

Minutes

Essex County Council with Brentwood Borough Council Local Highways Panel (LHP)

26 September 2016

Membership/Attendance

Cllr Dr Naylor (ECC) – Chair
Cllr Kendall (ECC)
Cllr Aspinell (ECC)
Cllr Cloke (BB) – Vice Chair

Cllr Hirst (ECC)
Cllr Parker (BB)
Cllr Newberry (BB)

Apologies

Cllr Mrs Squirrell (BB)
Cllr Trump (BB)

Officers Present

Sonia Church – Highways Liaison Manager (ECC)
Claire Mayhew – Governance and Member Support Officer (BBC)
Gregg Speller – Highways Liaison Officer (ECC)

1. Welcome and introductions

Cllr Dr Naylor welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

None were received.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Trump and Cllr Mrs Squirrell and under the constitution of the Local Highways Panels, no substitutes were allowed.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Local Highways Panel were signed as a true record. Cllr Aspinell, Kendall and Newberry requested that it was noted in the minutes that they are displeased with the meeting being held in private and not within the Council Chamber so that the public can be present and their questions answered by the Panel.

5. Update on approved scheme list

Page 5, Item 2 - Honeypot Lane. ECC Officer confirmed that the lighting should now be completed by UKPN.

Page 5, Item 9 – Seven Arches Road. Cllr Kendall, has received thanks from Brentwood County High School for the installation of the Zebra Crossing.

Page 5, Item 10 – Warley Hill. Concerns from Panel Members in relation to the cost. ECC Officers explained that these costs are due to amount of street lighting that has been upgraded within Warley Hill. ECC Officer explained that the signage for the crossing will be installed on the southern approach, going up Warley Hill to the new crossing.

Page 5, Item 8 – Westwood Ave/West Park Hill/adjoining roads. 20mph speed limit scheme being started by end of September.

Page 5, Item 3 – The Chair asked ECC Officer for an update on School Road, Kelvedon Hatch from Cllr Jobbins, Kelvedon Hatch Parish Council. ECC officer informed the Chair that this scheme is still in the CMA process.

Page 4, Item 14 -Hunter Avenue, Shenfield. ECC Officer to discuss this with Cllr Aspinell off -line.

Page 5, Item 13 – A128, Tilbury Road. Cllr Hirst asked for an update, this scheme is still in the design process, an outcome is expected shortly.

Page 6, Item 16 and 17 – High Street, Crown Street Stop, Brentwood Bus. ECC Officers informed LHP panel members that Item 16 is to be removed as both scheme can be designed for £3k. **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

Page 6, Item 31 – Church Road, Kelvedon Hatch. EEC Officers have confirmed this scheme is cancelled, as the speeds were found to be out of criteria for installation of a Quiet Lane. **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

Page 6, Item 32 – Dark Lane, Warley. The £7k from item 31 will be moved over to this scheme. Cllr Kendall, requested that a safety audit be carried out as a received Planning Application has been received for the Leverton Hall Site and asked if this could be undertaken in time for the December Meeting. This is not currently within this year's budget and therefore will need to be allocated in the March budget.

Page 6, Item 22 – Hanging Hill Lane, Hutton. Design only required at this stage.

Page 7, Item 40 – Byway 22 (Doddinghurst) between Solid Lane & Days Lane. ECC Officer inspected the site with the PROW Officer. Funding allocation will need to be increased, possible external funding may be available, ECC officers will advise in December.

Page 7, Item 36 – Chafford Gardens, West Horndon. Panel Members thanked EEC Officer on the outcome of this scheme.

6. Budget

Currently the total value of potential schemes within the Brentwood LHP stands at £94,500 which does not take into account feasibility studies and detailed designs that are yet to be finalised. With the 60% over allocation for scheme to go forward within the rolling programme, presently £87,500 is already allocated towards next year's budget.

Members were asked highlight the priority potential schemes going forward in the December meeting.

Page 11, Item 3 – Woodman Road, Warley. No recommendation as this time will be made, due to the average speeds recorded on a radar survey was 26-28mph, with the exception of some speeding in the very early hours of the morning. Cllr Kendall, advised the Officers that local residents would like Community Speed Training to try and reduce speeding in Woodman Road.

Page 12, Item 5 – Pondfield Lane, Brentwood. Recent speed survey in two locations along Pondfield Lane show good compliance with 30mph speed limit. Residents have concerns with the traffic noise late at night and early morning.

Page 12, Item 6 – Tabors Corner, Shenfield. The junction was visited by ECC Officers, together with a Network Assurance and Signals Team. No further recommendation can be made as maximum signing and lining exists. Cllr Aspinell he wish for school warning signing to be installed on the approach to Tabors Corner near Tudor Close/Shorter Avenue. Personal injury incidents needs to be reviewed with regards to the traffic light sequence. ECC officers to inspection site, concerned that they is no school petrol in operation. Rangers still opening within the Borough to deal with vegetation issues.

Page 13, Item 12 – Hartswood Road, Warley. Cllr Kendall asked for the police report on the recent accidents to be expedited but ECC officers reiterated that they cannot hurry the police along with their investigations but will report back as soon as they hear anything.

Page 14, Item 13 – Sandpit Lane, Brentwood. The Chair read out some questions sent in by Mr Barthel in relation to Sandpit Lane.

1) The use of Sandpit Lane south weald is extremely dangerous and contrary to that detailed in the Essex County Council highways management strategy (see prior correspondence). Please confirm what measures are proposed to better manage and reduce the traffic flow through the lane to fall within the Essex County Council highways management strategy.

2) Member Enquiries has confirmed to you the protected status of Sandpit Lane and has conferred a requirement for discussions between local stakeholders, including the Borough Council, adjacent landowners and Highways authority, in relation to how further impacts on the historic lane can be prevented, and whether or not it is possible to undertake remedial work that will ensure that the different heritage interests and significance of the lane can be sustained and enhanced in the future. Again I would simply ask for this direction to be confirmed and the Highways Authority to confirm their plans in response.

ECC Officer confirmed that Sandpit Lane is not a protected lane. Mr Speller to respond to Mr Barthel directly on the panels behalf and copy in Cllr's Naylor, Kendall & Aspinell.

Page 14, Item 14 – Station Road, Thorndon Ave, West Horndon. ECC Officer has spoken to the Parish Council about the removal on illegal signage. Cllr Foan, West Horndon Parish Council confirmed that these will be removed.

Cycling

ECC Officer, attended the Health & Wellbeing Board Meeting to encourage taking cyclist off the road and to use Cycle Track. Feasibility studies due for December Meeting.

Page 15, Item 3 – Greenshaw to Ongar Road, Bridleway No 14. Greenshaw to Weald Road, due to the suggested route using a bridleway, it is not possible to sign the route for cyclists. Route 140, is not a legal cycle route. Confirmation on exact area to be confirm off-line with Mr Speller and Cllr Aspinell.

Public Rights of Way

Page 17, Item 2 – Byway 22 (Doddinghurst) between Solid Lane & Days Lane. £20.5K still outstanding for this scheme. ECC Officer to update LHP Panel Members about additional alternative funding if available.

Page 17, Item 1 – Bridleway 10 (through Bentley Golf Course), Brentwood. ECC Officer has inspected the site, there is very difficult access. Riders/walkers are encroaching on the Golf Course.

(Cllr Aspinell, declared an interest that a member of his family uses the Bridleway daily).

Passenger Transport

Page 19, Item 3 – Plovers Baron, Wyatts Green. ECC officers explained that the costs of the shelter also includes a new base to be laid.

7. Any other business

The Chair expressed her concerns on the poor condition and gradual disappearance of “Finger Posts” within the Borough. A strategic view is called for on a way forward. Cllr Aspinell has approach the CEO, Phil Ruck about this matter.

11. Date of next meeting

The next LHP meeting would take place at 7.00pm on Monday 14th December 2016.
