

Minutes

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

14th December 2016

Membership/Attendance

Cllr Dr Naylor (ECC) – Chair

Cllr Hirst (ECC)

Cllr Kendall (ECC)

Cllr Newberry (BB)

Cllr Aspinell (ECC)

Cllr Cloke (BB) – Vice Chair

Apologies

Cllr Trump (BB)

Cllr Parker (BB)

Cllr Mrs Squirrell (BB)

Officers Present

Vicky Presland- Head of Design Highways (ECC)

Gregg Speller – Highways Liaison Officer (ECC)

Jasmine Wiles- Highways Liaison Apprentice (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, Cllr Mrs Squirrell and Cllr Parker and under the constitution of the Local Highways Panels, no substitutes were allowed.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

Cllr Naylor handed EH officer her copy of the minutes with a few amendments that need making on the previous minutes.

5. Update on approved scheme list

EH Officers explained the approved schemes list to the panel.

Page 7, Item 2- Honey Pot Lane. EH officers confirmed that UKPN have now completed the electrical connection and the scheme is now completed.

A- GS to change all completed schemes to complete instead of in progress.

Page 7, Item 3- School Road, Kelvedon Hatch. Scheme is now out of the CMA process and is currently in target costing still awaiting implementation for this financial year.

Page 7, Item 8- Westwood Avenue/West Park Hill, Adjoining Road. Signage is now in place and are just awaiting the UKPN connection. Vicky Presland stated that next financial year they are looking at using three different electrical works companies.

Page 7, Item 10- Warley Hill. Cllr Kendall explained that the two old street lights are not functional and the new ones are still not working the crossing is not very lit up at night. EH Officers stated that the lighting will be complete one the UKPN connection is done.

Page 7, Item 13- A128 Tilbury Road. Design is nearly complete and should have scheme costs by March.

Page 7, Item 14- Hunter Avenue.

A- GS to email Cllr Aspinell about Hunter Avenue.

Page 8, Item 24- Warley Road, Warley. ECC officers explained that that they are still on target for implementing 2x Vehicle activated sign (VAS) at the location outside of the Cricket club. However due to the vegetation the VAS will not be activated by solar panels, the conservation society are also happy with the location of the VAS.

Page 8 Item 25- Three Arch & Eastham Estate- Brentwood. Cabinet member does not support the scheme, Cllr Kendall has called it in. Cllr Kendall voiced concern that not all Cllr's seemed to get the email on the consultation.

A- GS to find out who was consulted.

Vicky Presland stated that the police will only enforce a 20mph speed limit if speeds are 24mph or below and they will not support when speeds are over 24mph.

Page 8, Item 28- Cameron Close, Warley. EH officers explained that a resident has a car parked in the way and is refusing to move it, which is stopping work from being completed. Hoping to get scheme in by February.

Page 8, Item 29- Dark Lane, Warley. Scheme is still in design & on target and they are going to incorporate Green Lane too.

Page 8, Item 30- Middleton Hall Lane, Brentwood. EH officer explained that he has attended the site and spoken to the estate Bursar and they do not see any issues with land ownership of the school. It is down to Road Safety if the scheme is to be implemented.

Page 9, Item 36- Bridleway 193, Weald Park. Panel advised that this scheme has had funding from the Bridleway Association so no longer needs panel funding and has been cancelled from the programme.

Page 9, Item 37- Byway 22 (Doddinghurst) between Solid Lane and Days Lane. PROW have been instructed to spend the money this financial year. The potential schemes list will have the additional funding required.

6. Budget

EH officer explained the budget summary to the panel and members were asked highlight the priority potential schemes going forward in the March meeting. Cllr Kendall suggested that they would need the feasibilities back first before they confirm the whole program.

EH officers indicated the highlighted schemes on the rolling programme sheet are seen as three of the panel's priority schemes. These are Item 7- Kelvedon Hatch, Stondon Massey & Nine Ashes, Item 11- Chafford Gardens, West Horndon, Item 13- Roman Road. Panel agree with these priorities.

Cllr Aspinell questioned what is happening to the scheme on Priests Lane. Gregg Speller stated that the scheme is complete. Cllr Aspinell explained that there was no footway and this is a historical issue that needs to be resolved.

A- Gregg Speller to look into the history of footway schemes along this road.

Safer Roads

EH officers explained that the Safer Road schemes are being looked at by Cllr Johnson, as he is going to decide how to fund the schemes. Cllr Dr Naylor mentioned that they may need an interim meeting.

Traffic Management

Page 15, Item 1- A128 Brentwood Rd, Ingrave. EH officer indicated that railings were looked into for the zebra crossing by the school but the footway is not wide enough. Restricting the footway could cause pedestrians to cross at other points away from the zebra crossing. A 20mph will not meet policy as it is a PR1 route.

A- GS to see how long job advertising are left on for School Crossing Patrol positions.

Vicky Presland suggested that a road safety assessment could be looked into.

A- GS to go back to Cllr Hirst about Road Safety Assessment.

Page 15, Item 4- Danes Way, Pilgrims Hatch- EH officer explained that the planters cannot be put on the footway.

Page 16, Item 5- Bird Lane, Warley.

A- GS to remove scheme from potential schemes list.

Page 16, Item 6- Sandpit Lane, Brentwood. - **Panel agree that this scheme is a priority.**

Page 17, Item 10- Hartswood Road, Warley. Speed survey has been undertaken and EH officers have reported these speeds to the police who have been in contact stating that further enforcement will be taking place along the road. Road is going to be re-surfaced, re-lined, cats eyes installed and the flooding in the dip in the road addressed.

Page 17, Item 11- Chelmsford Road, Shenfield. EH officer explained that this scheme came from Essex Highways through Cllr Finch. EH officer attended a site visit at BP garage and McDonalds and explained the lease is finishing next year with Mcdonalds and the garage will turn into a BP Marks & Spencer.

Cycling

EH officer explained that Brentwood Borough are looking into using Bridleways and footpath within their routes. Gregg Speller mentioned that he and a PROW officer are having meetings with Brentwood Borough. They are looking at the top 10 routes and they will be around £7,000 for a feasibility.

Public Rights of Way

Page 15, Item 3- Three Arch & Eastham Estate. Cllr Kendall explained that if this was to come back successful after January and have cabinet member approval then this scheme should be a priority - **Panel agreed.**

8. AOB

Cllr Dr Naylor explained that she has been working with GS to find out which fingerposts the parishes want refurbishing. GS has supplied a comprehensive list to Cllr Dr Naylor to share with the parishes.

Terms of Reference

Panel believe that putting the agenda on the website one month early may be difficult for the officer.

It is down to Chairman's discretion if members of the public attend the meeting and questions must be submitted at least one week before the meeting. Cllr Dr Naylor suggested the meetings will be held in private until after the May elections.

The panel had a strong opinion as to substitutes not being accepted. Vicky Presland explained that if this was an issue they could approach Cllr Johnson directly to see if he will make any exceptions.

The Online LHP request form

A- GS to find out if the LHP online form is usable on mobile phones.

11. Date of next meeting

The next LHP meeting is TBC.
