

Minutes of the Roads Committee meeting held Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 11.30am at the Town Hall.

Present Cllrs; Beavan (DB) – Chair, Davy (PD), Jarvis (RJ)

Also present, Town Mayor Cllr Flunder (SF) (ex officio) and Town Clerk (LB).

Also, SCC Ward Cllr M Ladd (ML).

Agenda

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Palmer and SCC Highways Officer W Saunders.
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.
- 3a **Minutes of previous meeting** - approved.
4. **Update from SCC Ward Cllr Ladd re local Highways matters, including;**
 - *Update on TRO for East Street parking bays* – The TRO for East Street bays should come into effect before Christmas.
 - *Resurfacing programme of works* – only one is for Pier Avenue for the end of October.
 - *Update on Plug in Suffolk next phase of roll out.*
STC and Millennium Hall have meetings next week with the providers.
Cadent Gas in Southwold works have been done as per original timescales.
Reydon – Halesworth Road – traffic lights there at present – causing some queries.
Mights Bridge – Cadent might well need to do more work around/on Mights Bridge.
 - *Parking Cumberland Road* – request re line outside their gate entrance to garages – ML has advised the resident that “no parking signs” on the gate would work (they have now done this) or if this does not help the matter could be added to the TRO list in the future.
 - *TRO list*
ML to find out what sites are on the list.
Mill Lane road surface has now worsened due to various utility companies doing works and pot holes now causing a dangerous surface. LB to ask WS for a date for the resurfacing.
Cllr Beavan noted that there is an issue with various utilities just digging up the same road.
Could SCC policy look at fining utilities who do not co-ordinate - Refer to ML and WS.
Cllr Beavan – Potters Bridge has not yet been inspected. Needs flaps working properly.
 - *Potters Bridge* - DB advised that it is important that this is done asap as don't want to lose the reed beds.
 - Discussion re landowners being difficult which is not helping the Potters Bridge situation. DB expressed thanks to Highways for doing the drains and the grips – they are working ok at the moment. WS to clear the weeds from the channels. LJB to chase WS as to date of inspection and the clearance of the tidal flaps.

5. **Update from ESC Ward Cllr Beavan including;**
- *Update on residents parking in specified bays* – see email from Ann Parker of 10th September 2024 which details where they are being used.
Discussion about people knowing about the possibility of having such a space – DB advised that it is on ESC website. It was suggested that extra comms is needed from ESC to advertise it more – and explaining that there does need to be a limited waiting bay available nearby for it to work.
 - *Previous £54k ESC grant monies for North Parade scheme* - £54k – Town Clerk to email Kerry Blair again and DB to then catch up with Kerry Blair about it.
6. **Update on overall Southwold project including; 20mph zone, Entrance/ Exit to High Street build ups.**
- *Disabled bay outside URC* - Disabled Bay outside URC to go on TRO list and STC to add any more on areas to the list so that the requests can be progressed.
 - *Safety Improvements for area outside Town Hall/ East Street entrance/ Market Place area and outside Fatface* - Road traffic costs will be £5035-87. Need it done. Supplier who has quoted is authorised by SCC. **Agreed by all to recommend to full council.**
 - *Signage improvements, to include Gardner Road car park* - Signage for Gardner Road car park – new entrance/exit signs need to be installed.
 - *Enlarging Gardner Road car park* – DB asked whether there is a need/ desire to extend the car park onto the Common and lay some grasscrete in order for some extra spaces to be created. It was suggested that the Common Trust consider this – and discuss with the Charity Commission if required. Discussion re how to do it - temporary? Not at all? Refer to Common Trust for full discussion.
 - *ESC regulations on A boards/tables/chairs* – LB to send DB the ESC information on licensing and future costs etc.
7. **Other matters including;**
- *Pedestrian congestion - corner of East Street/ Pinkneys Lane – How to improve?*
 - *SALC lobbying – re Suffolk Highways* – briefing attached.
 - *Cadent works* – Cllr Jarvis has contact numbers if STC needs to make contact.
 - *Community Self Help Scheme* – Mr John Huggins, Cllr Wells and the Estates officer are having training in Oct, STC can then consider forming its own volunteer group to carry out works.
 - *Road map* – delivery map of Roads Group projects to be mapped.
 - *Enhanced Bus Services meeting* – Cllr Jarvis attending re future of franchising of bus services. SCC would need to be the franchiser. Cllr Jarvis to report back.
 - *Request for a disabled bay on land opposite Ferry Road toilets*. Discussion about the request - Is it ESC land? – can it be done now with just with a sign up?
8. **Date of next meeting** - Wednesday 27th November 2024 start at 10.30am.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Recommendation - Lining Safety Improvements for area outside Town Hall/ East Street entrance/ Market Place area and outside Fatface - Road traffic costs will be £5035-87. Need it done. Supplier who has quoted is authorised by SCC. Agreed by all to recommend to full council.

