

Minutes

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

8 June 2015

Membership/Attendance

Cllr Aspinell (ECC)
Cllr Hirst (ECC)
Cllr Kendall (ECC)
Cllr Dr Naylor (ECC)

Cllr Chilvers (BBC)
Cllr Cloke (BBC)
Cllr Tee (BBC)

Apologies

Cllr Mrs Squirrell (BBC)

Also present

Cllr Johnson (ECC)
Cllr McCheyne (BBC)

Officers Present

Sonia Church - Highways Liaison Manager (ECC)
Michael Row – Highways Validation Engineer (ECC)
Jean Sharp – Governance and Member Support Officer (BBC)
Gregg Speller – Highways Liaison Officer (ECC)

1. Welcome and introductions

Cllr Johnson welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. Declarations of interest

None were received.

3. Election of Chairman

Cllr Johnson invited nominations for Chairman and only Cllr Dr Naylor was nominated by Cllr Cloke. Cllr Hirst seconded the nomination and Cllr Dr Naylor was installed as Chairman.

Cllr Dr Naylor requested nominations for Vice-chairman. Cllr Hirst nominated and Cllr Tee seconded Cllr Cloke to be Vice-chairman and he was duly installed.

4. Apologies for absence

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

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the 23 March 2015 meeting were approved as a true record.

Regarding Minute 5, Members were advised that the petition presented calling for a 20mph speed restriction within the stretch of the A128 between the white gates demarcating Herongate and Ingrave villages, also in Billericay Road, Herongate Tye was being progressed and speed surveys had been requested.

Regarding Minute 6, ECC officers advised that the outcome of the police investigation of the fatal accident in Ongar Road was still awaited. Cllr Johnson advised that the Police report needs to be received before we move forward. When this had been received, safety aspects in the area could be considered and the previous feasibility study would be re-visited.

Regarding Minute 7, Members noted that the seminar on the criteria for maintenance issues had been arranged for 29 June 2015 and an invitation had been sent to all BBC Members. Cllr Johnson advised that Phase 1 of the High Street repairs was currently underway and Phase 2 was in the pipeline.

Action: - Gregg Speller - The Chairman requested an update be given at the next meeting.

Regarding Minute 8, Members were advised that the proposed signs, lights, etc in Great Ropers Lane had almost been completed. Road markings were due to be completed in April but were still outstanding.

Action: - Gregg Speller - The Chairman requested an update be given at the next meeting.

Regarding Minute 9, Members had requested an update on funding, particularly in relation to the £60,000 slippage on the Hanging Hill Lane/Pondfield Lane scheme. ECC officers advised that these monies had not been carried forward to this year's budget but had been included in a central Essex Highways fund.

6. Public Questions

There were none.

7. Update on schemes approved

A list was circulated giving an update on schemes previously approved by the Panel.

Members requested clarification on scheme nos 22 – Honeypot Lane; 38 – Westwood Avenue/West park Hill/adjoining Roads; 39 – Brentwood Train Station – road parallel to Alexandra Road; 41 – Church Lane/Hall Green Lane/Hutton Village; 42 – Warley Hill Zebra Crossing; 48 – B186/A127 junction south of Woodlands School on Great Warley Street; 50 – A128 Tilbury Road; 57 – Tilbury Road, West Horndon.

*ECC officers advised as appropriate and would provide an update at the next LHP meeting. **Action: - Gregg Speller**

8. Schemes to consider for funding

Members were reminded that schemes valued at 146% of the Panel's budget had been recommended at the 23 March 2015 LHP meeting. Only 100% of the budget for 15/16 can be delivered this year, therefore developing the rolling programme of works into 16/17. A list provided for Members' information identified the status of each scheme.

Members noted that the cycling schemes listed had not been validated.

* ECC officers advised they intended to contact relevant ward members about the proposed schemes. **Action: - Gregg Speller**

Traffic Management - Scheme no 4: Middleton Hall Lane – signage and improvements to zebra crossing: Cllrs Kendall and Hirst believed the school would be prepared to contribute to the cost.

*ECC officers would follow this up to the County Member and Secretariat prior to next meeting.

(Cllr Hirst declared a personal interest by virtue of his child attending Brentwood School). **Action: - Gregg Speller**

*ECC officers advised that the prioritisation of schemes would be undertaken at the end of June/July, any additional schemes agreed at the June Panel meeting will be programmed afterwards. Councillors may have priorities which they wish to highlight at an early stage. Some of the schemes would then be programmed into 2016/17 .

(Cllr Dr Naylor declared a personal interest in Scheme no 9 – Back Lane, Fryerning – by virtue of living close by).

Traffic Management - Scheme no 18 – Eagle Way: Members noted the feasibility study should now be completed, however, works undertaken at the junction would be a major scheme, therefore not for the LHP to fund.

Cllr Tee requested that Cllr Bass – ECC Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation – or Cllr Johnson attend a meeting of local residents at the village hall to advise them of proposals regarding the junction which very much concerned local residents.

Traffic Management - Scheme no 19 – Sandpit Lane – the feasibility study had been received and ECC officers would circulate it. **Action: - Gregg Speller**

9. Quiet Lanes

A paper was circulated which set out the purpose of designating certain roads in Essex as Quiet Lanes.

Members suggested several roads in the borough which could be designated as quiet lanes – Church Lane, Hutton; Dark Lane, Warley and Beggar Hill, Fryerning but generally felt that most roads in Brentwood were unsuitable.

Members were requested to send nominations of any roads considered suitable to the Highways Liaison Officer on the LHP request form.

10. Any Other Business

The Chairman requested that suggestions for highway schemes submitted by Members on the appropriate form should be supported by the relevant County Councillor.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would take place on Monday 21 September 2015 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at Brentwood Town Hall.
