

## Notes of the Roads Committee meeting held Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 10.30am at the Town Hall.

### Roads Rep 3.2025

Present Cllrs Beavan, Davy, Palmer, Hurr and Jarvis.

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)

#### Notes

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – Nil
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** and Jo Kerridge re local Highways matters, including;
  - *High Street 20mph Application*  
20MPH Application response is being drafted by SCC who are awaiting comments from the police. Once the police have commented, both SCC Ward Cllr and STC will be asked to include comments before the report is finalised.  
If agreed the speed limit will then take 18 months to 2 years to implement.

#### **Action**

**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 – these should be with STC by 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**

**ML and JK to keep this moving at SCC.**

- *Dropped Kerb request for outside lighthouse* – Costs from SCC are in region of £10k  
Adnams advise that it is not their intention to fund the request. No further action.

- *Mill Lane resurfacing and lining.* Completed – no further action.
- *TRO list and matters from walk round with Highways Officer March 2025*  
Quotes received from SCC to achieve TRO on Mill Lane, East Green, Salisbury Road, and High Street – cost £9k - £11k. Cllr Ladd only has a small budget for the year and will only be able to assist to a max of £2500. Remainder of cost will need to be funded by STC. (see overall budget for the roads project).  
Subsequent to meeting updated costs are going to be sent, as the project will now cost more as there is not going to be a 50/50 split between STC and SCC Ward Cllr.

**ACTION**

**Await final costs and STC to then consider the costs within the overall Roads Budget.**

- *Post along Pinkney's Lane outside shop front.*  
SCC Cllr Ladd advised that the post will be moved to its original location on 4<sup>th</sup> July.
- *Speeding along Pier Avenue.* A resident has complained about speeding along Pier Avenue.

**Action**

**SCC will carry out a speed survey in August 2025.**

**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. Felixstowe are having restrictions placed on their seafront parking to deter/ prevent camper vans.

**Action**

**Clerk to contact ESC Parking services to find out how the restrictions at Felixstowe are being implemented and what they are.**

- *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 looks 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.

**Action**

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

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

- *Resident Parking Permissions*

Some Southwold residents rely on the parking dispensations. ESC is reviewing the whole policy regarding dispensations.

## 6. Other matters including;

- Gardner Road car park – signage improvements, donation boxes, Electric vehicle charges.  
First stage of the signage improvements has been completed.  
Donation boxes have been installed.  
Electric vehicle chargers – Anglia Car Charging is the chosen supplier for the Church Green EVC, and 'Plug in Suffolk' is the chosen supplier for the new chargers at Gardner Rd car park.
- Lining works - Bus area outside old Kings Head to be reconfigured. This has been signed off by SCC. Works are being 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.
- Bins from Holiday lets being left on pavements – DB advised that he is trying to get something sorted through ESC.
- Table and Chairs on pavements = ESC Licensing
- A Boards on pavements = ESC Planning.
- Suffolk Bus Enhancement and franchising update – Cllr Jarvis advised that this would unravel through the Devolution process.
- Station Road area

Bus stop outside shop on Station Road – sign for the bus stop is no longer in situ – but actually it is not a good place for a bus stop – better place would be outside Millenium Car Park. Clerk to contact SCC to request that the stop is moved.

Blyth Hotel hedge – ESC to cut this back to improve sight line.

It was suggested that a Pedestrian sign be placed near hedge so that motorists are aware of people crossing – JK to take this up with SCC.

Danger of turning left from Pier Ave – ML suggested that the area be looked at by the SCC Road Safety Team – ML/JK to take this up with SCC.

Crossing Station Rd from Blyth Hotel – This area seems to be in need of a pedestrian crossing. Either this side of the mini roundabout or other side by Millenium car park. ML advised that if permitted cost could be in region of £150k.

- Skip/ Rubbish on highway outside Red Cross Hut – from a neighbouring property – To be reported on SCC Reporting tool.

- Potters Bridge – MP is meeting with stakeholders and agencies this week although SCC, ESC, STC have not been invited.

7. **Date of next meeting** – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 at 10.30am at Town Hall.