

**ROCHFORD LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES – 5 JULY 2017
AT 2PM**

CIVIC SUITE, RAYLEIGH

Civic Suite, 2 Hockley Road, Rayleigh SS6 8EB

Chairman:	Cllr M Maddocks (ECC)
Panel Members:	Cllrs T Cutmore (ECC), J Lumley (ECC), C Weston (ECC), B Hazlewood (RDC), G Ioannou (RDC), C Roe and I Ward
Visiting Member:	Cllr M Steptoe (ECC)
Officers:	G Speller – Highways Liaison Officer, L Seagers – ECC Road Safety Engineer
Secretariat:	M Power – RDC Democratic Services

Item		Owner
1.	Welcome and Introduction: Apologies for absence were received from S Church – Highways Liaison Manager.	
2.	Declarations of interest: Cllr B Hazlewood declared an interest in items on the Agenda by virtue of being a Member of Hockley Parish Council.	
3.	The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2017 were agreed as correct record, subject to the following amendment: Cllr B Hazlewood had declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being a Member of Hockley Parish Council, not Rochford Parish Council as stated in the Minutes. Church Road/Fountain Lane. Cllr Maddocks had submitted a request form.	
4.	Matters Arising from Minutes of the previous meeting: S106 Schemes. S Church is in discussions with ECC with a view to compiling a comprehensive list of S106 schemes for future meetings of the Panel.	



<p>5.</p>	<p>Approved Works Programme Update:</p> <p>Road Safety schemes North Street j/w Weirpond Road, Rochford – CR Site – CR site with design in year 1 and delivery in year 2.</p> <p>(Note: Cllr Mrs Weston declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item by virtue of her daughter horse riding in this location.)</p> <p>A129 Southend Road j/w Old London Road, Rawreth. The design would cost in the region of £10,000 to deliver. £40,000 could be put back into the rolling programme.</p> <p>The Panel would review the list of schemes at its meeting in September; any schemes not supported by the Panel could be removed from the list at this time. The budget for 2018/19 would be fully allocated at the December meeting of the Panel.</p> <p>Hullbridge Road, Rawreth/Spa Road Hockley/Southend Road opp White Hart, Hockley/Southend Road, Hawkwell – Zebra Lighting Upgrade to task lighting. The feasibility study would be undertaken in 2018/19, with a view to scheme delivery in Year Two (2019/20). The maintenance aspect would be the responsibility of the Maintenance team.</p> <p>In response to a question, Members were advised that data from previous speed and volume studies would generally remain relevant for 3-4 years, unless significant changes took place.</p> <p>Paglesham to Rochford Central Cycle Route – Study. This related to the Coastal 2020 project (Cllrs Mrs J Lumley and G Ioannou were project sponsors for Rochford District Council). There will be further information on progress of this project in the next few months. The amount of £10,000 will be put into the rolling programme; this can be reviewed and withdrawn if required.</p> <p>Rochford Garden Way, Rochford. The Panel had agreed that this be removed from the rolling programme and placed in the Potential Schemes list.</p> <p>It was noted that completed schemes would be shown in the minutes of the meeting and then removed from the list.</p> <p>Canewdon Road/Larkhill Road, Canewdon – road safety assessment collision. (Cllr Ioannou declared an interest in this item by virtue of being a Ward Councillor.) There was great concern by residents and a request for a reduction in the speed limit; an accident had initiated a petition from residents.</p>	
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	<p>Members advised of fatalities on Larkhill Road that did not appear in the report statistics - Cllr Ioannou to provide the Police Incident Numbers to GS. The road was heavily used by horse riders and cyclists. GS advised that an average speed of 42mph had been recorded (which was lower than would be expected for a de-restricted road) and there were no concerns from a road safety perspective; a reduction in speed along this road could not be supported as it was against ECC guidelines. In response to a question, GS advised that all appropriate speed reduction/warning signs were in place in accordance with guidelines. The road safety report had recommended a substantial vegetation cut back by the Highway Rangers, which would improve forward visibility – GS to instruct Rangers.</p>	<p>Cllr Ioannou</p> <p>GS</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Potential Capital Schemes. All requests must have County Member support. The Panel had to have their scheme allocation list fully allocated by the December meeting. Additional schemes would be discussed for inclusion by the Panel at its September meeting.</p> <p>Rochford Garden Way, Rochford – this had been added back to the Potential Schemes list.</p> <p>Eastwood Road, opposite Sainsbury's, Rayleigh – signalised crossing. A meeting with Cllrs Roe and Maddocks had taken place. A PV² survey had shown the crossing to be within the criteria for an upgrade from zebra to signalised crossing, with, if recommended from the validation report, would be design in year One and delivery in year Two. Cllr Roe reported that since this meeting another accident had occurred involving a child. All accidents must be reported to the Police. (Cllr Ward declared a non-pecuniary interest item by virtue of being the Ward Councillor.)</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Potential Schemes List for consideration of Panel in 2017/18:</p> <p>Hanover Bridge, Watery Lane/Beeches Road, Hullbridge – weak bridge signage – awaiting results from feasibility survey.</p> <p>Rawreth Lane and Laburnum Way – culvert works – awaiting resolution of land issues (in contact with landowner). ECC did not wish to assume responsibility for maintenance.</p>	

	<p>Poynters Lane, Great Wakering – Footway. The Panel had agreed not to progress with this scheme but that it would be left on the Potential Schemes list until September.</p> <p>Revenue Budget – it was agreed that a repeat speed and volume survey would be undertaken on Trinity Road, Rayleigh, but in a different location. GS to liaise with Cllr Roe.</p> <p>Cllr Hazlewood would email GS to advise that the VAS in Church Road, Hockley was out of order.</p> <p>It was noted that HLO now recommends work to the Highway Rangers’ work list and requests can be sent direct to the Highway Rangers LHP inbox. GS to send details of the LHP inbox to Panel Members. Town/Parish Councils have been sent an email with details of how requests can be raised.</p> <p>Signs in Anchor Lane, Canewdon outside the school keep disappearing - this is a maintenance item.</p> <p>Cllr Ward requested new signage for restricted parking in Wyverns Avenue. Advised that this is a SEPP issue.</p> <p>The current S106 list covered only those schemes issued by ECC. In future it was planned that the list would include all developments in the area to enable the Panel to be aware of all schemes commissioned. Members requested that future reports include more detail, including a time limit for expiration of each scheme.</p>	<p>GS</p> <p>Cllr Hazlewood</p> <p>GS</p> <p>GS</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>(1) Cllr Ioannou advised that Stambridge signage had been vandalised – this should be referred to the Highways Maintenance team. Overhanging vegetation on the highway should be reported through Customer Services. The matter could be escalated via the ECC Member, Cllr Cutmore.</p> <p>(2) Cllr Cutmore would email GS with details of reports from residents of accidents resulting in walls being knocked down along Main Road, Hawkwell, past the White Hart pub.</p> <p>(3) Cllr Ward advised of a road safety issue along Daws Heath Road/Whitehouse Chase because of there being no parking restrictions on the corner; this should be referred to SEPP or the Police, although there is liaison between LHPs and SEPP when parking restrictions are involved. It was noted that a request had been made to SEPP but this had not received support from one of the Ward</p>	<p>Cllr Ioannou</p> <p>Cllr Cutmore/ GS</p>

	<p>Councillors.</p> <p>(4) Whitehouse Chase, Rayleigh. Cllr Lumley would support this.</p> <p>(5) Items referred by Cllr Lumley: (i) Glasses Lane: there had been no complaints from residents about the speed or volume of traffic. (ii) Castle Road Recycling Site: a review was expected but this would not come under the LHP. (iii) Volume of traffic from the A127 to Eastwood Road due to drivers trying to avoid the High Road. This affected Cheapside West/Victoria Avenue junction and the speed of traffic along Victoria Avenue. If required, Cllr Lumley to send a request form to GS for a survey to be undertaken.</p> <p>(6) Cllr Hazlewood advised that the street lighting in Hockley town centre next to the zebra crossing needed repairing.</p> <p>(7) Fountain Lane. Complaints from residents of lorries using the road. It was recognised that the majority of the HGV traffic would be gone on completion of the development works, due imminently. The developer could be contacted to re-route lorries. There was a request for a site visit to establish whether additional signage was needed from Main Road to warn of the low bridge.</p> <p>The Chairman requested that any Members with suggestions on how the operation of the LHP could be improved should email him.</p>	<p>Cllr Lumley</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting: 21 September 2017</p> <p>The meeting started at 2 pm and closed at 3.40 pm.</p>	