

**ROCHFORD LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES
16 DECEMBER 2019 AT 2.00 PM**

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC SUITE, RAYLEIGH

Civic Suite, 2 Hockley Road, Rayleigh, SS6 8EB

Chairman:	Cllr Mrs J R Lumley (ECC)
Panel Members:	CC Mike Steptoe (ECC), CC Carole Weston, CC Terry Cutmore (ECC), Cllr George Ioannou (RDC), Cllr Cheryl Roe (RDC), Cllr Brian Hazlewood (RDC)
Officers:	S Church – ECC Highways Liaison Manager I Henderson – ECC Senior Road Safety Engineer
Secretariat:	D Maclean – ECC Highways Liaison Officer (DM) M Power – RDC Democratic Services Officer

Item		Owner
1.	The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.	
2.	Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Maddocks (ECC) and Miss A Marriott (EALC representative).	
3.	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda: Cllrs Mrs J R Lumley and Mrs C E Roe each 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 membership of Barling Magna Parish Council; Cllr G J Ioannou declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of membership of Stambridge Parish Council and Cllr B T Hazlewood declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of membership of Hockley Parish Council.	
4.	The Minutes of meeting held on 16 September 2019 were agreed as correct record. It was noted that reference to Rayleigh Town Council under the Stambridge Road speed limit reduction item was incorrect.	
5.	Matters arising from the Minutes Stambridge Road, Stambridge – Speed Limit reduction. DM had undertaken a site visit with Cllr Ioannou to the Stambridge Road location. If further information could be provided in respect of	

	<p>personal injury collisions in the area that had not been included in the statistics (previously provided by Essex Police), it may be possible for the matter to be reconsidered by the engineers.</p> <p>DM to provide an update on the replacement wigwag in Barling, near the school.</p> <p>Bus stop – zebra crossing, Great Wakering. Bus companies have been asked that their drivers stop at the official bus stop, not the shelter. This actually causes a bigger problem as it allows pedestrians to use the zebra crossing (as the bus is not obstructing it) but the view is severely obscured by the bus, meaning that pedestrian could walk into oncoming traffic. There was the question of who would be liable in the case of an accident. DM advised that scheme to resolve the situation is being validated; results would be available at the March meeting. Responsibility for funding, this would depend on whether the works are regarded as an improvement, in which case the LHP would fund. The scheme design would be looked at - DM to establish how the original decision was made and by whom.</p> <p>It was suggested that the bus stop could be moved, even if on a temporary basis. DM to discuss with the Passenger Transport engineers and update the Panel.</p> <p>Canewdon directional signage. Although temporary signage would be applied in respect of the 2020 Wallasea Island event, there was no support for permanent signage in this location.</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>DM</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Presentation on Casualty Reduction Sites Ian Henderson (Senior Road Safety Engineer) gave a presentation on the following two sites:-</p> <p>Pointers Lane, j/w Wakering Road, Great Wakering. Vegetation had been trimmed in 2018 following a collision. Accidents were occurring because of northbound motorists on Wakering Road failing to give way. Options would be investigated for improving the junction layout.</p> <p>Spa Road, Hockley – Eldon Road, Hockley. One option would be to relocate the crossing and install a pedestrian guard rail.</p>	

<p>6.</p>	<p>Report on Funded schemes 2019/20: An overspend of £25,250 was due to increased costs on some schemes. Engineers had identified three schemes where the design can be undertaken in the current year and the scheme delivered in 2020/21.</p> <p>Rochford Town Centre, Market Square – aesthetic improvements. Feasibility Study to be completed in Q4 2019/20</p> <p>Church Road, Hockley – HGV Signing. To be delivered in Q4 2019/20</p> <p>New Road/Shoebury Road, Great Wakering – Signing. <u>Cancelled</u></p> <p>Old London Road extension of 40mph speed limit – Will now be delivered in Q1 2020/21</p> <p>Tudor Way, Hawkwell - bus stop – re-profile footway to prevent pooling - to be delivered in Q4 2019/20</p> <p>North Street, Great Wakering – HGV Restriction. Unmade road. Will now be delivered in Q1 2020/21</p> <p>Lark Hill Road, Canewdon – horse warning signs and carriage markings. To be delivered in January 2020.</p> <p>Spa Road, Hockley/Southend Road, Hockley/Southend Road, Hawkwell – Zebra Lighting Upgrade – old lighting to be replaced by LED lighting. <u>Completed</u></p> <p>(A Member comment that street lighting outside Hockley library should be removed would be passed to the street lighting team – this did not fall under this scheme).</p> <p>Chestnut Close, Hockley – pedestrian railings. Funding of up to £10,000 had been allocated and works scheduled to be completed Q4 2019/20.</p>	<p>DM</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Report on Schemes Awaiting Funding 2019/20:</p> <p>Hanover Bridge, Watery Lane/Beeches Road – weak bridge signage. On hold until development is complete – the developers will be putting in their own signage during the development process.</p>	<p>Remove</p>

<p>Clyde Crescent, Rayleigh – one-way system. Not to be progressed – remove. Vehicles parked obstructively and dangerously should be reported to the police.</p> <p>Star Lane, Great Wakering – installation of traffic calming measures. To be considered for funding next year for implementation.</p> <p>Rochford Garden Way, Rochford and Twyford Avenue, Great Wakering – Grasscrete. SEPP require additional information before they can consider providing funding (DM to pass onto SEPP once provided by engineers). The SEPP funding can roll into 2020/21.</p> <p>The Chase, Rayleigh – speed table – in validation. The issue of the give-way sign on the junction of Warwick Road and The Chase would be raised as a maintenance issue – Cllr Mrs Lumley would take this forward as ECC Member.</p> <p>Ashingdon Road, Rochford – Bollards – in validation – likely to cost in the region of £10,000, if feasible.</p> <p>High Street, Great Wakering – bus cage. In validation – likely to cost £6,500 if there is sufficient space on the carriageway for a bus cage. Passenger transportation to update shortly. Cllr Steptoe felt that the cost should not come from the LHP budget.</p> <p>Spa Road, Hockley – Safety Improvements. In validation – awaiting information on costs.</p> <p>Cherry Orchard Way, Rochford – Country Park Signage. In validation. Estimated £10,500 for implementation.</p> <p>Main Road, Hockley – Bollards. In validation. DM had visited the site with Cllr Maddocks. Validation would establish for certain if the bollards had been removed and could be regarded as a maintenance cost - Cllr Cutmore felt that the LHP should not be funding reinstatement of bollards.</p> <p>New Road/Shoebury Road, Great Wakering – signing. In Validation. DM had discussed with the engineers whether advanced signage could be attached to an already existing signpost.</p> <p>Rochford Town Centre, market Square – aesthetic improvements – awaiting completion of feasibility study.</p> <p>Eastwood Road/High Street – pedestrian railings – awaiting completion of feasibility study.</p>	<p>Remove</p>
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	<p>A127/A129 Rayleigh Weir Roundabout – lane signage and markings. Completion of feasibility study awaited – at this stage establishing whether Castle Point Council could part fund the scheme would be considered (this crosses the border of the two Councils).</p> <p>Pedestrian Crossing – London Road, Rayleigh. This would remain on the schemes awaiting funding list until the upgrade to the pedestrian refuge is completed.</p> <p>Nelson Gardens, Rayleigh – Footway. In validation. Further information would be available for the March 2020 Panel meeting.</p> <p>Ashingdon Road, Rochford – Zebra Crossing Upgrade. The Highways team had carried out site visit to ascertain whether halo beacons could be used in this location. Currently in validation. (The issue of the lighting not working on one side would be escalated. Arrangements would be made to cut foliage back to allow more light at the crossing).</p> <p>PROW 285 improvements – Hockley. Update to be provided to the Panel’s March 2020 meeting. DM to look into the possibility of SEPP funding.</p> <p>DM asked the Panel to bring forward suggestions for schemes that could be put into the programme for 2020/21.</p> <p>St Nicholas School, Rayleigh. The footway from the top of Victoria Avenue and Priory Chase to the school. If there are parking related matters, SEPP could be approached for funding and there could also be contribution from the Parish Council. DM to raise with SEPP.</p> <p>Pulpits Close, Hockley. There is no space for parking - this green space is adopted highway. Cllr Mrs Weston to complete a scheme request form.</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>DM</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of speed limit outside Canewdon Primary school to 20mph. The scheme had the support of the ECC Member and would be included in the report to the March meeting of the panel. • Zebra Crossing at the Paul Pry, Rayleigh. This is a busy crossing on a bend and residents are concerned that the vegetation blocking the light will be dangerous. DM to investigate having shrubbery cut back by residents. 	<p>DM</p> <p>DM</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastwood Road, Rayleigh - zebra crossing at the top of Trinity Road and Finchfield outside St George's Court. The lighting is not always on – this is a maintenance issue. • London Hill speed survey. DM reported that it was believed that the survey equipment had been tampered with. • Fitzwimark school parking outside the school and in the bus stop in Upway, the road opposite, on the grass verge. The 3PR school parking initiative is not available here. Cllr Steptoe advised that SEPP has plans for a camera car to target zig zags outside schools and in bus stops. There could be a request for an extension to the double yellow lines at the top of Upway. There was a suggestion that temporary fixed cameras could be put up in 'hot spots'. • Our Lady of Ransom School – 20's plenty: the scheme is with the engineers for validation. Update to be provided at the Panel's March meeting. • Barriers outside school entrances. A scheme request form should be submitted for engineers to consider. The use of railings is not something that would be considered as a matter of course as railings are not designed to protect pedestrians from cars. • Church Road, Hockley – Close to the railway bridge. VAS is not working. DM to investigate. • Hockley Community Centre. Signs from Main Road and Buckingham Road have been removed. This is a maintenance issue - Cllr Mrs Weston to look into. • The flashing sign on Stambridge Hall Lane, on the corner of Stambridge Road and St Mary's Church, had been hit by a vehicle. Road markings have faded – this is a maintenance issue and could be raised with Cllr Cutmore. 	DM
9.	Date of Next Meeting – 16 March 2020.	

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and closed at 3.40 pm