

Minutes

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

21 March 2016

Membership/Attendance

Cllr Dr Naylor (ECC) – Chair
Cllr Aspinell (ECC)
Cllr Cloke (BB) – Vice Chair
Cllr Hirst (ECC)
Cllr Kendall (ECC)
Cllr Parker (BB)
Cllr Squirrell (BB)
Cllr Tee (BB)

Apologies

Cllr Chilvers (BB)

Officers Present

Sonia Church – Highways Liaison Manager (ECC)
Karen O’Shea – 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

Councillor Kendall declared an interest on any item relating to buses.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chilvers and under the constitution of the Local Highways Panels, no substitutes were allowed.

4. Public Questions

An occupier of Sandpit Lane put forward a question to the panel, concerning a proposal for a quiet lane designation of Sandpit Lane.

The occupier highlighted their concerns of erosion and risk taking place.

ECC officers advised that the erosion would be a maintenance issue which could be raised by County Members or the resident on-line. Issues concerning safety can be considered. A speed and volume survey had recently been carried out which indicated a high volume of vehicle usage over a seven day period.

ECC officers confirmed that the volume of traffic did not meet the criteria as a quiet lane.

5. Minutes of previous meeting

Were agreed as a true record.

Councillor Aspinell reminded the Chair/Vice Chair about a previous on site meeting request to take place to discuss Danes Way. ECC officers will arrange.

6. Update on Approved Schemes

Safer Roads

Item 3 - Page 7 Eagle Way/a Hartswood Road (Devil's Head Crossroads) are now complete.

Item 3 and Item 4 – Page 7 Councillor Kendall requested a meeting take place in his capacity as a Highways Panel Member and a County Member with the Senior Engineer to discuss the conclusions and reports. The meeting invitation would also extend to the Chair and Vice –Chair.

Councillor Naylor advised the Panel that this had been a new item and was not available at the time of the agenda issue. The Chair agreed that Councillor Kendall should be allowed to discuss these items.

Item 3 ECC officers advised that it had been subject to a robust study and the recommendation pointed to a roundabout. This would not be delivered through the LHP due to the cost being over £500,000, as with any scheme over that amount. The monies would be met from other budgetary areas at County.

Councillor Kendall **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Councillor Aspinell that Item 3 be approved for a conventional roundabout with detailed design of this scheme and if needed, brought back to the Panel.

Concerns were raised about costs and the decision being based on data not being inclusive of 2016 and since the signage had been implemented.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that item 3 should be moved forward with the proviso of additional information inclusive of 2016 being required if available.

Item 4 – page 7 Sandpit Lane j/w/ Ongar Road. The panel felt that a roundabout would be the best solution however, ECC officers advised, that this was not possible due the width of the area. It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that this should be moved forward **to seek further SELEP funding for this study.**

Item 20 – Page 8 – High Street Ingatestone was now complete

Item 23 – Myrtle Road Warley will now not go ahead following the discovery of UKPN mains underneath the location and relocation of the main feed being too costly. The panel agreed to cancel this scheme.

Item 19 – A128 Tilbury Road West Horndon was complete

Walking

Item 1 – Hutton Village feasibility study for a Badley worn path & Item 2 Tactile paving on both sides of the carriage way Page 19 were both **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** by the panel

Items 4 – Page 20 Hanging Hill Lane, grass verge between the bus stop and entrance to the school was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

Item 5 – page 20 Nine Ashes Road Blackmore Primary School – feasibility study and design was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

Item 6 – page 20 – Hunter Avenue – footway widening and installation of bollards/hedge cut back was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

7. Budget & Potential Schemes List Allocation

The budget had now been halved to £225,000. ECC officers advised that the Panel were to allocate schemes to 160% of the total budget minus the schemes already within the rolling programme. This made final budget allocation total of £245,000.

Traffic Management

Item 17 Item Page 16 – Warley Road, Warley Councillor Kendall advised that two VAS signs were preferred to the 30mph repeater signage. If there was a problem with the power source, the residents would be happy with one either side of the road.

Passenger Transport

Item 1 Page 21 - Clarence Road Brentwood Pilgrims Hatch. It was agreed to cancel this allocation.

Item 2 Page 21 - Arterial Road Great Warley – Bus stop currently on grass, hardstand and dropped kerb requirement.

Item 3 Clarence Road, Brentwood – Bus stop currently on grass, hardstand and dropped kerb requirement.

Item 4 Page 21 Queens Road Brentwood – Bus stop layby was unused and was to be removed. The panel did not support this scheme.

Items 5 & 6 Page 22 – Blackmore Road, Brentwood – lack of bus stop infrastructure and a safe waiting area for disabled travelers from the riding stables. The panel did not wish to allocate to either scheme and asked to be left on the potential schemes list moving forward.

Items 7 & 8 page 22 – Bus and Rail user group via ECC passenger transport team. Request for design only were **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

Item 9 page 22 - Rayleigh Road Hutton Village **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** for Council to replace the wooden shelter upon reviewing the location the bus stop is currently on a Bennett junction island and the funding would be to relocate the stop slightly down the road of the island and supply a new shelter.

Cycling

Item 2 – page 23 Brentwood High Street Cycle Parking. The Panel **AGREED** to remove this item from the allocation listing

Item 5 – page 23 Crown Street, Hart St & Copfold Road Brentwood. It was felt that opening this one way street to cyclists to use as two way would be dangerous and is to be removed.

Item 8 – Page 24 Pilgrims Hatch to Brentwood Town Centre. The Panel **AGREED** to carry out a feasibility study to ascertain the best route available. Due to the location of a gated park between Cleves Avenue and Copperfield Gardens.

Item 10 Page 24 – Shenfield Road. The Panel **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the recommendation to rectify the signage along Chelmsford road and at the junction of Oliver Road would tie in with the new route providing directional signage to Shenfield station and then on to Brentwood High Street.

Item 11 – page 24 – Shenfield Road to Brentwood High Street. The Panel **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to carry out a feasibility study to look at alternative routes, as the suggested route would incur costs above the LHP budget.

Public Rights of Way

Item 1 Byway 22 - page 25 (Doddinghurst) It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to allocate £7,000.

Item 2 Bridleway 10 (through to Bentley Golf Course Brentwood). The Panel agreed that this would remain on the listing awaiting further clarification from ECC officers

Item 3 Bridleway 193, Weald Park. It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to allocate the monies for this scheme and requested that if possible that public right of way Scheme be extended in the future if possible.

The Chairman requested a press release for good news stories from work completed by the Brentwood LHP. Officers will be preparing a report to go forward for a press release.

8. Any Other Business

1. The Panel are to note that the next meeting date is still provisional and awaiting confirmation of the meetings timetable
2. The Chair made a request on behalf of the Panel to ECC officers to release paperwork to the panel sooner if possible but understands that feasibility reports are sometimes completed in the time close to panels.

10. Date of next meeting

The next LHP meeting would take place at 7.00pm on Monday 20 June 2016.
