

Minutes of the meeting of the Waterbeach Parish Council Highways Committee held on Tuesday, 30th October, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the New Pavilion, Cambridge Road.

Present: Dr. C. Grant (Chairman); Mr. P. Johnson; Mrs. C. Smith; Ms. G. Smith; Mrs. J. Williamson; Mr. J. Hockney (SCDC)

Mr. P Johnson is a district councillor for the Ward.

In attendance: Mr. A. Ball; the Clerk

Absent: Mr. T. Gilzean.

1. **Apologies:** Mr. W. Grant; Mr. W. Saberton; Mr. M. Williamson.

2. **Declarations of interest:**

Mrs. Williamson declared a personal interest as a resident of Long Drove in matters relating to Long Drove.

Dr. Grant declared a personal interest as a resident of Station Road and a user of the footway in issues relating to Station Road.

Ms. Smith declared a personal interest as a user of the footway in Station Road in matters relating to Station Road.

3. **To approve Minutes of meeting held on 30th July, 2007:**

The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

4. **Matters arising from Minutes:**

- i. Chittering signs: The cost of a sign is approximately £35 and £100 for the post. It was agreed that it should be recommended that a hazard sign for a 'Play Area' and one for 'No Footway' at the top of School Lane should be purchased in the current financial year and a budget figure in the 2008/09 year for the same should be allowed to facilitate purchase of signs if deemed necessary.
- ii. Station Road footway: Bollards have been erected on the church corner of Station Road and the white road edge lines have been re-positioned slightly further towards the middle of the road. It is considered that this improvement has improved the safety for pedestrians. To date there has been nothing further reference the improvements to the path. Mr. Howard, CCC Highways, would be requested to obtain an estimate for reconstruction work on the footway be obtained and submitted as a bid for work to be carried out in 2008/09.
- iii. Maintenance of ditch adjacent to Sustrans cycleway – no further information has been obtained.
- iv. Signage of Sustrans cycleway: contact should be made with Mr. Joyce, CCC, concerning the lack of adequate signs the bridge end of the path and the hazard of the barrier at the station end of the bath. There is concern that cyclists are crossing from the end of the cycleway into the station car park in front of cars turning into the car park.
- v. Village and HGVs: Charlotte Wilson is no longer the officer to contact concerning Lorry Watch however she has passed the concerns of the Council onto her successor.
A resident of Bannold Road has contacted the Council concerned about lorries causing a disturbance nuisance through the night when accessing a property in Long Drove. The problem is made worse due to the sunken road. The information has been passed to Environmental Health, SCDC, and CCC Highways have been reminded about the road surface.
- vi. Near miss reports: Problems accessing the form on the web site are being experienced. Mr. Williamson would be asked to address the problem.

- vii. Proposals for double yellow lines: Areas suggested are: St. Andrew's Hill, the Chapel Street kerb of the Gault, opposite 38 Station Road and the north end of the Green. Mr. Lines, CCC, would be asked about the possibility of making Greenside a one way system.
- viii. Cody Road – there has been no further information regarding the 20's Plenty campaign
- ix. Access to Car Dyke Road from Recreation Ground – there has been no further information. The planning issues relating to Hall Farm stables are still be looked into by SCDC.
- x. Cowley Road closure due to work on guided bus route – there is no further information.
- xi. Car Dyke bridleway – information had been received from the British Horse Society reference mixed used of routes. It was agreed that a request to County Farms be made for a bridleway.
- xii. Backstile footpath resurfacing – confirmation that Back Stile footpath is to be resurfaced should be requested from Mr. Howard, CCC.

5. To receive an update on Parish Plan Identification of highways issues:

Mr. Ball reported that there had been a good response in all areas of the village apart from the camp. The survey demonstrates a high level of dissatisfaction with the traffic in the village with crossing the road outside the Village Stores and in the High Street outside the Post Office high on the list. It is now important that identification is made of what is need and who is going to do it. Dissatisfaction of the volume of traffic in the village and parking in Station Road.

6. To consider priority changes at junctions to reduce speed:

The junctions which should be given consideration are St. Andrew's Hill/Chapel Street, Greenside/Chapel Street and Way Lane/Bannold Road. It was agreed that a long term plan should be identified to address the concerns highlighted by the village plan.

7. To consider locations for dropped kerbs.:

Mr. Sadler has expressed concern about the provision of suitable crossing places for mobility scooters, wheelchairs etc and the safety of the surfaces of some of the footways. It was agreed that a notice would be displayed in the post office requesting the assistance of residents in completing a survey form. Waterbeach Charities would also be asked to assist in the survey.

8. To consider parking restrictions opposite Village Stores:

The parking situation outside the Village Stores would be monitored and discussed at the next meeting.

9. To consider proposed layout of traffic calming features in Denny End Road and High Street for Jointly Funded Minor Improvement scheme:

David Lines, CCC, had submitted proposed highway improvements for Denny End Road and High Street. The proposals are for the 30mph speed limit sign to be re-located with new 'Gateway' signing and a central blister island or hatching outside Long View Farm, A red patch with SLOW carriageway marking overlaid outside 25/27 Denny End Road and 1 Denny End Road and 21 High Street. Interactive signs would be positioned opposite 43 and 52 Denny End Road and advisory 20mph speed limit signs and amber flashing units in the vicinity of the school.

The proposals are in accordance with some of the village plans findings but there are other priorities which also need addressing.

It was agreed that a residents meeting should be held on 20th November

10. To consider schemes for submission to 2008/09 Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Scheme:

As SCDC are no longer contributing towards the joint budget for a programme of minor highway

improvements the maximum cost of any bid has been reduced to £15,000 with Parish Council contributing £1 per elector. It was suggested that a bid be submitted for a footway from the level crossing to Whitmore Way with additional lighting between the level crossing and the car park and a bid for speed reduction in Car Dyke/Cambridge Road. It was agreed that a site meeting with David Lines be arranged to discuss the suggested schemes.

11. To receive an update on the Safer Routes to School Initiative:

A meeting with the County Council officer is to be held on 1st November

12. Correspondence:

Mr. Howard, CCC, will be inspecting Bannold Road and Long Drove to mark out the worst areas for possible patching in the current financial year.

Mr. Howard reports that the dip in the road opposite Whitmore Way is on an utility trench line and the area is being monitored to see if the defect increases in length so that one repair can be carried out.

The pothole at Chapel Street/Greenside will be filled and during November the permanent repair crew will attend and reinstate permanently all the old potholes that have been filled.

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

Way Lane/Pieces Lane junction

Trees in Cambridge Road

Hedge in Burgess Road.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman Date