

ROCHFORD LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES
15 JUNE 2020 AT 2.00 PM
REMOTE MEETING

Chairman:	Cllr M Maddocks
Panel Members:	Cllr B T Hazlewood, G J Ioannou (RDC), Cllr Mrs C E Roe (RDC), Cllr Mrs C A Weston (ECC), Cllr Miss A Marriott (EALC representative), Cllrs Mrs J R Lumley (ECC), M J Steptoe (ECC) and I H Ward (RDC).
Officers:	D Maclean – ECC Highways Liaison Officer (DM)
Secretariat:	M Power – RDC Democratic Services Officer

Item		Owner
1.	The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.	
3.	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda: Cllrs Mrs J R Lumley and Mrs C E Roe declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being Members of Rayleigh Town Council.	
4.	The Minutes of meeting held on 16 March 2020 were agreed as correct record. The Chairman expressed his sadness at the recent loss of Cllr Terry Cutmore.	
5.	Funded Schemes List 2020/21 The capital budget for 2020/21 was £214,000, the same as in recent years. From this budget, £17,500 would be allocated to two safer roads schemes. Pointers Lane, j/w Wakering Road, Great Wakering. Although the vegetation had been cleared there was still an issue with reduced visibility, and the junction would need to be redesigned. Cllr Steptoe advised that a number of residents and pedestrians had raised concerns about the 60-mph speed limit between this junction and the Southend boundary. He asked that the request to reduce the speed limit along this stretch of road to 40-mph be reviewed as part of the scheme.	

	<p>Spa Road, Hockley – Eldon Road, Hockley. Pedestrian crossing facilities would be improved. Members reported that a fatality had occurred at this junction.</p> <p>The Chase, Rayleigh – speed table. It was noted that residents may not be favour of the installation of a raised table. The effect of the scheme on drainage could be included in the feasibility study. Additional information would be available for consideration by the Panel at the next meeting.</p> <p>Eastwood Road Rayleigh – Signalised Crossing. The implementation of a previously completed design was recommended.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Schemes Awaiting Funding</p> <p>Although the Panel had commissioned most of the budget, additional funding would be available from SEPP for the following three schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunny Road/Elizabeth Way PROW scheme. • Twyford Avenue, Great Wakering – grasscrete scheme. • Rochford Garden Way, Rochford - grasscrete scheme. <p>The Panel confirmed their agreement to the re-commissioning of the four schemes rolled over from 2019/20, as well as the Ashingdon Road zebra crossing upgrade scheme. DM would email the Panel to confirm the details of the Ashingdon Road works. When the SEPP funding was received the schemes would be commissioned.</p> <p>The issue raised by a Member that the painted markings had worn away on a cycle way on the Ashingdon Road was a maintenance issue and should be reported on the ‘report it’ tool online or raised through the County Member.</p>	<p>Agreed DM</p>
	<p>Star Lane, Great Wakering. Install village gates and traffic commission. Implementation £13,000. Awaiting funding.</p> <p>Two grasscrete schemes in Rochford Garden Way, Rochford and Twyford Avenue, Great Wakering – SEPP funding has been agreed and both schemes will be progressed as soon as the funds have been transferred.</p> <p>Ashingdon Road, Rochford – Bollards the scheme is feasible; however, this would result in displacement of parking to nearby areas. Before the scheme is taken forward, any planning applications or developments happening at that time could be considered by the engineers. Awaiting funding.</p>	

<p>High Street, Great Wakering – bus cage. A bus cage would not be introduced as this would cause additional safety issues; the only option available would be to move either the bus stop or the zebra crossing, and this would be down to the Panel to fund. The Chairman of the LHP, Cllr Maddocks, would progress this matter and advise that the LHP would not be funding any works in this location as the bus stop had been sited here in error; therefore, funding for correction works must not be borne by the LHP.</p> <p>Main Road, Hockley - bollards. Vehicles parking on the footway obstruct the view to the junctions either side. The scheme is currently in validation and the Panel would be advised when an update was received from the engineers.</p> <p>Star Lane, Great Wakering - traffic calming. The scheme is in validation. It was planned to erect signage outside the home of a resident; feedback was awaited.</p> <p>Rochford Town Centre market square – aesthetic improvements. The feasibility study has been put on hold as the requisite surveys cannot be carried out until after lockdown and traffic levels resume.</p> <p>Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh – ‘20 when lights flash’ scheme. This can be progressed. Awaiting funding.</p> <p>Wakering Road, Great Wakering – 40-mph speed limit. Feasibility Study. Awaiting funding.</p> <p>Anchor Lane, Canewdon - Village Gateway repositioning. The estimated cost would be £6,500 for the gateway and £11,000 if the 30-mph were to be included. Awaiting funding.</p> <p>Stambridge Road, Stambridge – 20-mph outside Stambridge Primary School/20 mph outside Mini Marvels Pre-School. Both schemes awaiting speed surveys.</p> <p>Little Wakering Road, Barling – Wig Wag. The wig wag would need to be moved to a more suitable location. Cost estimated - £23,500. Awaiting funding.</p> <p>Anchor Lane/Lambourne Hall Road, Canewdon - 20mph. The scheme will be progressed to validation when the surveys have been carried out.</p> <p>Coronation Close, Great Wakering/Cheapside West, Rayleigh – grasscrete schemes. Both in validation.</p>	
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	<p>Thorpe Road, Hawkwell. Third party scheme and would not need to be funded by Panel. When the validation is completed DM to advise whether it will be progressed by the local residents.</p> <p>Hall Road. In validation. Cllr Steptoe - the traffic is pushed into the middle of the road where the new roundabout is.</p> <p>Nelsons Gardens, Rayleigh - Footway. The issue is exacerbated by root damage caused by the large tree next to the footway – in validation.</p> <p>Ashingdon Road, Rochford – Zebra Crossing Upgrade. SEPP funding would be allocated to this scheme.</p> <p>The Westrings, Hockley – pedestrian guard railing. Remove from list as the Panel cannot allocate funding as it is not owned by ECCH.</p> <p>Anchor Lane – validation. DM advised that speeds will be validated and a PV² calculation undertaken. Speed surveys would not be undertaken until traffic volumes return to normal.</p> <p>PROW 285 Improvements – Hockley. SEPP funding allocated for surveys.</p> <p>PROW 71, Rayleigh – Street Lighting. To illuminate the route (north of Victoria Road to Priory Chase) which is used by children and parents from the schools as well as the leisure centre and supermarket. This would enable more people to use the PROW when it is dark and save people having to use cars to travel to these facilities.</p>	<p>Remove</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ioannou raised a report of a scheme to remove a bus shelter in Stambridge by 5 meters. The new location would be assessed for suitability. Essex Highways should be happy to support this, but the location would need to be assessed for suitability. The matter would be raised by Cllr Mrs Weston as the County Member to ensure that relevant standards and specification are met. • Cllr Steptoe raised an enquiry as to whether the LHP would consider putting in road H markers/posts on the edge of a road that is liable to tidal flooding. In times of flooding the white lines cannot be seen and the road is too steep to be driven through safely. Cllr Steptoe to submit a scheme request form. DM to pass to engineers for validation. 	<p>Cllr Mrs Weston</p> <p>DM</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hockley Community Centre. Cllr Hazlewood advised that there is a bay that allows cars to turn around, for when the gates to enter the community centre are closed. However, cars are parking permanently in this bay, which results in cars and lorries having nowhere to turn and having to reverse up the road instead. very dangerous. Sign being put up no parking. The car parking area belongs to Rochford District Council. The entrance up to the gates would be Essex Highways and so can be raised with SEPP to put in and enforce the parking restriction. • Brocketts, Eastwood Road, Rayleigh. Cllr Ward advised that the bollards installed by ECC to protect the safety of pedestrians had been removed by the owners and cars are driving across the crossing and onto the pavement in front of Brocketts. DM advised that he would raise the issue with ECC and provide an update to Cllrs Maddocks and Ward. • Cllr Mrs Marriott advised that she forwards the Minutes of the Highways Panel to the Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils. Going forward, she would email a copy to each of the Parish/Town Councils direct. She would also liaise with Parish/Town Council clerks to establish a procedure to facilitate Parish/Town Councils raising matters with the LHP. 	<p>DM</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Marriott</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting – Monday 14 September 2020 at 2 pm.</p>	

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and closed at 2.52 pm