

ROCHFORD LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES
16 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 2.00 PM
COMMITTEE ROOM 4, CIVIC SUITE, RAYLEIGH
Civic Suite, 2 Hockley Road, Rayleigh, SS6 8EB

Chairman:	Cllr M Maddocks (ECC)
Panel Members:	CC June Lumley (Deputy), CC Mike Steptoe, CC Carole Weston, CC Terry Cutmore, Cllr George Ioannou, Cllr Brian Hazlewood, Cllr Ian Ward, Cllr Cheryl Roe
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.	
2.	Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G J Ioannou and I H Ward.	
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.	
4.	The Minutes of meeting held on 10 June 2019 were agreed as correct record.	
5.	<p>Presentation on 20mph schemes (by DM)</p> <p>20s plenty – schemes outside a school or college. These can be raised as potential LHP schemes, through the County Member; engineers would then assess the site for suitability and provide options for the Panel to consider. The Panel could ask DM to provide information in respect of schools in the District.</p> <p>A Member advised that Our Lady of Ransom School, Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh had requested a 20mph limit outside the school but had been advised that it did not fit the criteria – the reasons for the refusal would be revisited, as the criteria may have changed. Any scheme that the Panel commissions would not be funded until the 2020/21 financial year. Potential</p>	DM

	<p>schemes would be validated by way of a 7-day survey undertaken during term time.</p> <p>The Leader and Deputy Leader of RDC had met with the new Chief Inspector of Police to discuss the problem of speeding. Residents should always be encouraged to report speeding to the Police.</p> <p>Flashing part time 20 mph vehicle activated signs. These signs flash up at a specific point or in an existing 20 mph limit; they are advisory only.</p> <p>Speedwatch teams are permitted to work within a 20 mph speed limit. The Police would have to clarify whether speed watch could be set up on a bend in the road.</p> <p>A 20 mph limit is not permitted on PR1 roads. There is often insufficient police capacity to enforce speed limits.</p> <p>A variable 20 mph limit is usually only put in place following a KSI incident.</p> <p>It was confirmed that implementation of speed limit areas would require the use of traffic regulation orders.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Report on Funded schemes 2019/20:</p> <p>New Road/Shoebury Road, Great Wakering – signing. The road safety team is reviewing whether the chevron sign should be yellow backed. Report back in Q4.</p> <p>Old London Road 40mph limit - vegetation clearance has taken place.</p> <p>Barrow Hall Road, Barling – signing. Complete. Cllr Steptoe reported that the Z bend sign had been put up; however, the advisory 20 mph speed limit sign had not. DM to check with the Direct Delivery Team.</p> <p>Tudor Way, Hawkwell - bus stop. Maintenance team had hoped to slurry seal the bus shelter, saving £7,000 from the LHP budget, but the current surface is not suitable. This scheme will therefore carry on as originally planned.</p> <p>Lark Hill Road, Canewdon – horse warning signs and carriage markings. TRO Schemes are taking longer than planned – the team is aware of the urgency of the scheme.</p> <p>Rawreth Lane and Laburnum Way – Culvert Works. Engineers have contacted BT – design will soon be complete.</p>	<p>DM</p>

	<p>Spa Road, Hockley – Zebra Lighting Upgrade. Works have started. There have been reports of an extremely bad accident in this location.</p> <p>Southend Road, Hockley – zebra lighting upgrade. Works have started.</p> <p>Southend Road, Hawkwell – zebra lighting upgrade. This will be completed during October 2019.</p> <p>Twyford Avenue - funding available from SEPP for implementation.</p> <p>Clyde Crescent, Rayleigh – knee-high fence. Scheduled for Q4 but may be done earlier. Residents are in approval of the scheme.</p> <p>Eastwood Road/High Street – pedestrian railings. Feasibility study underway.</p> <p>The railings opposite the top of Crown Hill should be replaced with bollards within next two weeks.</p>	
7.	<p>Report on Schemes Awaiting Funding 2019/20:</p> <p>North Street, Great Wakering - HGV restriction. This can be introduced in this location.</p> <p>Stambridge Road, Stambridge – speed limit reduction. Does not meet criteria: speed survey data and Rayleigh Town Council data do not show an issue at this location. Speed limit is suitable for this road as per ECC policy.</p> <p>Hanover Bridge, Watery Lane/Beeches Road – weak bridge signage. On hold until development is complete - Development team to advise when that is likely to be.</p> <p>Victoria Avenue, Rayleigh – Traffic Calming – no scheme to be progressed.</p> <p>Clyde Crescent, Rayleigh – one-way system. The majority of residents are in favour of having a parking restriction on one side of road. Engineers awaiting a response from SEPP (expected within the next two weeks) as to whether they can support the scheme. If agreed, implementation of scheme would not be until the 2020/21 financial year; costs would be known before this.</p>	<p>Remove</p> <p>DM</p> <p>Remove</p>

	<p>Cllr Mrs Lumley to send details of an incident that occurred the previous week of damage to the kerb and a driveway by a lorry travelling down the road.</p> <p>Canewdon Directional Signage. Validation recommended that there is no scheme to progress.</p> <p>Star Lane, Great Wakering – traffic calming. In Potential Schemes List for funding next year.</p> <p>North Street, Great Wakering – HGV Restriction. Signage into Great Wakering High Street, Star Lane. From the opposite direction there is no HGV restriction sign. Cllr Steptoe to discuss with DM. Implementation Q4.</p> <p>Rochford Garden Way, Rochford and Twyford Avenue, Great Wakering – Grasscrete. To be funded by SEPP. DM to submit a report later this week.</p> <p>The Chase, Rayleigh – speed table – in validation.</p> <p>Ashingdon Road, Rochford – Bollards – in validation.</p> <p>High Street, Great Wakering – bus cage. In validation. Each of the bus companies had been asked to instruct their drivers to stop at the bus stop and not in the shelter. A site visit would be arranged (Cllrs Steptoe and Maddocks, DM).</p> <p>Pedestrian Crossing – London Road, Rayleigh. This would remain on the list until the upgrade is completed.</p> <p>Nelson Gardens, Rayleigh – Footway. In validation. Cllr Maddocks had visited the site at the end of August. It was noted that this footway did not provide the official access to the playing field. Validation to inspect it to determine responsibility for the proposed scheme. The area could be considered as dangerous and as such, should be inspected. DM advised that it does not meet the criteria for the maintenance team to deal with. DM to investigate whether SEPP may be able to provide funding for this scheme.</p>	<p>Remove</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>High Road towards Hockley from Rayleigh: the arrow is pointing in the wrong direction to Fountain lane. DM to raise with RDC legal department.</p> <p>The VAS from Purdeys Industrial Estate towards the Anne Boleyn pub is not working. A quote would be sought from the manufacturer for the sign to be repaired. DM to progress and</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>DM</p>

	<p>provide a timescale for the works. The cost could be taken from the revenue budget.</p> <p>Concern had been raised by RDC Cllr Mrs Gooding of accidents along Hawkwell Road and Southend Road - towards the Rectory Road end of the High Road. It was noted that some residents had had their front walls knocked down by traffic speeding downhill from the High Road. Any proposed scheme would need to be put forward for validation. Cllr Maddocks would liaise with Cllr Mrs Gooding.</p> <p>20 mph signs Barrow Road – DM to chase for date works to be undertaken.</p> <p>Large lorries using Lark Hill Road. Cllr Cutmore to discuss with DM.</p>	<p>DM</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 16 December 2019.</p>	

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and closed at 3.40 pm