

Minutes of the Roads Committee meeting held Friday 15th May 2024 at 2pm at the Town Hall.

Present Cllrs; Beavan (DB) – Chair, Jarvis (RJ) and Palmer (MP)

Also present, Town Mayor Cllr Flunder (SF) (ex officio) and Town Clerk (LB).

Also, SCC Ward Cllr M Ladd (ML) and SCC Highways Officer W Saunders (WS). Public – Reydon PC Councillor Panther

Agenda

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – Cllr Davy and Cllr Sutton. Noted
2. **Declarations of interest:**
 - a. To receive any declarations of Non-Registrable Interest regarding the agenda. Nil
 - b. To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest/ Other Registrable Interest regarding the agenda. Nil.
3. **Public section** - *for members to speak on matters relating to the agenda items under consideration. Max of 30 minutes will be given to this section. Discussions at the discretion of the Chair of the Cttee.* Nil
4. Update from SCC Ward Cllr Ladd re local Highways matters, including;
Update on East Street parking bay TRO. East Street – legal notices are being made tomorrow. Consultation will go to 7th June 2024. 14 weeks implementation would then take it to 14th October 2024, so it is not going to be in place for summer.
Action – Cllr Palmer – put cones out on informal basis for the summer. Agreed.

Surface of area behind old Kings Head timescales. Kings Head resurfacing – Friday 24th May 2024 = date Milestone have it booked in. Regarding Bus services – it is up to each bus service what to do regarding their service. **Action – Town Clerk to find out what they are doing.**
Action – WS to find out if Milestone will get the work completed in a day and can guarantee it being open for the Bank Holiday.

Discussion re current scheduled date of 24th May 2024 or whether the date is actually 24th/25th June 2024. WS will seek clarification.

High Street drains. High Street residents re drains in High Street – if the rain water goes within 24 hours the drain is working.

5. Update from ESC Ward Cllr Beavan including;
Update on resident exemption permits and Health and Social Care Permits – see ESC website.

North Parade Scheme ESC funding update – £30k held at ESC.

A legal TRO can only prevent overnight parking to all users if this is what is required – cannot split out different users.

STC could consider bringing in a bylaw to prohibit “No overnight parking” for specific users. WS will send the Town Clerk the link to see what is required. Look at bylaw rules/regulations possible weight limit? Possible restriction of camper vans only? ESC will need to confirm what else their funding could be spent on. Can the money be spent on other things?

6. Update on matters from previous meeting including;
20mph zone – application to be submitted to SCC.

Entrance/ Exit to High Street build ups – apply for ESC CIL.

Disabled bay outside URC – TRO/ resident request – Needs to be requested by a resident of the High Street and blue badge holder or STC would have to apply for a change to TRO which would take both time and money. **Action - Cllr Flunder will ask the lady who lives above Barclays Bank.**

Safety Improvements for area outside Town Hall/ East Street entrance/ Market Place - line marking shape – It was agreed that SCC would not see this as a priority and that if STC wants it to happen then STC can go ahead and get this done. Could use the firm in Halesworth to take off the pedestrian person on the road to ease the confusion.

Gardner Road verges – Type 1 is being laid today to fill in the holes. Informal agreement for STC to look after it and to do the kerbstones. It was agreed to keep it informal - STC will look after and ensure that it is useable, but SCC will retain ownership and overall responsibility.

Buses outside Fat Face - Discussion re who is going to pay for the TRO to change coaches/bus stops. WS advised that this is a formal TRO and will take time and money to correct unless ESC Parking Services will work with STC to make the changes as required.

Constitution Hill Verges/ kerbing – Cllr Beavan will go and have a look at the erosion. There may be a need to carry out a consultation about what to do in the longer term. Fire/ambulances cannot get through there at present with the cars being parked by the verge. Cttee could consider a one way area as part of the consultation options.

7. *Pavement furniture throughout the town* - to consider and if agreed, to recommend the next steps. Main areas of concern have been; Harris & James – WS suggested that ESC could be asked to look at the planning permission? Do they have permission to use the Pinkneys Lane door? Do they have permission to sell take away ice creams and are they aware of the queues being formed? Ask the shop to put notice up asking people to queue on the pavement? **Action – shop to be contacted.**

Coasters/ Beaches and Cream – street furniture is reducing width of pavement. Action – shops to be contacted regarding A Boards and street furniture.

Next steps 1.5m pavement width required. Tell businesses that the street furniture issue is difficult and needs to be managed. Do on a case by case basis and mention at next business meeting.

8. *To receive update on new Electric vehicle charger installations* –Discussion regarding overstay surcharge during the daytime after 2 hours to ensure spaces are vacated by vehicles once they

are fully charged. **Advice to be taken from Anglia Car Charging regarding standard cost of overstay.**

Plug in Suffolk next phase of roll out – await dates.

Nomination of streets for a public EV ChargePoint – how to progress?

9. *Signage Report* – project to be included within the ESC CIL claim.

Any other Business

Road sweeper dates = ESC has a rota. Roads need a thorough clean. Town Clerk ask for the rota and send to Cllrs.

Re road/pavement sweeping – leaves are causing gullies to block. Beccles T C employ a ‘Mr Tidy’ to assist with keeping the streets clean and Sudbury employ town wardens.

Cllr Flunder asked re Mill Lane double yellow lines TRO. WS/ML will review the TRO list.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3pm.

Date of next meeting – early July.