

Minutes of the Roads Committee meeting held Wednesday 24th July 2024 at 11.45 am at the Town Hall.

Present Cllrs; Beavan (DB) – Chair, Davy (PD), 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).

Agenda

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – There were no apologies for absence.
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 TRO for East Street parking bays – the application has been submitted by SCC – might be in place by October.
 - Resurfacing programme of works – next set of woks are in Pier Ave scheduled for 30th October 2024 – 1st November 2024
 - Timeliness of notification of Highways traffic management – and potential negotiation on timescales.
Mights Bridge /Cadent works – there had been confusion and delays in town due to the length of time the traffic lights were on the bridge.
ML re Cadent works in Reydon – see One Network website. starting at Jermyns Road in August (near to school). Halesworth Road will start mid-September
Stakeholder meeting in Reydon Village Hall tomorrow 2.30pm – 6.30pm. RJ will attend. See information in media. No works taking place on main roads coming in/out of Southwold during summer.
Pier Avenue emergency gas works will take place in summer – 50m/time only, with give/take traffic management.
 - Update on Plug in Suffolk next phase of roll out – STC and Millennium Foundation applications will be considered as a joint application.
 - Nomination of streets for a public EV chargepoint – speak to Katy Hampshire at SCC to find out more information.
 - TRO List – to include Mill Lane. Cost of TRO is approx. £10k so add other lines needed in the town to reduce costs – consider again at next meeting.
 - Southwold parking schemes – it was suggested that a discussion be held with ESC parking services about any new TRO/schemes being considered for Southwold.

5. Update from ESC Ward Cllr Beavan including;
 - Update on residents parking in specified bays – already in place for Southwold residents (add information on this to business website).
 - Previous (£54k) ESC grant monies for North Parade scheme - Need to ask for this to be re-purposed. See below.

6. To consider and if agreed to recommend project to include the ESC Cil £23k grant award to take forward matters from previous meetings including;
 - 20mph zone
 - Entrance/ Exit to High Street build ups
 - Disabled bay outside URC
 - Safety Improvements for area outside Town Hall/ East Street entrance/ Market Place line markings.
 - Signage improvements
 - Other funding applications – who to apply to

ESC CIL £23k – it was AGREED by all to recommend that STC accept this grant.

Monies available would then be;

£23k approved as above ESC Cil
 £54k from ESC from repurposed money
£32k CIL from STC
 £109k

Costs for all schemes estimated at £117k.

Discussion on all items as above;

- 20 mph – it was agreed by all to apply for High Street/East Street/Queen Street – go for this first. Then consider other areas. WS advised that traffic surveys of the 3 areas would be required – these to be requested to take place asap. Cost £835 for such a traffic survey.

- Entrance/ Exit to High Street build ups - it was agreed that the ESC £54K monies be requested to cover these costs.

- Disabled bay outside URC - A change will be required to the TRO / or a resident in the High Street could apply for this tot become a disabled space.

- Safety Improvements for area outside Town Hall/ East Street entrance/ Market Place line markings. WS advised that STC could arrange for the pedestrian person marked on the road to be taken off and for the white junction lines from High Street to East Street to be repainted as they are fading.

- Signage improvements – SCC have approved several of the signs and the funding would be available as above.

- Other funding applications – may not be required if ESC approve the repurposing monies.

7. Other matters including;
 - STC survey of pavements throughout the town - to recommend the next steps with regards to street furniture/ A Boards. Coasters/Beaches & Cream items on pavement – speak to again.
 - Buses outside Fat Face - STC arrange repaint of bus/ coach bays – all agreed.
 - Constitution Hill Verges – to consider the erosion of the greens/ installation of kerbing – ask DCH Builders to fill in the 3 largest verge erosions with Type 1.
8. Date of next meeting. TBC.

ESC CIL £23k grant award for roads cttee priorities – recommend that STC accept this grant.