

LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Traffic Committee held in The Barn on Monday 10th October 2016 at 7.15pm

PRESENT: Councillor C W Webber
Councillor D Jordan
Councillor J J B Lee
Councillor G Norman
Councillor J Webber
Councillor P Cox

Also present the Clerk and 0 members of the public.

Public questions:
None.

TC16/17.09 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Norman proposed Cllr Lee to stand as Chairman for the remainder of this current civic year. Seconded by Cllr Jordan. Cllr Lee duly elected.

TC16/17.10 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:

Cllr Lee welcomed those present. Cllr P Cox requested co-option on to the Committee and this was AGREED.

TC16/17.11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr F Brown – Absent.

TC16/17.12 DECLARATIONS:

None.

TC16/17.13 LOCAL HIGHWAY INITIATIVE BID – 2017/18

Applications for funding for the coming financial year are required to be submitted by 30th November 2016. The Traffic Committee are tasked with working up any bid that it is felt may be successful and the completed bid will be presented to full Council on Monday 21st November 2016 to ensure that the application is submitted within the timescales.

Projects are more likely to be funded by the County Council if the Parish offer to fund 50% of any scheme.

It had been confirmed at the Highways Open Day that had been attended by Cllrs J Webber and D Ambrose Smith that two bids could be submitted, one from the community and one from the Parish Council.

Discussions about possible projects as follows:

- (1) Zebra crossing at or near the Co-Operative Store on Wisbech Road – it was AGREED that an approach be made to the store to ascertain whether they would be willing to contribute towards this cost. CCC had advised that it was advisable to not specify a specific type of crossing.
- (2) Vehicle Activated Speed Signs – The Littleport Speedwatch Group had met recently and requested assistance from the Parish Council towards the purchase of signs to

be placed at strategic points. It was AGREED that further investigation would take place into indicative costs.

Discussion ensued concerning the works proposed in relation to the schools project and the various speed cushions and raised tables that were going to be installed. It is believed that these works must be completed prior to the school receiving students so it may transpire that the Parish Council's wishes are moot. It was acknowledged that now the Parish Council have had sight of the plans there is a possibility of approaching the County Council with a view to a request to alter one of the proposed speed cushions to a formal crossing.

Following discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk investigate with ECDC the amount of CIL monies available to it which could be used to part fund any bid application and upon confirmation from ECDC the Clerk and Cllr J Webber will complete the relevant paperwork for submission.

It was also AGREED that this item be placed on the agenda for the full Council meeting taking place on 21st November.

TC16/17.14 TOWN CENTRE ENVIRONS/CCC VOLUNTEERING SCHEME

It had been noted by several residents and Councillors that the condition/cleanliness of various pathways and streets around the village were not as good as they should be. Correspondence had been received by the Clerk concerning the setting up of a volunteering scheme to address the issue as budgetary pressures on the County Council had meant that the usual programme of maintenance was not being carried out.

Any group would require to be registered with the County Council and any identified work notified to the County Council before commencement in order for insurance/health and safety issues to be addressed in advance.

The Traffic Committee AGREES to support the formation of any group and Cllr J Webber and Cllr D Jordan will speak to the residents who had expressed a view to inform them of the CCC scheme.

TC16/17.15 LITTLEPORT TRANSPORT PLAN – UPDATE

Cllr J Webber updated the meeting on the current status of the Littleport Transport Plan. This was still in draft form and it was hoped that following a meeting taking place with the Strategic Planning officer at ECDC on 11th October it was envisaged that this document could progress. A proportion of the wishes of the Parish Council will be linked to those parcels of land which had come forward in the ECDC Call For Sites so it was likely that the production of the plan could be delayed in order to match ECDC's timetable for their new Local Plan.

TC16/17.16 STATION ROAD/LYNN ROAD – YELLOW LINE EXTENSIONS

Mr James had again requested that yellow lines be installed along Station Road/Lynn Road as there are issues with visibility because of parked vehicles.

At a previous meeting it had been agreed that the issue of yellow lines at various locations within the village would be included within the Transport Plan.

It was AGREED that the Clerk interrogate previous Minutes to ascertain when it had been agreed that an Order be raised and for this to then be progressed.

Following discussion it was AGREED that the Order needs to request waiting restriction extensions to Lynn Road and Station Road and new waiting restrictions along City Road.

TC16/17.17 STREET LIGHTING REQUEST

The Clerk had received two separate requests for dimmed/switched off lighting at Monkwood and Croft Park be 'swapped' to enable residents of these areas to negotiate parking areas in safety.

It was AGREED that the Clerk liaise with CCC to ascertain whether there would be a cost to the Parish Council if this 'swap' could be achieved.

It was also AGREED that all residents affected by a 'swap' in both Monkwood and Croft Park Road be written to to ensure that all views were obtained on this issue.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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Chairman

Dated:

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