

**Minutes of the Sustainable Travel Committee meeting held  
Via ZOOM on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 10am**

DATE & TIME	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 10am
PLACE	Via Zoom
CHAIR	Cllr Bradbury
PRESENT	Cllrs Bradbury, Jeans, Rowan-Robinson, Jordan, Also, SCC Ward Cllr M Ladd and SCC officer Mark Nicholls  Also, Town Clerk and 4 members of the public

Subject	Comments
<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Apologies from ESC Cllr Beavan and Cllr Windell (C/T) and Cllr Goldsmith.
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	<i>To receive any declarations of Personal Interest regarding the agenda. Nil</i> <i>To receive any declarations of Pecuniary Interest regarding the agenda. Nil</i> <i>To receive any request for dispensations regarding the agenda. Nil</i>
<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>	To note the minutes of the previous meeting.
<b>Public session</b>	Comments from the public.  A member of the public advised that a 20mph scheme would be an excellent idea and that there did seem to be 20mph schemes on other A and B roads. A resident advised that North Road is very congested with cars (might need a Sat Nav warning in this location to prevent cars attempting to use this road to get to seafront). A resident warned that many traffic calming measures are not palatable for drivers but advised that they were very encouraged by the work of the cttee.
<b>Vehicle Electric Charging</b>	<i>Follow up and way forward – to receive updating report from Simon Tobin and decide on how progress.</i> Simon provided a report advising that EO charging seems to be the best choice and that SCC funding might be available to support delivery by EO. Upfront costs need to be well considered together with the potential for technology updates. Millennium car park is the most serviceable with regards infrastructure. Further surveys and costs are awaited. Most efficient systems would be those where a car could fully charge in 90 mins. York Road area does not have an immediate electric supply, Godyll Road car park is a possibility as is Church Green area – but the supply for the latter would need to be established. Await report from EO/Fairfield contractors advising on the Church Green situation. Simon advised that he provide an update at the next meeting. Capital costs involved - Simon Tobin is also looking into the costs for the Millennium Trust car parking area.

<p><b>Highways matters</b></p>	<p>Update from SCC on;</p> <p>Pinkney’s Lane Survey – Mark Nicholls advised that the survey had taken place. The average speed on this road was surveyed at under 20mph. No further other action required.</p> <p>Holistic traffic review including High Street - Cllr Ladd advised that he is trying to progress a review – areas inside an AONB are usually excluded.</p> <p>Crossing by Blyth Hotel - Cllr Ladd advised that this is likely to be too expensive to progress further.</p> <p>Request for double yellow lines either side Might’s Road – this is on the TRO list to take forward – the list will be finalised as at end December 2020 for consultation. The double yellows here would need to go from the bridge to the roundabout.</p> <p>An addition to the TRO was requested – being Gardner Road corner – from Ferry Road to the huts. Cllr Ladd advised that this would affect a few parking spaces in this area as there could then be no parking on the verges at this location.</p> <p>Sign for front of town – Mark Nicholls advised that this is progressing but is delayed due to resourcing issues at SCC but will be installed asap – and hopefully before Easter 2021. Takes 14 weeks from design to installation.</p> <p>20mph zones – Cllr Ladd advised that it might be appropriate to consider Southwold as a whole – Southwold could be the first 20mph town in Suffolk if successful. This would be easily signed as there is a one way into and a one way out of the town. SCC criteria might be a challenge – as there are many hurdles – but Cllr Ladd has asked SCC for the cost of a survey to see if such a scheme is even feasible. The scheme would need traffic calming measures a part of the process and will need the support of STC. Average speed will need to be within certain criteria, and there would need to be clear support and rationale as to why Southwold should be 20mph. The encouragement of cyclists could be part of the rationale for Southwold wishing to consider this scheme.</p> <p>A resident advised that the time taken to travel along the High Street at 30mph is 17 seconds faster than at 20mph.</p> <p>SCC Cllr Ladd read the criteria for a 20mph zone – and that states that it cannot be on an A or B road – and this would need to be negotiated with SCC.</p>
<p><b>Parking</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Resident Parking update</i> – ESC Cllr Beavan – no report available. Following the discussions below, it was agreed that STC will ask ESC to prioritise their establishment of some residents parking, whether in its car parks or on street.</li> <li>• <i>Charging</i> - STC car park area at Godyll Road. ESC report re Ringo setting out an overview of what constitutes short, med, long term parking charging structures provided to all present. Solar powered machines are available which would take card payments only or card/cash payments. Cash is expensive to handle and would have security implications. Ringo would alleviate the need for considerable upfront costs as it would alleviate the need for cash machines and cash handling but would allow users to pay via mobile phone or by telephone</li> </ul>

	<p>to ESC. A Service Level Agreement would need to be agreed with ESC. Framlingham TC are also considering operating areas under this system and a draft SLA is therefore available to view. It was suggested that STC also pilot charging on the Church Green area – Adnams to be kept up to date. It was acknowledged that by doing a pilot for a year – modifications can be made throughout the period. Discussions have taken place with those who operate the Walberswick car park mgt and they advise that they continue to make modifications to their scheme even after 10 years of charging.</p> <p><i>Basis of Charging structure – short/medium/long term parking and associated costs</i> – to be considered at a later date if/when the principle of charging for parking as above has been established. Business plan will need to be established before a charging structure can be agreed, which will consider the potential displacement issues and those who might be affected. Discussion re those who presently park in this car park – i.e., residents, and employees, as well as visitors, and High Street holiday lets. It was noted that the data from the parking survey carried out 2 years ago is available. Displacement may be onto the areas of verges including York Road and Gardner Road. Common Trust to consider its own strategy re charging on its parking areas. Solar powered machines are available that would take card payments only or card/cash payments. Cash is expensive to handle and would have security implications. Mention was made that the Common Trust might need financial assistance should they require solar powered machines in any locations. Longer term parking is accommodated at the ESC car pars where all day parking costs £4.00. Holiday let companies will need to be encouraged to direct their clients to these areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Strategy - Recommendation – On the recommendation of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Bradbury it was considered that a one-year pilot for charging on the Godyll Road car park area and Church Green area be implemented with effect from Easter 2021, system to utilise the ESC mobile Ringo app.</b></li> </ul>
	<p>Determine 3-year priorities from Town Priorities 2019 -22, and from ongoing Cttee work - Consider budget request required to fulfil priorities Project Spreadsheet and costs completed for inclusion in STC budget discussions.</p>
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