

Draft Minutes of the Sustainable Travel Committee meeting held

Via ZOOM on Tuesday 28^h July 2020 at 10.30am.

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PLACE	Via Zoom
CHAIR	Cllr Bradbury.
PRESENT	Cllrs, Goldsmith, Jeans, Jordan. ESC ward Cllr Beavan, SCC ward Cllr Ladd. 2 members of the public. Mark Nicholls, SCC Highways Officer, Andrew Doe member of public.

Subject	Comments	Follow up Action
Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Rowan-Robinson and Cllr Tobin.	
Declarations of Interest	<p><i>a) To receive any declarations of Personal Interest regarding the agenda.</i> Nil.</p> <p><i>b) To receive any declarations of Pecuniary Interest regarding the agenda.</i> Nil.</p> <p><i>c) To receive any request for dispensations regarding the agenda.</i> Nil.</p>	
Minutes of last meeting	14 th July 2020 – attached and approved by all.	
Public Forum	Members of the public asked about the Millennium car park and when it would be cut and used. Cllr Ladd as Trustee of the Millennium Foundation advised that it has now been cut and the Trust are looking to arrange for the car park to open.	
Vehicle Electric Charging	<p><i>Follow up and way forward – to receive report from Cllr Tobin.</i></p> <p>Cllr Tobin had forwarded a quote provided by RAW charging which Cllr Beavan was able to present to members. Cllr Beavan advised that electric charging is work in progress and there may be a district wide opportunity to work with ESC on this. Discussion regarding rapid or normal rate charging units.</p> <p>Mr Doe – advisor and member of public advised that he had data reports available which he could provide setting out the needs of various vehicle users. He advised that 50kv electric charger will charge in 3 hours and this is worth considering and that the fast charge will be the most beneficial. Cllr Tobin to be updated.</p>	

<p>Signage around the Town</p>	<p><i>Follow up and way forward - to receive report from Cllr Jeans.</i> ESC parking manager L Boudville has provided feedback on the priorities sign at the entrance of town and this is now with Mark Nicholls at SCC to produce. Mark advised that the design is being costed and would hope for the quote to be through within 10 days. The previous sign has now been found laying down at the back of the Scout Hut. The new sign will be placed somewhere in line with the Scout Hut.</p> <p>Spreadsheet has been set up detailing tasks required on other directional signage around the town including those that need cleaning and having vegetation cut back. Fingerposts around the town need straightening and the fingers being correctly positioned.</p> <p>Cycle signage and pedestrian signage to be added to the excel spreadsheet.</p> <p>The second priority directional sign will be that at North Green indicating to York Road and additional signage will then be required at the York Road/Godyll Road corner.</p> <p>Discussion regarding the ironwork around the trees in York Road and their relevance and history. Cllr Ladd advised that this ironwork was from the designated gates from the Common gate entrance and are of historical importance and should remain in situ. It was suggested that these be painted, and a sign placed on the ironwork advising of their historical relevance.</p> <p>Cllr Jeans explained that there is excess signage in the town, and some will be removed once new signage is installed.</p>	
<p>Highways matters =</p>	<p><i>Update on;</i></p> <p>a) <i>crossing points High Street</i> – Cllr Ladd advised that SCC Jason Crane has advised that such crossing points are called courtesy crossings/uncontrolled crossing points and the design and installation costs from between £6,700 and £8,500 each. A more accurate quote will follow but Cllr Ladd advised that this is in excess of his Highways Budget and he would not be able to fund all of this sum. Cllr Ladd explained that such a crossing point would be annotated by a dropped kerb and tactile paving but there would be no markings on</p>	

	<p>the highway itself. Discussion took place and members advised that this is not how they had perceived such a crossing point to look, as they had anticipated a raised hump in the road which would also act to slow cars. SCC Mark Nicholls advised that the recent traffic survey along the High Street shows that the average speed is slow and therefore, SCC assess that slowing of speed would not be required and a raised area is therefore not appropriate. Cllr Ladd advised that such dropped kerbs would allow buggies and wheelchairs to cross safely and that no parking spaces would be affected. After consideration members agreed that this was not what they had envisaged and that the cost would not provide an appropriate benefit for road users or improve the safety of pedestrians crossing.</p> <p><i>b) Pinkneys Lane Survey</i> – Cllr Ladd advised that he will arrange for a traffic survey for the number of vehicles and their speed and it is hoped that this will be located between the period 25th August and 11th September. Cost of £360 to be funded by SCC Cllr Ladd. Background to this is complaints received from residents about cars travelling the wrong way up Pinkney’s Lane as well as travelling at excess speed. The survey will provide data on both of these aspects.</p> <p>Cllr Ladd confirmed that in the past 2 years such traffic surveys have been carried out on Mights Road, High Street and Pier Avenue. SCC M Nicholls advised that with no paths on Pinkney’s Lane “slow roundels” may be required once the data has been received.</p> <p>Discussion as to whether surveys were required on any other routes – Victoria Street was mentioned as a possibility for future consideration.</p> <p><i>c) Holistic traffic review including High Street</i> - Cllr Ladd advised that SCC John Simpson has acknowledged the request for a full traffic review. The Town Council will need to draw up a brief to go to the County Council for them to consider. SCC M Nicholls confirmed that a site meeting will need to be arranged to discuss the options for the review advising again that a 20 mile an hour in the High Street is not possible as the High Street is considered to be part of the A1095 and the traffic speed is low on the High</p>	
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	<p>Street.</p> <p>Discussion regarding the holistic traffic review and when this should take place. It was felt that new signage could have a major impact on the route of traffic throughout the town and that the importance of installing new signage was a priority and once this had been in place for several months to then consider the appropriate traffic survey.</p> <p><i>d) Crossing by Blyth Hotel</i> - Cllr Ladd advised that this has been looked at several times and has not met criteria but requested that Mark Nicholls look at this again. Agreed by all. It may be that a controlled crossing point is now appropriate for this area but the cost of this is expected to be in the region of £60k for a zebra crossing and £70k for a light-controlled crossing.</p> <p><i>Dropped kerbs/ pavement works required</i> – Cllr Tobin has noted various comments online about the need for dropped kerbs in the town. SCC Cllr Ladd advised that each request costs approximately £1,000 to implement and there would be a need to understand where and why such requests are required. Are there specific places?</p> <p><i>East Street – update on High Street Recovery Fund</i> social distancing considerations – ESC consider that the area by Collen & Clare and the Fish & Chip Shop needs to be considered as an area of concern re social distancing and ESC are suggesting that spaces presently used for parking be cancelled to enable better social distancing. ESC is presently considering the 2 spaces near to Collen & Clare.</p> <p><i>Quiet Lanes Initiative</i> – SCC suggest York Road as a possible route for designation and further consideration to be given to this with SCC.</p>	
<p>Parking</p>	<p><i>Resident Parking update</i> – It was requested that the ESC parking manager be asked to update the committee at the next meeting. Esc Cllr Beavan advises that a Cabinet Member has promised that he will update him on this in due course.</p> <p><i>Charging</i> - STC car park areas – action required. Cllr Jordan advised that Walberswick car park has pay and display with payment by contactless – see Walberswick car park website</p>	

	<p>for details. Charging data provided to STC from alternative suppliers will also be circulated.</p> <p><i>Millennium Car park</i> – summer opening dates – Cllr Ladd advised that the Lions are offering to help man the car park – dates and times awaited. It was requested that the Trustees consider providing parking for employees who find it difficult to park if they are not arriving early morning. Cllr Ladd advised that the Millennium Trust would be prepared to take on staff to man the car park if a profit would be guaranteed.</p>	
Other	<p>Footpath directional fingers - to be checked Cleaning of highway signs – to be completed</p>	