

LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Traffic Committee held in The Barn on Monday 6th June 2016 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillor C W Webber
Councillor F J W Brown
Councillor J J B Lee
Councillor G Norman
Councillor J Webber

Also present the Clerk and 3 members of the public.

Public questions:

Mrs Trudy Bibby was in attendance to present the 512 signature petition that she had organised in relation to requesting a Pelican Crossing to be installed on Wisbech Road, near to the large Co-Op store. The petition had been organised following her daughter having nearly been hit by a vehicle on two occasions whilst crossing this road. Signatures within the petition range from childminders, mums with toddlers, teenagers and OAPs. Whilst residents are aware that there will be a new Toucan crossing, near Elmside, it is believed that this will not be sufficient for the increase in pedestrians emanating from both the new school and new housing. Mrs Bibby requested assistance from the Parish Council in achieving the installation of the Pelican crossing.

Councillors discussed the issue at length and agreed to unanimously support Mrs Bibby in her efforts to achieve this as it was apparent there was a significant difference in circumstances since the last approach to the County Council insofar as the new housing and new school were increasing pedestrian movements. Cllr J Webber had been in contact with officers at CCC who were unaware of the Parish Council's previous attempts to have a Pelican crossing installed but it was acknowledged that this was possibly due to a change in staff.

The Clerk was instructed to contact ECDC to ascertain how much of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies currently held by the Parish Council were specifically earmarked for pedestrian/access/highway works which would possibly enable the Parish Council to apply for a crossing on a 'match funded' basis with the County Council.

Cllr J Webber and Cllr J Lee will be attending the Highways Open Day at Witchford on 25th July and it was agreed that this matter would be discussed with County Council officers to elicit their views as to the possibility of a match funded crossing.

The Clerk was also asked to write to the Co-Op to ascertain their willingness to contribute towards such a scheme.

The item will also be discussed at the full Council meeting to be held on 20th June 2016.

Cllr G Norman read out a letter that had been received from a resident of Ten Mile Bank requesting help and advice for the introduction of a reduced speed limit (from 60mph to 40mph) in particular around the area of Mill Hill which had been the scene of accidents and many "near misses" in the past. It was acknowledged that this stretch of road is used by many vulnerable users such as cyclists and pedestrians as well as being a residential street.

It was agreed that Cllrs Webber and Lee would also bring this matter to the attention of County Council officers at the open day on 25th July and that it would be placed on the agenda for full Council on 20th June.

TC16/17.01 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:

TC16/17.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr D I Ambrose Smith, Cllr D Jordan

TC16/17.03 DECLARATIONS:

None.

TC16/17.04 PELICAN CROSSING – WISBECH ROAD:

Covered in public question time above.

Cllr C Webber provided the meeting with a copy of the plans for the proposed speed cushion installations at the junctions of Wisbech Road/Elm Side and Wisbech Road/Camel Road. The Clerk was requested to write to CCC Highways prior to the open day on 25th July to ascertain what the criteria is for the raised junction to inform the discussions with CCC officers planned for the Open Day by Cllrs J Webber and Lee.

TC16/17.05 YELLOW LINES ON LYNN ROAD:

Discussion took place concerning various areas of the village where the painted yellow lines have either been obliterated (due to resurfacing works) or are worn to an extent where they are hardly visible. The Clerk was requested to write to CCC Highways to ascertain when they would be reinstated.

To be included within the transport plan.

TC16/17.06 DISABLED BAY – LIMES CLOSE:

Residents who requested the installation of the bay have now moved so the bay is not required. It was acknowledged that there will be a cost involved in having this removed but that with parking at a premium within the Close the issue required investigation.

The Clerk to write to CCC Highways requesting details as to how the Parish Council could reinstate the highway.

TC16/17.07 LITTLEPORT TRANSPORT PLAN:

Following the County Council's recent consultation on transport strategies within the county, Cllr J Webber had liaised with the County Council over the desire for the Parish Council to develop its own transport plan which could be used as a document to inform future Highway Initiative bids. It had been confirmed that any village can develop their own plans and that County Council officers could assist with the process and formulation of the document. It was agreed that whilst not all items could be achieved it would be a useful tool to aid the Parish Council in its future discussions.

It was agreed that formulation of a working party be put to full Council at its next meeting to commence work on a plan. It was also agreed that membership of the working party should include one or two residents to inform the process further.

Elements discussed at this meeting to be included within the Plan were as follows:

- Speed limit reductions
- Yellow Line placement
- Pedestrian crossings
- Cycle ways

TC16/17.08 NETWORK RAIL CONSULTATION – LEVEL CROSSING CLOSURES:

The consultation event in relation to Network Rail’s proposals to shut some level crossings within the Parish is due to take place on Wednesday 8th June and it was agreed that any Councillor who was available would attend both the pre-meet (1pm) and the consultation itself. A synopsis of the proposals will be brought to full Council on 20th June.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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Chairman

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