

ROCHFORD LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES 15 DECEMBER 2020 AT 2.00PM

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:	L Morris – RDC Democratic Services Officer

Item		Owner
1.	The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Cllr M Maddocks advised that Cllr Mrs J R Lumley would be chairing the meeting while Cllr M Maddocks observed due to personal issues.	
2.	No apologies for absence were received. Cllr A Marriott was not in attendance. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda: Cllrs Mrs J R Lumley, Mrs C E Roe and I H Ward declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being Members of Rayleigh Town Council. Cllr M J Steptoe declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being a Member of Barling Magna Parish Council. Cllr P J Shaw declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being a Member of Stambridge Parish Council. Cllr B T Hazlewood declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being a Member of Hockley Parish Council.	
3.	The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2020 were agreed as a correct record.	
4.	Matters arising from previous meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Maddocks agreed that the Hawkwell Park Drive, Hockley parking restrictions could be 	

	<p>removed from the programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DM provided an update on the VAS sign, Sutton Road - Beyond economical repair. A speed survey would be carried out to see if a VAS sign was still required, but this had not yet happened due to COVID-19 restrictions. 	
5.	<p>IH presented two Casualty Reductions sites which had been identified for Members to consider.</p> <p>A1245 j/w Chelmsford Road - Junction warning signs, improved road markings and vegetation clearance to improve junction visibility. IH advised that this was a low-level scheme but would hopefully treat the pattern of collisions that had been identified.</p> <p>Hall Road j/w Ashingdon Road and West Street – Issues with drivers failing to give way due to poor visibility. Origin and destination surveys will be carried out, along with looking at speeds that road users were reaching on the approach. Housing developments further up Ashingdon Road will be taken into account when considering possible measures. Cllr Steptoe raised an issue with the overgrowth from the river blocking views and queried who would be responsible for cutting this to ensure that sight lines were kept clear. IH advised that he would look into who was responsible for cutting back the vegetation.</p> <p>Poynters Lane, Great Wakering - Design was currently underway and will appear as deliverable scheme in 2021/22. Cllr Steptoe identified that a contributing factor to the issues was the overgrowth and that it was essential for this to be kept back.</p> <p>Downhall Road – Initially identified as there was lots of activity at the junction and had additional stress placed upon it from developments in the surrounding area. However, it was decided that this would not be included as there were already discussion taking place between the development management team and developers looking to signalise this junction, therefore, work did not need to be duplicated.</p> <p>Cllr Roe queried how she was able to get a site put forward for consideration as a CR scheme. IH explained that CR sites are identified where there is a pattern of personal injury traffic collisions.</p>	IH

	<p>Cllr Maddocks raised a query regarding a death after an accident, and IH advised Members that if there is a fatality following an accident, this will only be recorded as a fatal collision if the deceased has passed away within 28 days of the accident occurring. If the deceased dies more than 28 days after the accident occurring, this will be classed as a serious collision. Cllr Steptoe raised a point that the coroner's report would be considered in this state. Cllr Ward queried if there was a route that could be taken to understand why the time period was set at 28 days rather than a longer time period as it had previously been, and suggested that the LHP could lobby this through Essex County Council. Cllr Maddocks suggested that this may need to be addressed through the local MP as he felt that this was likely to be a government decision.</p>	<p>Cllr Maddocks</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Funded Schemes List 2020/21</p> <p>DM advised that all remaining schemes in the programme should be delivered before the end of Q4.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Schemes Awaiting Funding</p> <p>DM advised that there was £221,000 worth of schemes that could potentially be funded by the panel.</p> <p>Rochford Town Market Square. This is a feasible scheme that the panel can choose to fund next year. This was initially due to be on the programme for this year, but due to the restrictions put in place, DM was unable to finalise this.</p> <p>Star Lane, Great Wakering – Traffic Calming. This is a feasible scheme.</p> <p>Rochford Garden Way, Rochford – Grasscrete. Funding had been requested from SEPP but never received. The panel can now consider funding this scheme in 2021/22.</p> <p>Twyford Avenue, Great Wakering – Grasscrete. As above.</p> <p>Ashingdon Road, Rochford – Bollards. This is a feasible scheme.</p> <p>Main Road, Hockley. This is a feasible scheme.</p>	<p>DM</p>

New Road j/w Shoebury Road, Great Waking. 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.

Eastwood Road j/w High Street. The feasibility study could not be delivered this year due to the SEPP funding not materialising, therefore would appear as a potential scheme next year.

A127/A129 Rayleigh Weir Roundabout. The feasibility study could not be delivered this year due to the SEPP funding not materialising, therefore would appear as a potential scheme next year.

Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh. This is a feasible scheme, however, a pedestrian crossing is also currently being validated.

Waking Road, Great Waking. This is a feasible scheme, although advised that this may not have a huge impact as the speeds are relatively low anyway.

Anchor Lane, Canewdon. There were two options, one was to move just the village gateway to include the new development at a cost of £6,500 or the 30mph speed limit could also be extended at a cost of £11,000.

Stambridge Road, Stambridge – 20mph outside Stambridge Primary School. Did not meet criteria for 20mph speed limit, however, request now been submitted for a '20's Plenty' scheme.

Stambridge Road, Stambridge – 20mph outside Mini Marvels Pre-School. Did not meet criteria for 20mph speed limit, however, request now been submitted for a '20's Plenty' scheme.

Little Waking 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.

Coronation Close, Great Waking – Grasscrete. In validation.

Cheapside West, Rayleigh. Request for grasscrete, had been found that this would encourage parking over the footway and instead advised that walking should be encouraged through schemes such as 3PR. Cllr Lumley advised that this was a confusing decision, as surely this would mean that all grasscrete schemes on verges would be denied.

SC advised that at the moment there were concrete bollards at this location where the grasscrete had been requested and advised that this scheme had been rejected due to a footway located behind the bollards therefore, the footpath could not be blocked in order to protect the school children. SC advised that school streets could be investigated so that the road could be closed during certain periods of the day.

Thorpe Road, Hockley. Third party scheme. In validation.

Hall Road, Rochford. In validation.

Upway, Rayleigh. In validation.

Barling Road, Great Wakering. In validation.

Malting Villas Road, Rochford. Request to introduce a one-way system, this was deemed unfeasible because it was unlikely that residents would adhere to this.

Fountain Lane, Hockley. In validation.

Stambridge Road, Stambridge – 20's Plenty. In validation.

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Pedestrian Crossing – London Road, Rayleigh. Been on programme for some time, would be considered once the development was occupied.

Nelsons Gardens, Rayleigh. This is a feasible scheme.

Ashingdon Road, Rochford. Following a couple of casualties at the site. Panel had chosen to fund this if funds were made available from SEPP, but did not receive them. Could be considered for delivery next year.

	<p>Anchor Lane, Canewdon. Request has been submitted, but needed to wait for a PV2 to be carried out before the site could be considered.</p> <p>Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh. In validation.</p> <p>Brinkworth Close, Hockley. In validation.</p> <p>PROW 71, Rayleigh. This is a feasible scheme that can be considered next year. Cllr Lumley queried if DM had written to both Rawreth and Rayleigh to request a contribution and was advised that DM had not yet received a response. Cllr Lumley advised that she believed he would get a response from Rayleigh Town Council following budget conversations in February.</p> <p>Anchor Lane, Canewdon – Bus Shelter. Awaiting completion of County-wide bus shelter audit before validation can be carried out. Cllr Lumley queried if there was a timescale for the completion of this audit, and was advised that this had been affected by COVID-19.</p>	DM
8.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Nothing relating to the LHP was raised.</p>	
9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting – Monday 15 March 2021 at 10am.</p>	