

Highways and Footpaths working group meeting held on 31st October 2019

REP 2/2019

Present

SCC officers –Mark Nichols
SCC Ward Councillor Michael Ladd
ESC officer - for CPE L Boudeville
ESC Ward councillor – D Beavan
Town councillor – Cllr Betts
and the Town clerk

Apologies from Cllr Goldsmith, Cllr Tucker and Cllr Bradbury.

Agenda/ Actions

Background – Civil Parking Enforcement is very likely to commence at ESC on 1st April 2020 – but not with immediate full rollout.

Kerbside parking will then be with ESC to enforce.

High Street – TRO's and vehicle unloading areas

High Street – slowing of traffic

Phase 1 - a raised area is being costed by SCC for a suitable location close to the entrance to the High Street –outside no 51 would suit SCC for visibility splays. Request was made that this be as close to the Post office end of the High Street as regulations allow. Aim to be a visual indicator of an entrance to the High Street and to slow traffic movements.

Phase 2 – if no.1 is successful then a second area would be considered for the other end of High Street perhaps by Buckenham Gallery/ Chapmans.

Action required – await costings from SCC to assess viability. Due Nov 2019.

High Street - Kerbside Parking

Kerbside parking would need to be regulated for under CPE – and the suitable TRO's obtained. Consideration will need to be given to Goods Vehicle Unloading Bays.

'People and Places' work for Southwold to be considered by ESC / SCC

Action required – ESC/ SCC will await the implications of CPE before amending any TRO's on High Street.

Signage – impact of no signage at front of town

Directional / TRO's = SCC responsibility

To car parks = ESC responsibility

Correct signage was considered by ESC as the most important factor in achieving a degree of traffic management/ parking improvement.

Action - Signage at entrance to Town - This will be priority of SCC/ ESC – Design to be agreed by 2nd week of December 2019.

Funding for alterations to kerbside parking on North Parade

Funding has been received by ESC to implement new kerbside parking solutions on North Parade. Discussion re the suitability of this.

ESC officer advised that successful on street schemes work by 'regulate and direct' - i.e. allocating appropriate kerbside space to the differing users and regulating their parking. The pay system of 'Ring Go' would be implemented for any on street parking fees.

Discussion around the varying kerbside users in this location and the impact on residents in nearby roads. Residential kerbside street parking may need to be considered in this area depending on the kerbside decisions on North Parade.

ESC - Overall aim is to create 'frictionless parking events' i.e. people come and park in Southwold, but the parking element is an easy part of their day out.

Action – ESC to consider the funding and how this might be applied in the North Parade area