

Minutes of the meeting of the Highways Committee of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 in the New Pavilion.

**Present:** Dr. C. Grant (Chairman); Mr. P. Jones; Mr. W. Saberton; Mrs. Williamson.

In attendance: Mrs. C. Cornwell; the Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** Mr. N. Brown; Mr. Williamson; Mr. A. Wright

2. **To approve Minutes of meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2005:**

The Minutes of the meeting were approved.

3. **Matters arising from Minutes:**

Station Road – there is still flooding in areas due to the faults in the drainage system. **Mr. Williamson(1)** asked to obtain the report of the CCTV inspection which CCC have carried out.

**The Clerk** would request a copy of the plan of all drains in Waterbeach which CCC know about.

Mrs. Williamson reported that she had met Mr. Swallow, CCC, about the school crossing. Mr. Swallow is not aware of any records which show that CCC would make improvements to the crossing facilities outside the school.

Representatives from the industrial areas in Denny End Road – Mr. Williamson had previously undertaken to enlist representatives. **Mr. Williamson(2)** would be asked to enlist representatives for the next meeting of the committee.

Solar light at Chittering – Mrs. Cornwell reported that this is still not working. The Clerk had reported this on a number of occasions. **The Clerk(3)** would report the matter to CCC again.

Chittering – the Give Way sign and 30mph sign as promised by Mr. Howard, CCC, had not yet been installed. **The Clerk(4)** would again request that this was installed as soon as possible.

4. **To consider village centre long term parking:**

It is understood that Careforce are prepared to use the church car park when conferences are held in the offices. **The Clerk(5)** would contact Pc Shulver and the traffic warden to report the close proximity of parking to junctions.

5. **To consider Way Lane – vicinity of rear entrance to school:**

Mr. Howard, CCC, had e.mailed the Clerk informing her that the cost of the kerbing along the verge at the rear entrance of the school would cost approximately £4000 and that he is sure that CCC can go ahead with the work in the spring.

6. **To consider the Way Lane.Pieces Lane junction:**

Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Daniels, SCDC, had met Mr. Howard to discuss the junction. Mr. Howard had agreed that the Pieces Lane hedge of 44 Way Lane is overhanging the highway. Mr. Howard had given advice on the procedures of contacting house occupants regarding overhanging vegetation. The advice conflicts to that which had been given to the Clerk by CCC. **Mrs. Williamson(6)** agreed to obtain CCC policy on overhanging vegetation and if it is that the parish council has to contact house occupants then she agreed to obtain the wording of such a letter.

7. **To consider traffic incidents on Clayhithe Road (motor boat club corner):**

There have been a number of accidents on the corner in recent months. It is understood that an anti-slip surface had been laid in the past. It was agreed that the corner is not adequately signed to make drivers slow down. It was considered that 'Slow' marked on the road and the willows trimmed back to give more visibility of the bend would improve the situation. CCC would be asked to lay a suitable anti-slip surface which would not suffer when the road is flooded. CCC would also be asked for a timescale of suitable action as there is significant risk in leaving the road unattended.

8. **To consider traffic incident statistics at Slap Up/A10:**

The incident reports for the junctions at the Slap Up onto the A10 had been obtained. CCC record the incidents from Landbeach and from Waterbeach separately. There have been 4 recorded accidents at the junctions since January 2005 ranging from slight to serious. The Clerk had been informed of other incidents by Miss McArthur and a letter had been received from Mrs. Whiterod suggesting how the junction could be improved.

Mrs. Whiterod suggested that the access from A10 into the Slap should be closed and that there are improved road markings such as those at the turning into Humphries Way, Milton from the A10.

**9. To consider safety measures:**

a. signs etc. It was agreed that the provision of signs should be the responsibility of CCC.

**10. Jointly Funded Improvement Scheme**

a. feedback on what makes a good application. In the absence of Mr. Williamson it was agreed that this item would be placed on the next agenda.

**11. To consider the response by CCC to ongoing footpath/road/drain problems:**

Station Road – Mr. Howard, CCC, had reported that the footway near The Hall is still under review as to what can be done to improve the ‘slope’. The Council at a site meeting had requested that the path at the corner be widened and a post be installed to prevent lorries mounting the path. The meeting expressed their disappointment that the matter is still unresolved and that CCC do not have to carry out risk assessments for footpaths and roads under their management.. **The Clerk(7)** would request a time scale for the work to be carried out.

Long Drove – despite Mr. Williamson informing the Parish Council that the severely damaged railings at the corner in Long Drove were soon to be replaced the work has still not been carried out. **Mr. Williamson(8)** would be asked to photograph the damage and remind CCC that this is a dangerous corner especially when the roads are icy.

Hartley Close/Pieces Terrace footway – Mr. Howard had reported that this has been marked up for resurfacing.

St. Andrews Hill and Way Lane – Mr. Howard had reported that white lines are to be renewed.

Back Stile footpath – Mr. Howard had reported that now that the trees/bushes have been cut back he will get as much of the surface renewed as the budget allows.

**12. Sustrans cycleway:**

The British Horse Society had had a site meeting with CCC at the proposed extension to the cycleway adjacent to Cow Hollow Wood.

There is to be a 3metre bridleway next to the hedge, then a 1metre strip and then a 2metre cycleway and then a metre strip before the ditch. However on measuring it had been found that in order for the total 7 metre width the hedge would have to be trimmed back by 1.5metres. There was concern expressed about the future slubbing out of the ditch which in times of flooding is vital. **The Clerk(9)** would contact the Environment Agency concerning maintenance of the ditch.

**13. Proposals for matters to be considered at future meetings:**

Mrs. Williamson is to suggest to the school that they take part in the Safer Routes to School Scheme.

**14. Other Matters:**

School Lane, Chittering – following heavy rain the top of School Lane is flooded. **The Clerk(10)** would remind Mr. Howard of the problem.

Chittering bus shelter – the hedge behind the bus shelter is overgrown and needs trimming. Once the policy of dealing with overhanging vegetation has been ascertained by **Mrs. Williamson(11)** the matter would be dealt with accordingly.

Burgess Drove – the drove leading to the white house is in poor repair. **The Clerk(12)** would ask CCC to attend to the necessary repairs.

It was agreed that **The Clerk(13)** would request from CCC their policy on dealing with potholes and that the size and depth of a pothole which would be repaired is set out in order that the Council only report those that will be repaired.

A date for the next meeting would be arranged at a later date.

The meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.

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