

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways Committee meeting held on Thursday 12 March 2020 at 7.30 p.m

19/6 THOSE PRESENT/ APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PRESENT: Councillors Gilzean (Chairman), Bavester, P Johnson, Seamarks, J Williams, B Williams. M Williamson

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Bull, B Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: S Mason, Parish Clerk , J Grant (co-opted member)

19/7 – OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present.

19/8 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared

19/9 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the meeting held on 25 June 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Proposed: Cllr P Johnson Seconded: Cllr M Williamson In favour 6 Abstention: 1

19/10 LOCAL HIGHWAYS INITIATIVE FUNDING

a. The Clerk said that no decisions on the outcome of the current LHI bid had been announced, but she had seen a paper of recommendations for funding to the CCC Committee paper which did not include Waterbeach.

A copy of the log of issues raised had been circulated to Councillors. After discussion on various possibilities and the scope of the scheme, it was **AGREED** to present the following short list to the Council:

- A zebra crossing on High Street near the school
- An MVAS sign
- Improved safety at Primrose Lane onto High Street
- Junction improvements Catells Lane/High Street and Catells lane/Pieces Lane crossroads

Proposed: Cllr J Williams Seconded: Cllr Bavester Unanimous

The need for appropriate supporting evidence would need to be considered alongside a final decision on what to bid for.

WPC had already agreed to fund bus bay markings on High Street and were awaiting CCC to notify of a date for this work. Once the outcome was notified it would be for Council to consider if it wishes to use its own Highways budget to ask CCC to implement the items in the 2019-2020 bid.

19/11 MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN

Data from four locations in the village had been circulated. Broadly speaking these indicated that the bigger problem was overall volume of vehicles rather than speed. The meeting **AGREED:**

- It would be interesting to construct a comparison of data between a site with and without MVAS,
- There was kit to enable this and this should be hired before a decision was taken on a second sign.
- The next MVAS deployment should be at a location to provide useful data for the next LHI bit if needed

Proposed: Cllr P Johnson Seconded; Cllr Seamarks Unanimous

Other areas of the parish where it would be useful to use the sign included:

Cody Road, Bannold Road and Chittering IF the equipment could differentiate between cars and large farm vehicles/HGVs

It would be helpful if any new sign had an easier and faster download capability, and was more lightweight than the current one.

19/12 - OTHER PARISH TRANSPORT ISSUES

A report back from a meeting with Urban and Civil had been circulated. They were planning to use a consultant to draw up terms of reference for a study which would be shared with the Council. Meanwhile the County Transport Planners had kindly offered to pull together the existing obligations from the major developments in one document.

Cllrs Gilzean and J Williams fed back from a meeting of the Waterbeach School Traffic and Travel Action Group. The Group had raised concerns about the proposals for safety measures on Way Lane and the County Highways Officer was planning a site visit to discuss these.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.