

Minutes of Waterbeach Parish Council Highways Committee held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 at 8.00pm in the New Pavilion, Cambridge Road Waterbeach.

**Present:** Cllr W. Bullivant, Cllr J Hockney (SCDC); Cllr M Howlett; Mrs J Williamson, Cllr P Johnson (SCDC); Cllr M Williamson (CCC); Cllr A Wright (Chairman).

**In attendance:**

**Apologies:** Mrs C Smith, John Grant,

**Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda** Cllr Wright Lode Avenue. personal

**To approve minutes of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

Agreed that the Minutes be signed

**CO-OPTIONS**

John Grant and Tim Gent

**Traffic calming measures and safety features in Chapel street**

Cllrs Wright, Williamson, Johnson and Hockney had recently met with Highways Engineer Ian Greasley who had consequently produced an amended design for the Chapel Street. The two humps had been taken out of the scheme. A feature to be installed going out in to the road way at the point of the outside the Sun Inn and the Vicarage where there are already dropped kerbs to help people to cross at this point and a change in pavement surface for those with sight impairment. This would have the effect of narrowing the road and improving the sight line for pedestrians and vehicle drivers alike. There would be road markings, red tarmac strips either side of the word SLOW either side of the approaches to this feature. Members thought these features should be further from the crossing point but that would not be a problem and can be negotiated.

The traffic island and road marking for give way at the village stores end of Chapel street to be retained in the plan.

The lay-by opposite the Village Stores is made limited waiting say 1 hour no return within 2 hours say from 9am to 6pm. The path indicated on the plan be included to help people alighting from vehicles and to give an indication as to a crossing point.

The island and road marking at the Station Road end for the time being taken out to see how things were after wards as it was felt more consideration need to be given to this area. For instance the parking in St Andrews Hill. . Cost estimate from CCC information sheet -£

**RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL**

**To consider findings regarding HGV signage at entrances to the village**

Mr Ian Greasley CCC Highways Engineer had said he was looking at the signage also EMAUSS were wanting signs to their site. **AW**

**Traffic calming at the entrance to village on Car Dyke Road**

Members were of the opinion that gate features would not have the desired effect of slowing the traffic in to the village. Witness Landbeach. **AW**

The committee were of the opinion that a feature giving priority out of the village would have the desired effect. Such as Milton and Butt Lane in to Impington. This would need costing and budgeting for. Mr Greasley CCC Highways Engineer be asked to draw up a plan and costings. This would have to be budgeted for by the Parish Council. **RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL**

**REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllrs. Williamson and Wright would arrange a meeting with Mr Oakman CCC Highways re the footpath in Station Road and how the criterion is worked out for this work when money is available.

**Review of Speed Limits on the A10**

CCC has reviewed the roads in the county and speeds. It has been suggested that a 50mph all the way along the A10 to the Ely Island be implemented. However speed checks - and local knowledge – note that most traffic cannot attain 50mph speed any way so self regulating. Members were of the opinion that any 50mph be up to Denny End traffic lights only and 60mph there after except at Streatham which has a 40mph speed).

The Slap UP junction continues to be a problem. Cllr Williamson has suggested a possible solution to the CCC some time ago. There is a blind spot when traffic is following too close from the Ely direction which cannot be seen by traffic coming out on to the A10 from the Car Dyke Road. There are other problems.

**Other Highways issues**

Cllr Johnson raised the issue of parking in Waddelow Road and Denson Close are a potential danger. Also the parking out side the Surgery in Bannold Road can be a problem. Members agree both these places should be considered at the earliest opportunity for double yellow lines. Could be added to the Chapel Street consultation when that takes place.

**RECCOMENDED TO COUNCIL**

**To consider current position of Double Yellow lines scheme.**

Mr Lines had informed Mr Wright that the consultation was finished and there had been no objections. Mr Lines however needs to talk to the occupiers in Lode Avenue to see how they would like the lines (yellow or white or not at all to be across their dropped kerbs.

Mr Wright to email Mr Lines to get a time line for the work to be done. (Waterbeach Parish Council is paying for this work around the village

**The Station Industrial Site.**

The users of the site have told the coffee seller they cannot stop where they do as it is part of their lease. This is not true it is part of Network rail and not in the lease. It is understood the Station manager for the area and Transport Police agreed the coffee seller can stay there. Cllr Williamson who had looked in to this will go tomorrow morning and assure the coffee Seller. **MW**

Cllr Johnson is in contact with the Enforcement Officer at South Cambs re the car parking and potential danger of vehicles coming on and off the site just before the railway gates which could lead to vehicles backing up across the railway lines. There is also a planning use problem. **PJ**

**To consider items for the next agenda**

None listed.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011** Clerk/assist Clerk to inform if anything on that night in the Pavilion. Please

The meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman ..... Date .....