

Draft minutes of Roads Committee meeting held Wednesday 23rd July 2025 at 10.30am at the Town Hall.

Roads Rep 4.2025

Present Cllrs Beavan, Davy, Palmer, Jarvis.

Also present, Town Clerk (LB). Also, SCC Officer Jo Kerridge (JK), and SCC Ward Cllr Ladd (ML)

Notes

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – Cllr Hurr Noted. Cllr Flunder ex officio – 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. **Minutes from June meeting** – all agreed.
4. **Public section** – nil
5. **Update from SCC Ward Cllr Ladd** and Jo Kerridge re local highways matters including;
 - a) **High Street 20mph application** – Draft report received from Keith Sampson at SCC which includes the police comments.

Agreed by all to approve the report.

Report then needs to be fully sanctioned by SCC – After which the costs will be ascertained to implement the scheme, and these will be advised to STC. If the scheme gets the go ahead it would appear that STC will need to cover the costs of implementation.

ML advised that SCC is reviewing the 20mph application process to hopefully make it quicker and more cost effective. Aware that some of the parishes around Sizewell are wishing to implement it in their parish too.

Action

STC to approve report – advise SCC.

SCC to consider the scheme for approval.

If approved by SCC, SCC will then establish the costs.

SCC to advise STC of the costs.

Funding of the scheme to be approved by STC.

Possible Timeline – Decision SCC – Aug. Design Oct – Dec. Delivery Feb 2026

b) 2 Courtesy Crossings – Victoria Street and Queen Street

The previous quote for the cost was £52k, so the SCC monies would cover this.

Updated costs were being obtained by JK – but whilst doing so, SCC advise that DFT guidance on courtesy crossings is being changed – and that the new guidance has not yet been received, so these cannot be progressed.

Lengthy discussion about how to progress.

Action

DB to contact MP to ask how this can be progressed.

STC to confirm agreement to original costs of £52k.

JK to find out if the scheme could be phased – i.e. doing drop kerbs/ tactiles and see what is possible.

JK to consider impact on overall costs if phased.

SCC to consider when it could be done i.e. before the 20mph implementation?

ML and JK to keep this moving at SCC.

c) TRO list

Quotes received from SCC to achieve TRO, s on Mill Lane, East Green, Salisbury Road, and Disabled Bay by URC on High Street – Cost £13,856

Agreed by all that in view of costs no further action will be taken at present.

Action

Nil

d) Bus stop improvements High Street outside Kings Head – SCC is dealing with this.

Action

Nil

6. Update from ESC Ward Cllr Beavan including;

- a) *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

Nil at present.

- b) *ESC Trade parking permit Station Rd.*

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.

In view of the issues, ESC parking advise that the permit has not been renewed, and that the builders have only been a permit for 3 hours on Field Stile Road.

Action

Nil

c) *Resident Parking Permissions*

Some Southwold residents rely on the parking dispensations. ESC is reviewing the policy regarding dispensations, but they will still be available.

7) **Other matters including;**

- Project timeline and funding updates – see project plan and budget as attached.
- East Cliff Road surfacing – small parking area. Resident has mentioned that resurfacing is required – and that the parking spaces are not needed.
SCC ML and JK to go and look, as this area is SCC highway.
- Suffolk Bus enhancements/ franchising. Update provided by Cllr Jarvis. This is likely to come under the remit of the new Mayor.

8) **Date of next meeting** – 28th August 2025 at 10.30am at Town Hall.