

Minutes from the Roads Committee meeting held Tuesday 28th April 2026 at 10.30 am the Town Hall.

Present; Cllrs; DB, RJ, PD, CH,

Also, SCC Cllr Ladd, Charles Harrison SCC Highways officer.

1. To receive apologies for absence. Nil.
2. Declarations of interest: Nil.
3. Public section – for members to speak on matters relating to the agenda items under consideration. Max of 15 minutes will be given to this section. Discussion at the discretion of the chair of the Cttee.

Nil

4. Update from SCC Highways officer/Ward Councillor re local Highways matters, including;
 - *High Street 20mph including High Street Build outs/ courtesy crossings– to receive update.* Will now start at Kings Head. Build outs – to be same as by opticians. Members requested that the crossing be slightly raised so that it is obvious to car/van drivers. **CH to take forward to SCC.**
 - *Query was raised as to whether a ‘pedestrian priority’ sign could be put up?* CH advised that pedestrians have priority anyway, so no signs are necessary. SCC Cllr Ladd suggested that members go with it for 6 months to see what issues arise. **SCC CH to advise STC of the materials/height.**
 - *Brown Sign – Boating Lake – to receive update.* CH advised that UKPN don’t allow signs on their posts anymore. Therefore the boating lake sign needs to go on street light column. Post needs to be strength tested for a sign. There is no timeline for this – **CH to be chased.**
 - *Parking Bays opposite Ferry Rd toilets – Disabled parking spaces – Can there be a disabled bay?* **Cllr Beavan to chase parking services.**
 - *Speeding along North Road – concerns from residents – no action.*
 - *Alteration to the bus spaces by Kings Head.* **Chase Simon Barnett.**
 - *Cadent works at Kings Head. Signs and lights to be removed before weekend.* **Cllr Jarvis will contact Cadent to action and advise LB.**
 - *P Signage around the town.* **STC to do ours. SCC to be chased.**
 - *Double yellow lines renewal of the paint – report on SCC tool.*
 - *Victoria Street – potholes need reporting on SCC tool.*

Question re Sole Bay Benches – can these go back? = CH advised that they cannot go back as they are on highway. Adnams may go to a legal challenge as they have been there. “custom and practice”.

5. Update from ESC Ward Cllr Beavan on ESC parking matters.
 - *Parking enforcement – any concerns – ESC enforcement is presently 11 hrs/month in Southwold which was noted as being negligible. STC used to have PCSO who did enforcement and this worked well. ESC Cllr Beavan suggested that STC consider funding*

one person again in the future. Cllr Jarvis suggested that this could be left for devolution – unitary might have funding for enforcement.

It was suggested that STC could look into options of ESC/PCSO for parking enforcement before unitary status changes.

- *ESC Parking machines and payment options* – it is understood that these now take cash and card.
- *EV Chargers in ESC car parks* – update. **ESC Cllr Beavan to ask for Pier car park.**

Question – ESC Road sweepers – why do they not advise residents to move cars in advance of visit/ Answer – as they do not programme an exact date/ time to do each road.

6. Other matters including;

- *Inspection of Potters Bridge* – inspection should be in April.
- *ESC CIL report update* – report is being sent half yearly to ESC.
- *Coastal Footpath – update* – the direct footpath is blocked by owners of land – but it is private land therefore the coastal footpath takes a diversion. SCC Cllr Ladd advised that the Southwold Coastal Path should be sorted by the autumn.
- EV Chargers – Gardner Rd Car Park.
Supplier for additional equipment – quotes received from the new Plug in Suffolk providers – and a quote to be obtained from Anglia Car Chargers.
Existing chargers – Option for those EV chargers already in Gardner Road to be continued as is for a future 12 months.

7. Date of next meeting Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 10.30am.