

Minutes of the Highways Committee meeting of Waterbeach Parish Council which was held on Monday, 15th August, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the New Pavilion.

Present: Dr. C. Grant; Mr. P. Jones; Mr. M. Leeke; Mrs. J. Williamson (SCDC); Mr. M. Williamson (CCC)

In attendance: the Clerk

1. To appoint a Chairman:

Mr. Leeke proposed the Dr. Grant be Chairman, seconded by Mrs. Williamson and agreed.

2. Apologies: Mr. N. Brown; Mr. A. Wright.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 10th May, 2005

There were no Minutes as the meeting was not quorate. The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January were approved and signed.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of 18th January:

Village centre long term parking Mr. Williamson had discussed with representatives from Careforce the possibility of staff parking in areas other than the centre of the village. It was suggested that the church car park could be used as alternative parking and the Parochial Church Council would be encouraged to permit this although it is understood that employees at Careforce are not keen to park further away from their offices than the nearest possible space.

The situation would be monitored and reviewed at the next meeting of the Highways Committee.

The Village Stores had handed the Parish Council a petition against all day parking in the lay-by. Mr. Dosanjh had also asked Careforce employees to find alternative parking.

Way Lane/Pieces Lane hedge – the hedge at the front of 44 Way Lane still impinges upon the visibility of the junction. A residents association is to be formed for the area which will be encouraged to assist in improving the situation.

The Clerk would contact Bob Howard, CCC, regarding the obstruction of the hedge and send a copy of a letter received by Mr. Williamson from Mrs. Daniels, SCDC.

Station Road

- the double yellow lines had been completed.
- new drains had been installed on outside The Hall which seemed to improve the situation of flooding but there is still a problem nearer the station. Mr. Williamson would request the report of the CCTV inspection. The situation would be monitored.

School entrance – Mr. Williamson would ask Jane Coston of any correspondence that she had with CCC re. the installation of flashing lights.

Whittons Farm – the H markings had been painted at the entrance.

Denny End/A10 junction – concern was expressed about the lay-out at the junction and the stuntness of the turn which potentially could cause problems for large vehicles. Mr. Williamson would observe the situation.

Denny End Road – correspondence expressing concern about the speed of traffic in Denny End Road had been received from parishioners in Providence Way and Denny End Road. Mr. Williamson proposed that a scheme to install a pinch point in the road near to the start of the speed restriction should be submitted to the jointly funded minor improvement scheme. Agreed. Mr. Williamson would prepare a submission for the Clerk to forward to CCC. It was agreed that if the proposal were not accepted into the jointly funded scheme then a petition would be encouraged.

Mr. Williamson agreed to find representatives from the industrial estate who would be a committee member.

5. Limited parking in village:

- i. Village Green lay-by and car park adjacent to the Gault – see village centre long term parking above.
- ii. Post Office area – Mr. Williamson had observed the situation and concluded that there was not too great a problem.

6. Way Lane – vicinity of rear entrance to school

Mr. Williamson and the Clerk had met on site with Mr. Howard, CCC, to discuss the proposed scheme further. Mr. Howard had reported that the kerbs and associated work had been costed by

Mr. Gilkes at £3000 - £5000 and that he was waiting to find out whether the work could be programmed to go ahead. The Clerk had requested that in the event of CCC not being able to programme in the work due to a shortfall in funding that the Parish Council be contacted in order that they could review contributing to the scheme under their budget. Mr. Howard expected that a decision would have been made by the end of August as to programming.

7. Safer crossings in Waterbeach

Councillors had been asked to consider the most suitable place for a pedestrian crossing following an RNIB advisor being unable to find a safe crossing for a disabled person. Mr. Leeke proposed that a narrowing of the road and a raised zebra crossing be installed on High Street between the Waddelow Road junction and the entrance to Whittons Farm. It was agreed that this proposal should be made to the jointly funded minor improvement scheme. Mr. Leeke agreed to write the proposal and justification for submission by the Clerk.

8. Jointly Funded Improvement Scheme

See Denny End Road and Safer Crossings in Waterbeach above.

9. Village Matters

The solar light at Chittering is still not working – the Clerk would report to CCC.

Sustran cycle path continuation – Mr and Mrs. Williamson advised that it is proposed that the cycle path continues along the bridle way adjacent to Cow Hollow Wood. The Clerk would find out more information from CCC estates, footpath and cycle officer.

Willow trees on Clayhithe Road – these are the responsibility of CCC, estates. It was considered that the trees should be pollarded to preserve them and reduce the risk of branches falling on the road.

Slap Up junction – there had been a number of known, police involved, accidents recently as well as accidents in which the police had not been involved. A request in the next newsletter for those involved in minor accidents to contact the parish council would be made. Mrs. Williamson suggested that if the rowing lake goes ahead a 106 agreement could incorporate funding for improvement to the junction although the meeting considered that CCC have some responsibility for accident reduction.

Mr. Howard, CCC had reported that the repairs/maintenance to the signs (the missing 30mph and the Give Way) in School Lane, Chittering would be done as soon as possible.

The Improvements to the Station Road corner are still being discussed as to what can be done and at what cost

The area around the tree outside the Chinese takeaway will not be done in the near future.

The Clerk has been contacted by someone who had been knocked down by a bicycle whilst walking out of Gibson Close. Their concern is that the path crosses the entrance to Gibson Close and had requested some line marking. The Clerk had referred the person to Mr. Lines, CCC.

10. Proposals for matters to be considered at future meetings.

- i. village centre long term parking
- ii. Way Lane/Pieces Lane corner
- iii. school entrance
- iv. Denny End Road/A10 junction
- v. Way Lane school entrance
- vi. jointly funded improvement scheme
- vii. Sustrans cycleway
- viii. Slap Up junction

The meeting ended at 9.05 p.m..

Chairman Date

