

Draft Minutes of the Roads Committee meeting held Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 10.30am at the Town Hall. Roads Rep 1.2025

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

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

Also, SCC Officer Jo Kerridge (JK), and SCC Ward Cllr Ladd. One member of the public.

Agenda

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jarvis – Approved
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;
 - *TRO list and matters from walk round with Highways Officer January 2025* – Cllr Ladd advised members what had been looked at during the walk around – see notes and follow up correspondence. Jo Kerridge advised that SCC had inspected the area outside the Red Lion and the potholes there had not met the criteria to be filled in. It was suggested that the area be reported again on the Highways tool – pointing out that it is an area used by pedestrians and wheelchairs.
 - The request for double yellow lines along Mill Lane will form a part of a TRO submission – and it was suggested that any further requests ought to be considered at the same time to reduce cost (include corner of Barnaby Green and URC disabled bay). An informal consultation had been undertaken by Cllr Flunder with residents of Mill Lane, and it appears that the TRO would be supported.
 - *Faded Lines* – these to be reported on the highways reporting tool. PD will collate and report.
 - *Potholes – Woodleys Yard* - These have been completed.
 - *High Street 20mph Application* – This has been submitted, supported by Cllr Ladd. A highways report is now being compiled by SCC to enable SCC to formally consider the request.
 - *£54K for parking scheme* – Both SCC AND esc have advised that the council can have these monies to complete a scheme in the High Street. Cllr Ladd will liaise direct with SCC to ensure that any conditions can be complied with to enable the monies to come to STC asap.
 - *One way sign at Pinkneys Lane* – this is being repaired.
 - *Possibility of lighting along Woodleys Yard* - a member of the public advised that it is very dark at night by the Barclays Bank end of Woodleys Yard – the Yard is not the responsibility of STC. After discussion it was suggested that as a temporary fix, a

solar light be placed on the Barclays wall or URC Wall (with relevant owners permission) **Budget £100 to be allocated for 2 solar lights for this location.**

- *Feedback since Miles took over the highways contract has seen improvements.*
- *SCC is creating a t and f group to consider the TRO process and how improvements to the process might be made.*

5. Update from ESC Ward Cllr Beavan including;

- Previous £54k ESC/ SCC – see above.
- ESC Car park charges – Overview and Scrutiny recommendation was to reduce the proposed fees recommended by ESC cabinet. This will reduce ESC income by approx. £500k.
- ESC Trade parking permits. This matter has been raised as there have been concerns about a permit provided by ESC to builders working on the corner of Barnaby Green. They should be parked for a max of 3 hours, and be considerate with their parking, but neither seem to be the case. ESC Ward Cllr Beavan will ask ESC parking enforcement to have a look when they are in town.

6. Project roadmap update on overall Southwold scheme including; 20mph zone, Entrance/ Exit to High Street build ups – circulated to all.

See road map for updates.

Discussion re the build outs – and whether these are separate to the 20mph scheme, or only needed should the 20mph scheme get the go ahead. It was agreed that the build outs would be progressed independently of the 20mph scheme.

Discussion re the £54 k funding and what it could be allocated to. Cllr Ladd will ask for clarity from SCC and ascertain whether anything else is needed from SCC.

7. Other matters including;

- Cadent works over Christmas – discussion about the build up of traffic over the Xmas period. This was due to an extent because of the hours during which the works were manned – and how these hours did not align with the need over a bank holiday. Report received from Cadent – circulated. There was also no need for the lights to have been 3 way control – and once both issues had been rectified the traffic flow improved.

- Gardner Road car park – signage improvements, donation boxes, Electric vehicle charges.

First stage of the signage improvements has been completed.

It is recommended that 2 donation boxes be purchased for this car park – Budget £1900.

Fast chargers to be increased to 65p per unit to help shorten length of capital investment return.

- Lining works - Bus area outside Fat Face and by Town Hall. This has been signed off by SCC. Works to be ordered.
- To note - Table and Chairs on pavements = ESC Licensing / A Boards on pavements = ESC Planning. Noted. MP will collate a report for 2025 to consider the implications of the boards and chairs on their pavement locations.

- Suffolk Bus Enhancement and franchising update – *Cllr Jarvis* no update
- Increasing pedestrian safety around Market place. SCC Jo Kerridge advised that a future project could be to make the area around the pump pedestrian only, narrow road width by town hall, and remove cobbles to flatten surface. It was felt that such a project would not be well received. STC has not budgeted for such a project.
- Disabled parking on cobbles – There are 2 spaces available. Discussion about whether r the spaces were accessible. Only alternative would be to take up some of the cobbles. Discussion about parking for mobility scooters also. No further action required at this stage.
- Dropped kerbs - it was mentioned that the entrance to Bank Alley does not have a dropped kerb.

8. **Date of next meeting** - Wednesday 16th April 2025 at 10.30am.