

Notes of the Roads Committee meeting held Wednesday 16th April 2025 at 10.30am at the Town Hall.

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Present Cllr Palmer (MP). Cllr Beavan attended via Teams.

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

Also, SCC Officer Jo Kerridge (JK), and SCC Ward Cllr Ladd (ML)

As the meeting was not quorate, an informal discussion took place.

Notes

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jarvis, and Cllr Davy. 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;
 - *TRO list and matters from walk round with Highways Officer March 2025*

JK advised that the requests for double yellow lines on Mill Lane, and East Cliff, and Salisbury Rd junction with Cumberland Rd, and Disabled Bay outside URC were being supported by Speed and Safety at SCC as well as Asset Team. These will therefore now go forward for TRO legal order, design and costing.

ML advised that his total budget for 2025 – 2026 is £6k and he would therefore only be able to contribute a small amount to the costs.

Discussion about what costs would be payable. JK to advise.

ML suggested that depending on overall costs he would pay for the design from his SCC allocation and that STC would then need to cover the balance.

ACTION

JK to advise approx. costs for this project and when monies will be required.

- *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. The outcome report is expected late May.

The report is then considered by the Cabinet member at SCC WHO HAS DELEGATED AUTHORITY to decide on the request.

Discussion about the process if the speed limit is approved.

Will there be a cost to STC?

Will there need to be a formal consultation – if so, who will be consulted?
Discussion about signage – if the speed limit I approved, how will the High Street speed limit be notified from Victoria Street/ Mill Lane/ Church Street Etc? SCC were advised that STC would like some input to such discussions.

Action

JK to provide a description of the process with approx. timescales.

JK to advise whether there will be any cost to STC.

ML and JK to keep this moving at SCC.

- *£54K for parking scheme*

SCC has confirmed via ML that the £54k will be retained by them to be used towards the High Street scheme. This would include the courtesy crossings and/ or 20mph scheme.

- *2 Courtesy Crossings – Victoria Street and Queen Street*

The previous quote for the cost was £52k, so the SCC monies above would cover this. Updated costs being obtained by JK.

Action

JK to provide a description of the process with approx. timescales.

JK to advise STC of the updated costs

ML and JK to keep this moving at SCC.

- *Dropped Kerb request for outside lighthouse*

Adnams have applied for a dropped kerb outside the lighthouse as they are going to provide some accessible tours of the lighthouse and are requiring these as part of the project.

Discussion about the request – agreed that Adnams would need to pay as the request is for their project. Costs unknown but felt to be in region of £500.

Action

JK to provide estimate of cost to Adnams/ STC

Adnams to be advised how to progress the request and pay the necessary fee.

- *Mill Lane resurfacing and lining.*

The SCC officials and Milestone have signed off the works as acceptable standard. The edging will be brushed over.

Cadent are carrying out some works w/c 19th May – so the outstanding parts of the resurfacing and the reinstatement of the lines will take place after that.

Action

JK to find out whether the lines will be repainted by hand or machine

5. **Update from ESC Ward Cllr Beavan including;**

- *Weight limit on North Parade parking spaces.* This would now seem to be a possibility if required. However there have not been any issues so far this year so no action will be taken yet.

- *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 parking enforcement look when they are in town, but they are not in town for 3 hours at a time so this matter is difficult to enforce. However the parking is causing issues around in the area.

DB has spoken to ESC parking but there has been no change. It was suggested that perhaps an approach should be made direct to the builders when necessary.

Action

An approach to be made direct to the builders when necessary.

DB will liaise with ESC parking to see if there is any opportunity for STC to have some kind of discretion on the provision of parking permits.

6. **Budget** – see attached.

7. **Other matters including;**

- ML asked whether there would be any thoughts for Mill Lane becoming one way. It is the same width as Pinkney's Lane which is one way.
SF advised that the residents of Mill Lane were v much against one way when it was discussed some 2 years ago, and nothing has changed since.
- Gardner Road car park – signage improvements, donation boxes, Electric vehicle charges.
First stage of the signage improvements has been completed.
Donation boxes should arrive this week
Electric vehicle chargers – options have been sent to STC from Anglia Car Chargers, and meeting with 'Plug in Suffolk' is to take place next week.
- Lining works - Bus area outside old Kings Head to be reconfigured. This has been signed off by SCC. Works to be ordered by SCC who will also liaise with the bus companies.
- Lining works outside Town Hall - the removal of the pedestrian people markings within the Market Place is to be organised by STC.
- Table and Chairs on pavements = ESC Licensing
- A Boards on pavements = ESC Planning.
- Suffolk Bus Enhancement and franchising update – *Cllr Jarvis* no update

8. **Date of next meeting** - Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 10.30am.

