

Minutes of the meeting of the Highways Committee of Waterbeach Parish Council held on Tuesday, 14th March, 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the New Pavilion.

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

In attendance: Mr. W. Grant; the Clerk.

1. **Apologies:** Mr. N. Brown; Mr. M. Leeke; Mr. W. Saberton; Mr. J. Hockney (SCDC)

2. **To approve Minutes of meeting held on 28th November, 2006**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th March were approved and signed.

3. **Matters arising from Minutes:**

i. Report of CCTV inspection of drains:

Mr. Howard, CCC, had not been able to find a report, however he would investigate further.

ii. Industrial Estate representatives:

This would be discussed at the next meeting when Mr. Williamson had been able to make more enquiries.

iii. Chittering solar light:

The light is currently working.

iv. Chittering 30mph sign:

The Clerk had made further requests to Mr. Howard for the replacement of this sign. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson had also requested it.

v. Parking in the village:

It was considered that long term parking in the centre of the village was not such a problem now that Careforce do not have as many staff working at the offices. However there is still a problem in St. Andrews Hill on occasion.

vi. CCC policy on overhanging vegetation

It was agreed that an informal, visit or telephone call, approach by the parish council should be the first course of action where vegetation is overhanging footways or roads. If this did not have the required result then the matter should be referred to CCC Highways.

vii. Station Road footway:

Mr. Williamson had spoken to Mr. Howard, CCC. As this would be a major project it has to be referred to more senior members of the team. **Mr. Williamson** agreed to discuss the matter with Mr. Oakman, CCC. Mr. Williamson was reminded that the work necessary at The Hall corner had been scheduled and the area marked for the work to be carried out.

viii. Long Drove barrier:

This had been repaired at the end of February.

ix. Maintenance of ditch adjacent to Sustrans cycleway:

Contact with the Environment Agency had not been established.

x. Chittering School Lane flooding:

The pot hole at the top of School Lane had been repaired but no grips or other means of drainage had been done. The situation would be monitored.

xi. Burgess Drove:

The repairs need to be scored for the works to be done properly. There is a possibility that the surface will be patched.

xii. CCC policy on potholes:

Mr. Howard had reported that usually pot holes which are more than 0.3 sq.m and 20 mm deep are repaired.

xiii. Way Lane – vicinity of rear entrance to school:

CCC budget had been allocated for the kerbing along the verge in Way Lane at the back of the school. The work will be carried out in the summer holidays.

xiv. Slap Up junction:

Mr. Williamson would speak to Mr. Creed, CCC, about the work being done to correct the white lines now that it is spring and therefore possible for white lining to be carried out. **Mr. Williamson** would also discuss the possibility of closing the entrance into the Slap Up from the A10.

4. To consider village centre long term parking:

This situation should be monitored.

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

New larger signs had been erected however it was considered that there is still a need for the anti skid surface to be re-instated. There are still uneven areas in the road which need attention. A record of the cars which go into the ditch should be kept.

6. Jointly Funded Improvement Scheme

- i. To consider preferred submitted scheme for implication in the event of funding being available:

The meeting of the Joint meeting had been attended and representation made by Dr. Grant. It is not certain whether CCC and SCDC will be able to contribute to the funding for implementation of the schemes which had scored. One of the schemes submitted by Waterbeach Parish Council could be implemented if funding is resolved. Dr. Grant proposed, seconded by Mr. Williamson and agreed the scheme for a raised zebra crossing in the High Street should be given priority over the scheme for traffic calming in Denny End Road. It was agreed that the zebra crossing scheme preference should be indicated to CCC immediately so that there were no further delays should CCC and SCDC funding be allocated. The exact location and design would be finalised in consultation with the parish council.

The results of a survey organised by Mr. Hockney, SCDC, were read to the meeting: 600 residents had responded with 58% supporting a crossing at the post office; 80% a crossing by the pharmacy/Village Stores; 67% flashing speed signs and 78% a 20mph speed limit around the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson had met Mr. Swallow, CCC, outside the school to view the school crossing situation. The safer routes to school initiative is being discussed at a school governors meeting during week beginning 20th March.

- ii. Feedback on what makes a good application:

There was nothing to report.

7. To consider improvements for Waterbeach station.

It was agreed that First Capital Connect, the new train operators, should be asked to provide better and more shelter on the platforms, CCTV and a ticket machine on the Ely bound platform.

