

ROCHFORD LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

15 MARCH 2021 AT 10.00AM

REMOTE MEETING

Chairman:	Cllr M Maddocks (ECC)/Cllr Mrs J R Lumley (ECC)
Panel Members:	Cllr B T Hazlewood (RDC), Cllr Mrs C A Weston (ECC), Cllr Mrs C E Roe (RDC), Cllr Miss A Marriott (EALC representative), Cllr M J Steptoe (ECC), Cllr I H Ward (RDC) and Cllr P J Shaw (RDC).
Officers:	S Church – ECC Highways Liaison Manager (SC) D Maclean – ECC Highways Liaison Officer (DM) I Henderson – Team Leader Road Safety Engineering (IH)
Secretariat:	K Smith – RDC Democratic Services Officer

Item		Owner
1.	The Chairman welcomed all however as no Secretariat present, the meeting was recorded.	
2.	No apologise sent to officers. It was noted those not present: - B Hazelwood C.Weston – arrived later in the meeting. EALC Rep not sent apologise	
3.	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda: Cllr I H Ward declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being Members of Barling Magna Parish Council. Cllr I H Ward and Cllr Mrs J R Lumley declared a non-pecuniary interest as members of Rayleigh Town Council.	
4.	<p>VAS in Sutton road – request for an update, speed survey required as this unit is beyond its serviceable repair. SC confirmed that the Parish could consider to replace this unit themselves if they would like to.</p> <p>Pointers Lane, j/w Wakering Road, Great Wakering – as the road is within a 60mph speed limit. Complaints still being received. Dan stated that this is a CR scheme which may be considered for a stop line and warning VAS. Vegetation may be a maintenance issue however Dan will check this.</p>	DM/IH

	<p>Hall Road j/w Ashingdon Road and West Street – Cllr Lumley asked about the vegetation that was growing in the ditch. Dan to check responsibility.</p> <p>Cllr Maddocks discussed his observation regarding the 28 day period related to deaths on the highway.</p> <p>Cheapside West – Cllr Lumley raised a misunderstanding over the parking issue in this location. It is not about children are walking to school it is about parking. Sonia Church would not recommend grasscrete in this location due to conflict between cars and pedestrians. As for school streets, we can investigate if preferred however it would prevent access. Cllr Lumley's residents would prefer more parking to be provided. Sonia would be happy to meet on site to look at the situation.</p> <p>Little Wakering Road, Barling - Cllr Steptoe raised frustration that this has not been resolved. Dan explained that this situation is we are awaiting the panel to agree the funding once agreed it can be installed in a new location.</p> <p>Cllr Ward – Wyburn School has enormous problems, the Chairman asked where in the minute that appears. Cllr Ward is struggling as has no papers and is struggling with connection. Dan responded that we can discuss this offline. Cllr Lumley agreed.</p> <p>PROW 71 Rayleigh – Cllr Lumley stated that we do have confirmation of funding from Rayleigh Parish and the whole area does sit within Rayleigh. Dan confirmed that the Town Council will contribute £10k.</p>	DM/IH
5.	<p>Dan explained that an additional £200k has been allocated to the LHP's for the next 3 years. We are still awaiting confirmation on what they funding can be allocated to and any restrictions.</p> <p>Cllr Maddocks is concerned that this funding would be restricted.</p> <p>Dan just confirmed that we would prefer to hold this funding until June for a decision.</p>	DM
6.	<p>RDC Officer started the meeting.</p> <p>Dan updated the panel on the scheme which had been completed and those still outstanding.</p>	

	<p>Item 3 PROW 285 – Improvements to the PROW – Issues with the contractor to deliver the scheme however we are working on this in the background.</p> <p>Item 4 The Chase – Is due to be completed soon. Looks like it will be a feasibility scheme.</p>	
7.	<p>Schemes Awaiting Funding</p> <p>Safer Roads</p> <p>Dan explained that the three schemes on the list are to be funded by the panel.</p> <p>Traffic Management</p> <p>Rochford Town Market Square. This is a feasible scheme that the panel can choose to fund next year – panel agreed.</p> <p>Star Lane, Great Wakering – Traffic Calming. This is a feasible scheme – panel agreed</p> <p>Rochford Garden Way, Rochford – Grasscrete. Everything required is now available – panel agreed.</p> <p>Twyford Avenue, Great Wakering – Grasscrete. Everything required is now available – panel agreed.</p> <p>Ashingdon Road, Rochford – Bollards. Although Members queried the nature of this issue, the panel agreed.</p> <p>Main Road, Hockley. This is a feasible scheme – panel agreed.</p> <p>New Road j/w Shoebury Road, Great Wakering. This is a feasible scheme. DM advised that £5,500 was listed as the estimation cost, but this may be a lot lower due to an existing sign on the road that may be able to be repurposed.</p> <p>Members discussed if signage was the best option for this scheme, but after discussion the panel agreed.</p> <p>Eastwood Road j/w High Street. Panel agreed. Members reiterated the need for haste on delivering this project.</p>	DM

	<p>A127/A129 Rayleigh Weir Roundabout. Panel agreed. Members expressed a need for haste on this scheme.</p> <p>Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh. Scheme agreed, although Officers and Members agreed this should be considered alongside plans for another crossing.</p> <p>Wakering Road, Great Wakering. Scheme agreed. Members asked for this to be linked to the scheme at Poynters Lane.</p> <p>Anchor Lane, Canewdon. Scheme agreed with a recommendation the Parish Council be approached to contribute to funding..</p> <p>Stambridge Road, Stambridge – 20mph outside Stambridge Primary School. Not feasible – scheme removed.</p> <p>Stambridge Road, Stambridge – 20mph outside Mini Marvels Pre-School. Not feasible – scheme removed</p> <p>Little Wakering Road, Barling. Wig-Wag that was struck multiple times and had to be removed. Wig-Wag could be reinstalled but would require different footing and connection. This is a feasible scheme. Cllr Steptoe advised that this had been going back and forth for some years and highlighted the importance due to its proximity to a school – Scheme agreed.</p> <p>Coronation Close, Great Wakering – Grasscrete. Scheme agreed.</p> <p>Cheapside West, Rayleigh. Discussion to hold on this and arrange a site visit to determine a more suitable option.</p> <p>Thorpe Road, Hockley. No cost for the panel.</p> <p>Hall Road, Rochford. Scheme agreed.</p> <p>Upway, Rayleigh. Scheme agreed.</p> <p>Barling Road, Great Wakering. Not suitable and to be removed.</p> <p>Malting Villas Road, Rochford. Not a feasible scheme – to be removed.</p>	
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	<p>Cllr Steptoe to pursue in other avenues.</p> <p>Fountain Lane, Hockley. In validation.</p> <p>Stambridge Road, Stambridge – 20's Plenty. In validation.</p> <p>Anchor Lane, Canewdon. Scheme agreed.</p> <p>Thorpe Road, Hockley – In validation</p> <p>Paglesham Road, Paglesham – In validation</p> <p>Orchard Close, Great Wakering – Not something to take forward.</p> <p>Main Road, Hawkwell – Scheme agreed.</p> <p>High Road, Rayleigh Weir – In validation</p> <p>Walking</p> <p>Pedestrian Crossing, Rayleigh – In validation</p> <p>Nelsons Gardens, Rayleigh – Scheme agreed</p> <p>Ashingdon Road, Rochford – Scheme agreed</p> <p>Anchor Lane, Canewdon – In validation</p> <p>Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh – Scheme agreed</p> <p>Brinkorth Close, Hockley – In validation</p> <p>Main Road, Hockley – In validation</p> <p>Public Rights of Way</p> <p>PROW71, Rayleigh – Street lighting – The Parish Council has offered £10,000 towards the scheme. Officers confirmed ECC would take on the maintenance. Members linked this scheme to safety concerns and current policy encouraging alternative means of travel. Scheme agreed.</p> <p>PROW71, Rayleigh – Footway improvements – in validation.</p>	
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	<p>Passenger Transport</p> <p>Anchor Lane, Canewdon – it was noted that all bus shelter schemes are on hold due to a County-wide audit. Can not go further until this is complete.</p> <p>A Member asked about electronic bus signs and the Chair requested the officer to find out about this if he can.</p> <p>It was agreed by the panel that additional funding can be discussed in June, as there may be £200,000 to spend.</p>	
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8.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Village gates – Cllr Steptoe asked where responsibility lies for maintaining village gates and expressed frustration that maintenance issues are referred to the LHP. Officers advised vehicle activated signs are the responsibility of the LHP.</p> <p>Continuity – Cllr Weston asked if issues brought to the panel by members not elected next year will still be considered. Officers confirmed they would remain with the panel for consideration.</p>	
9.	Date of Next Meeting – Monday 14 June 2021 at 10am.	