPP requested evidence of consultation. Article in The Link magazine and responses will be collated to send back.
- 206d** **Make a formal request for double yellow lines**
Spencer Close – Submitted application but NEPP requested evidence of consultation. Letters sent to residents and responses being collated to send back.
- 206e** **Make a formal for double yellow lines between turn for the Recreation Ground and The Old Post Office**
Chapel Hill – Submitted application but NEPP requested evidence of consultation. Article in The Link magazine and responses will be collated to send back.
- 206f** **Look more in depth at what is needed and form a plan to go out for consultation with residents**
Agenda item tonight to be discussed.
- 207** **Cty Cllr Gooding to look into who is responsible**
King Charles Drive – Was recently discussed at the Planning Committee and the consensus is that the developers should not be let off the hook. Haven spoken to residents, they are in favour of a footpath into High Lane but against a footpath into Cambridge Road where they would rather have noise mitigation measures. Ray Woodcock commented that the pedestrian access to Cambridge Road has a dropped kerb and believes it should be restored to a full kerb. The shrubs and plants removed have left a dangerous steep drop.
- 207** **Cllr Sell to contact Nigel Brown and highlight concerns and find out if the S106 has been signed off**
Cllr Sell met Nigel Brown on site but not a lot has happened since.
- 207** **A request for lighting to be put on the F&GP Agenda**
Request submitted and response received back – The answer was no, as there is no budget for new street lighting only for improvements and maintenance to existing lighting. Cllr Khan commented that we need to look at every angle to get lighting in that section.
- 208** **Concerns to be relayed to Essex Police**
Emails sent to Essex Police.

210 Put forward as a S106 scheme

Partial closure of Pennington Lane – Put forward but have been advised cannot proceed as a S106 funded project.

Ray Woodcock requested that a Health and Safety Audit be carried out on King Charles Drive. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Uttlesford District Council and request this.

He also advised that Essex County Council had confirmed that the counting machines popping up around the village were not theirs and urged the Council to request that Cllr Lee Scott conduct a survey on all the roads in the village as promised.

412 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair, Cllr Sell, reported the following:

Cty Cllr Gooding is unable to attend the meeting tonight, but he had called earlier and given the following updates:

Grove Hill - Essex County Council have ordered 4 new cameras for the County. These will be mobile and used to go around the County to monitor weight restrictions. Any vehicles found to be infringing the restrictions would be prosecuted and the drivers would receive points on their licence. They hope to complete a survey and consultation by Autumn 2022. Grove Hill is being done in two stages. Stage one would be traffic regulations and signage and stage two would be enforcement cameras. As the cameras are mobile and not static, we would need an agreement that this is not something that will be in the village one month and then doesn't return for another 6 months. We would want them on Grove Hill for a considerable amount of time. Ray Woodcock stressed that with all the development planned in Elsenham and Henham that the construction traffic would be using Grove Hill.

It was also agreed that we needed clarity if the weight restriction will be both ways on Grove Hill.

Cllr Khan questioned why previous plans to install ANPR cameras on Grove Hill had been replaced with mobile cameras? It seems to have gone from a stable approach to an unstable one which was wholly inadequate. It was confirmed that the Grove Hill resident who attended the meeting with Cllr Lee Scott was happy with the suggestions.

Cllr Jones asked if we could request that Cllr Lee Scott put all of the proposals of the schemes in writing to us so that we knew what the plans were. It was agreed that officers would request this.

413 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR RAY GOODING ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

a) Outcomes following visit from Cllr Lee Scott – Essex County Council

b) To receive an update on the enforcement of weight restrictions on Grove Hill

c) Date of a multi-agency meeting to discuss flooding

Cty Cllr Gooding was unable to attend the meeting but gave the updates outlined in minute no 412. These will be on the next Highways Agenda to receive further updates.

414 TO CLARIFY THE OPTIONS FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND THE CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR RESIDENTS

The Clerk commented that she believed the Sub-Committee needed to come up with options to put out for consultation to deal with the parking issues particularly on the

Mountfitchet Estate and on Walson Way. She had contacted the Parking Partnership and asked for suggestions of other schemes apart from double yellow lines. They believe that permit zones rather than timed lines would work better, and their suggestion would be Mon to Fri 10am – 2pm during which times residents who had signed up to the scheme would need to display a permit. This would eliminate commuters and airport parkers. The cost of the permits would be £70 for the first permit and £102 for a second car if required.

Cllr Khan advised that he had been in touch with Stansted Airport and that they had agreed to pay and install signs on Mountfitchet Estate and on some roads on Foresthall Park which is a good start. He also commented that we need to be clear to residents what the process is and the options available. We need this to include details of the costs and what the consequences would be of the schemes. It was agreed that officers would collate all this information as well as finding out what the criteria is i.e what percentage of residents would need to support a scheme for it to be considered. The pros and cons of each possible scheme would be outlined.

It was commented that in Foresthall Park particularly perhaps different schemes would suit different roads and that might be different to the schemes that would suit the Mountfitchet Estate.

It was agreed that all of the above would be presented to Cllrs Khan and Jones when available and they will draft a consultation paper for the sub-committee to consider.

415 SPEEDWATCH – TO CONSIDER PROMOTING SPEEDWATCH VOLUNTEERS

Ray Woodcock advised that he didn't think any more promotion needed to be done at present as they have two new volunteers that have been put forward for training and have the possibility of another three. It was agreed that he would contact the Council and let us know if or when they would like our help.

416 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE RELATING TO TRAFFIC SURVEYS OF THE VILLAGE

This was discussed previously in the meeting and the Council will be making the request to Cllr Lee Scott.

417 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON S106 PROJECTS

The Clerk advised that there had been little progress. The Church Road scheme had been shelved as Essex Highways did not support our proposals. Cllr Sell asked what money was left in the fund and Cllr Jones commented that he was concerned and wanted clarification that we were not at risk of losing any of the money. The Clerk confirmed that Annette Thornton had asked us to put forward other proposals. Cllr Jones also requested that we write to Cllr Lee Scott regarding the schemes we have already put forward. We are receiving no feedback on these and it's unacceptable.

The Chair advised that Cllr Gooding had informed him that Church Road would be closed at the end of May to repair some drains. Ray Woodcock commented that he had been to look at the gullies on Church Road and most of them were blocked. Cllr Jones suggested that as a Sub-Committee, members should between them regularly check the gullies and report any blockages on the website regularly. Persistence may pay off! If the gullies could be numbered and a plan drawn up of the key ones to check, this would be helpful.

Cllr Khan asked on behalf of a resident why some roads on the Mountfitchet Estate had double yellow lines installed and whether any consultation had taken place prior to the event? Cllr O'Brien commented that, from memory, this was due to an observation from the

emergency services about 7/8 years ago about the difficulties attending any emergency and that no consultation needed to take place due to this.

418 UTTLESFORD LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL

a) To receive a report from the Chair on submitted projects

The Chair advised that the Highways Panel meeting had to be postponed due to illness but was re-scheduled for this Thursday. A large number of apologies have so far been received for the meeting so he is unsure if this will definitely go ahead. Cllr Sell referred to the list of projects being considered by the Panel and the Clerk raised a number of queries. The Clerk undertook to establish where the previously submitted schemes had got to on the list.

b) To consider suggestions from members for future projects

Cllr Jones suggested resurfacing of the footway from King Charles Drive along High Lane to meet the remainder of the surfaced path. It was agreed to submit this as an application

Meeting Closed 8.58pm

ACTION POINTS

- 411 (AP205d) – Put a formal request into ULHP for a Pelican Crossing on Silver Street
- 411 (AP206b) – Request an update from Cty Cllr Gooding on the strategic review of traffic in Stansted as promised.
- 411 (AP206b/c/d/e) – Respond to NEPP with results of consultations
- 411 Clerk to contact UDC and ask for a Health & Safety audit of King Charles Drive
- 411 Ask Cllr Lee Scott to conduct traffic counts on all the roads in Stansted as promised
- 412 Office to ask Cty Cllr Gooding for clarification on whether the weight restriction on Grove Hill will be both ways.
- 414 Officers to contact NEPP and put together details of any parking schemes for the Sub-Committee to decide the next step
- 417 Clerk to find out how much S106 money is left and whether we would be at risk of losing any of it
- 418a ULHP Schemes – Clerk to establish where the previously submitted schemes had got to on the list
- 418b Submit application for resurfacing of path from King Charles Drive along High Lane

Re: Draft Minutes - Highways Sub-Committee - 4th April 2022

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Tue 19/07/2022 08:02

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Hi all,

The draft minutes are as they were at the time. However, yes Lois, I did send a follow-up email after that meeting - see below. Ray G will be at our meeting tomorrow, so hopefully we'll get further updates then.

Kind regards,
Ruth

Ruth Clifford

To: Geoffrey Sell <cllrSell@uttlesford.gov.uk> **+7 others** Tue 05/04/2022 13:25
Cc: Emma Philbrick

Dear all,

I had a long conversation with Ray Gooding this morning and there has definitely been some confusion over proposals for Stansted in highway terms. So, to clarify:

Strategic Review

This has been ongoing for some time and continues. The proposal is to introduce a 7.5T weight restriction on Church Road, Chapel Hill, Grove Hill and High Lane. Phase 1 is that this will go out to consultation in Stansted and the surrounding villages, after which (hopefully) a Traffic Regulation Order will be prepared to cover all of these areas, and signage will be erected.

Phase 2 involves the installation of FIXED cameras (ANPR style) at each of the entry points which will identify any vehicles over the weight limit. Drivers will be contacted and asked to produce evidence of the reason for their trip into Stansted, and, if this was not a legitimate visit, the driver themselves will have their licence endorsed. Ray hopes that the cameras will be installed by the end of the year.

Grove Hill

Last night Geoffrey mentioned the scheme whereby Essex will be purchasing 4 mobile cameras to "blitz" hotspots around the county. This scheme can address any issue, not just weight limits, ie jumping the red lights, abuse of the chicanes on Church Road etc. Once the legislation has cleared its final hurdles, Essex Highways officers will be authorised to prosecute drivers who commit such offences without having to refer to Essex Police. They will be moving around the county, area by area, to undertake "blitzes" to get the message across.

So, there are two completely separate schemes in train which should bring improvements to our roads. Ray stated that this is why he is fairly confident that we will not see an increase in lorry movements if the Columbia Threadneedle application is approved. Traffic counts on all our roads are still being considered but not likely to be undertaken until the weight restrictions are in place.

Finally, I expressed my view to Ray that we need better feedback following the Uttlesford Local Highway Panel meetings. I submitted 4 schemes in 2019 and have no idea what has happened with any of them and whether I should be re-submitting or whether they were thrown out for valid reasons and I shouldn't be wasting my time. He took my point and said he will bring this up at the meeting now due to be held on Thursday.

Now off to try my luck with the Parking Partnership

Ruth Clifford
Parish Clerk

Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council