

MALDON DISTRICT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2020 at 09:15hrs

REMOTE MEETING

Chairman:	Councillor M F L Durham
Panel Members:	Councillors J Anderson, Mrs P A Channer, CC, M W Helm, R Pratt CC and Mrs M E Thompson
Officer:	Sonia Church, Highways Liaison Manager, Tom Eng, Highways Liaison Officer
Secretariat:	Berna Casey, Charlotte Elderton

Item		Owner
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions:</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all Members to the remote meeting of the Maldon District Local Highways Panel and advised on the protocol for today' meeting.</p>	Chairman
2.	<p>Apologies for absence:</p> <p>There were none.</p>	All
3.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2020 were Received and Confirmed.</p>	All
4.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes of the previous meeting: 5 June 2020</p> <p><u>Page 2 - Item 8 – Limebrook Way j/w Mundon Road/Wantz Road, Maldon – Signage improvements A414 (Mundon Road) to Hythe Quay and Promenade Park</u> - The Highways Liaison Officer reported that all signage issues had been satisfactorily resolved and all were content with the scheme outcome.</p> <p><u>Page 5 - Item 14 - Fambridge Road, Maldon (Limebrook Way RAB to Royal Oak P/H) – It was agreed that this scheme would remain on the awaiting funding list as discussions had yet to take place with the landowners.</u></p>	All

<p>5</p>	<p>Report on Funded Schemes – 2020/21:</p> <p>The Highways Liaison Officer drew Members attention to page 10 of the report.</p> <p>Budget Summary 2019/20 Capital Budget - £200,000 Safer Roads Schemes - £27,750 Estimated Value of other Commissioned Schemes - £156,000 Remaining Budget to Allocate £16,250</p> <p>For ease of reference those schemes shaded green denoted completed. Where an update had been provided by Officers, this was shaded yellow, schemes that had been cancelled were shaded grey and those for removal were red.</p> <p>Members noted those schemes completed and the estimated completion timeline for the remainder.</p> <p>Councillor Pratt referring to a completed scheme <u>Item 4 – Eves Corner B1021 Southminster Road j/w Mill Road/Green Lane, Burnham-on-Crouch - Bend signs, carriageway markings and kerb improvements</u> – reported that one of the signs had been knocked down.</p>													
<p>6.</p>	<p>Report on Schemes Awaiting Funding:</p> <p>For ease of reference those schemes shaded green denoted they had been validated as being feasible and were available for consideration. Those shaded amber were awaiting the results of a feasibility study and red denoted schemes that were against Essex County Council (ECC) policy or there was no appropriate engineering solution. Finally, white was where a request has been received and was in the initial validation process.</p> <p>The Highways Liaison Officer drew the Panel’s attention to page 11 of the report.</p> <p>Budget Summary</p> <table data-bbox="284 1630 734 1848"> <tr> <td>Safer Roads</td> <td>£0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Traffic Management</td> <td>£1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Walking</td> <td>£0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Passenger Transport</td> <td>£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Rights of Way</td> <td>£0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£11,500</td> </tr> </table> <p>Traffic Management</p> <p><u>Item 5 - Mill Lane j/w Buckingham Street, Tolleshunt Major - HGV signage improvements</u> – Agreed that this remain on the list subject to</p>	Safer Roads	£0	Traffic Management	£1,500	Walking	£0	Passenger Transport	£10,000	Public Rights of Way	£0	Total	£11,500	<p>Highways Liaison Officer</p>
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	<p>the outcome of the related planning application at North Western Area Planning Committee.</p> <p><u>Item 6 – Tiptree Road, Wickham Bishops – Footway – investigation into the possibility of linking the footway</u> – Agreed that this scheme be moved into this year’s funded schemes list.</p> <p><u>Item 7 – Woodham Road/The Street, Stow Maries – Traffic management improvements – road narrowing and/or priority parking</u> – Agreed that this scheme be removed from the list.</p> <p><u>Item 9 - Steeple Road, Mayland - Request to investigate the possibility of reducing the speed along Steeple Road</u> - Noted that Highways Officers were reluctant to reduce speeds, however, given the impact of COVID-19 a change in policy was imminent and speed reductions would be supported going forwards. This scheme would form part of a number of schemes subject to re-assessment once the new policy was in place.</p> <p>Further discussion took place on this scheme and it was agreed that the relevant Councillor together with representatives from Steeple Parish attend a surgery meeting with Councillor Bentley, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, to determine the way forward.</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding the loss of institutional memory and the importance of ensuring all previous relevant coded red schemes be addressed under the new policy. The Highways Liaison Manager reassured Members that the archive on the Highways website had a comprehensive record of all schemes.</p> <p>The Chairman proposed that he write to Councillor Bentley to seek clarification on the timeline for the policy changes and this was agreed.</p> <p><u>Item 11 - Limebrook Way, Maldon - Speed reduction Request to investigate a possible speed reduction along the route</u> - Agreed to remain on the list for now and look at further reductions in speed should additional development takes place.</p> <p>Walking</p> <p><u>Item 1 - B1010 Chelmsford Road (Spar Lane to Veterinary Practice), Purleigh – Footway - Investigation into possible footway/walkable verge</u> – Agreed to leave on the list for now and the Chairman would discuss options with Councillor Channer outside of the meeting</p>	
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	<p>Passenger Transport</p> <p><u>Item 1 - Fambridge Road, Maldon, New bus stop poles/flags/timetables.</u> Agreed that this should be funded by the Developer and that the Highways Liaison Officer would liaise with the Developer as appropriate.</p> <p><u>Item 2 - B1018 Southminster Road near Dairy Farm Road, Althorne/Mayland, New bus stop</u> – Agreed that this scheme be removed and the Highways Liaison Officer to discuss a way forward with the Passenger Transport Team</p> <p>Public Rights of Way</p> <p><u>Item 1 - Byway 32 Purleigh (Roundbush Road to Howe Green Road)Improve drainage, rebuild surface, install heavy duty removable bollards.</u> Agreed that this remain on the list while further works were being investigated.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Councillor Channer asked if Parish Councils etc had to go through the Highways Department to access Highway Ranger Services. The Highways Liaison Officer said it was best to contact the Highway Ranger Service direct and that he would provide the contact details.</p> <p>The Chairman then addressed two issues raised by Maldon District Council’s Countryside and Coast Manager. One related to a potential ECC Locality Fund request at Wickham Bishops to fund a footway connection between Maypole Road and Great Totham Road and the other was a request for funding from s106 budget for a pedestrian link at Barley Meadows to Scotts Hill, Southminster.</p> <p>On the first issue the Chairman advised that he required more detail prior to consideration. Subsequent to the meeting an ECC Locality Fund detailed application was emailed to the Chairman. The Highways Liaison Officer agreed to take forward the second issue at the on-site meeting scheduled to take place at midday on 2 October 2020 and report back to the Countryside and Coast Manager.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about speeding on Steeple Road. Councillor Pratt referred specifically to Item 1 under Traffic Management – <u>Brickhouse Farm Cottages, Steeple Road, St Lawrence- Traffic management improvements</u> – and said he felt that the best way forward was to hold an on-site socially distanced meeting with the residents and the Highways Manager to discuss options for dealing with the concerns. This was agreed.</p> <p>Finally, the Chairman thanked all for their contributions.</p>	

8.	Date of next meeting Friday 11 December 2020.	
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The meeting closed at 11:00am