

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways Committee meeting held on Thursday 25 March 2021 at 7pm

20/1 THOSE PRESENT/ APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PRESENT: Councillors Bull (Chair), Bavester, Gilzean, Rabbett, Seamarks, J Williams, B Williams, M Williamson

APOLOGIES: Cllrs M Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: J Grant (co-opted member), S Mason, Parish Clerk, County Cllr Bradnam Vice Chair and Clerk from Landbeach Parish Council.

Councillor Bull took the Chair as Cllr Gilzean was losing his voice.

20/2 OPEN FORUM

No representations.

20/3 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None declared

20/4 A10 SAFETY CONCERNS

Standing orders were suspended to enable a representative from Landbeach Parish Council to speak. They commented that they shared concerns about the safety of the junction and had raised these with County Highways on many occasions but without any action being put in hand. Cambridgeshire County Council had advised about three initial steps it would be taking. One of these was to fast track a study and Cllrs felt they should be given an opportunity to be consulted on it. In wider discussion it was felt that the two parishes should request a meeting with CCC – the two Clerks would put this in hand.

Standing orders were reinstated and the Landbeach representatives left the meeting.

20/5 MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN

- a) Purchase of a new sign
Members recognised that the existing sign had shortcomings and would welcome a product that overcame these. Details of an alternative product had been circulated and were well received. The Clerk was asked to obtain an up to date quote and present it to Council for approval.
- b) Review MVAS data since March 2020 (if available) – item not discussed
- c) Update on use of sign shared with Landbeach and Milton.
The sign had most recently been used in Cattells Lane in Waterbeach but no data had yet been downloaded.
- d) Future locations. At the current time it was sensible to keep the sites where the PC had permission to mount the signs. These were: High Street southbound, School Lane Chittering eastbound, Way Lane west side of the road, Denny End Road eastbound, Car Dyke Road eastbound.

20/6 WATERBEACH LEVEL CROSSING UPGRADE

To consider if there is anything to add to the [comments from the Planning Committee](#) on the current Network Rail consultation

The Committee would feed the following comments for consideration by the full Council:

The Council understands that the full barrier down times could increase significantly from the 30 second gap currently allowed for through trains. Given the level of rail traffic there are no gaps greater than 5 minutes between 7.53 and 8.25. It is concerned this could lead to a situation where passengers could find themselves stuck on the wrong side of the crossing and missing a succession of trains, in addition to the build up of traffic that will result. Network Rail also needs to consider the potential to displace pedestrian traffic to the potentially more dangerous user worked crossings at Burgess Road (via footpath between the rail line and the allotments) and Bannold Road (via Burgess

Drove).

The council would also like to understand if/how the plans for Waterbeach New Town have been taken into consideration.

20/7 URBAN & CIVIC TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Queries and concerns to raise at the forthcoming briefing session on 19 April.

The following items were suggested:

A statement from U&C regarding works being brought forward for a segregated path to Milton (and any other improvements) in the light of the fatal accident at the Car Dyke junction

Monitoring of Transport Mitigation Measures for Key Phase 1 as raised at January briefing session:

Cllr Bradman reported that the Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority had agreed to contribute towards funding for improvements identified in the road safety improvement study.

20/8 LOCAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

To note a budget figure of £15,000 in the WPC 2021-22 budget for Highways and consider how to identify what priority to suggest to full Council.

Cllr Seamarks reported that CCC had advised that a number of faults reported in (incl the damaged surfaces outside One Stop and the Chinese Takeaway) were already programmed in for remedial work in the coming 2-3 months. Other suggestions made included:

- White lining at Anglers Way and at Park Crescent. If work involved refreshing existing lines this may not need to be funded by WPC - County Cllr Bradnam will investigate.
- Introduction of white lining in Cody Road
- No waiting restrictions outside One Stop and hairdresser – in the last unsuccessful LHI bid

20/9 WAY LANE PROPOSED CROSSING [CCC/21/001/VAR](#)

The Committee noted the latest information and would like to be given advance notice of when the works would be undertaken.

The meeting closed at 8.10

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