

**ROCHFORD LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES – 21<sup>st</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 2PM**

**CIVIC SUITE, RAYLEIGH**

**Civic Suite, 2 Hockley Road, Rayleigh SS6 8EB**

<b>Chairman:</b>	Cllr J Lumley (ECC)
<b>Panel Members:</b>	Cllrs T Cutmore (ECC), C Weston (ECC), B Hazlewood (RDC), C Roe and I Ward
<b>Visiting Member:</b>	Cllr M Steptoe (ECC)
<b>Officers:</b>	G Speller – Highways Liaison Officer, S Church – Highways Liaison Manager
<b>Secretariat:</b>	M Power – RDC Democratic Services

Item		Owner
1.	Welcome and Introduction.  Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Maddocks (ECC)	
2.	Declarations of interest: Cllr B Hazlewood declared an interest in items on the Agenda by virtue of being a Member of Hockley Parish Council. Cllrs J Lumley, C Roe and I Ward declared an interest in items on the Agenda by virtue of being Members of Rayleigh Town Council. Cllr M Steptoe declared an interest in items on the Agenda by virtue of being a Member of Barling Parish Council.	
3.	The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2017 were agreed as correct record, subject to the following amendment:  Page 5 Cheapside West and Victoria Road speeding issues. GS confirmed the straight nature of the road in both locations and that there is no survey history within 4 years. Cllr Lumley will be supplying an LHP request form to GS for further investigations.  Complaints passed to Cllr Lumley concerning the volume and speed of traffic going through from Rayleigh Weir A127 from the High road via Glasseys Lane, Weir Gardens, Roach Avenue, Daws Heath Road to Eastwood Road A129	<b>Cllr Lumley</b>

	<p>Cllr Lumley also raised the volume issues above adding to congestion surrounding the recycling site in Castle Road.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Works Programme Update:</b></p> <p><b>5 Hanover Bridge, Watery Lane/Beeches Road, Hullbridge – weak bridge signage.</b> Some of signage not appropriate so undertaking feasibility study to see what upgraded is needed. Communication from Hullbridge Parish Council asking for road closure signs and cones for times of flooding in Watery Lane. GS is establishing through the ECC Network team if a flip down road closure sign can be installed and be combined within the existing signage review if possible; a separate scheme may be needed, however. It is not possible to use A frame boards here as the verge is narrow. An update to be provided to the December meeting. GS to consult with both Hullbridge and Rawreth Parish Councils once a solution has been agreed upon. Signs are needed at either end of the road. (Note: Cllr T Cutmore declared an interest in this item by virtue of using this road to get to County Hall, Chelmsford.)</p> <p><b>A129 Southend Road j/w Old London Road.</b> Casualty Reduction schemes - design in year 1 and delivery in year 2.</p> <p><b>North Street j/w Weirpond Road.</b> Casualty Reduction schemes – design and delivery this financial year.</p> <p><b>High Street zebra crossing, Great Wakering Brays Lane &amp; Apton Hall Road, Ashingdon – CR signage.</b> The LHP had moved these two items from the rolling programme into delivery in this financial year.</p> <p><b>Barling Road, Barling – Footway.</b> Consultation with residents has taken place. GS to check that chevrons would be included as part of the installation works. Designs to be forwarded to Cllr Steptoe.</p> <p><b>Twyford Avenue, Great Wakering - grasscrete.</b> No complaints from residents received although it is a narrow road and has issues with parking. <b>REMOVE</b> and put on Potential Scheme list.</p> <p><b>Hyde Wood Lane, Canewdon – Laybys.</b> The Panel resolved that this is not a major route and the final cost would be very high as acquisition of land was needed. <b>REMOVE</b></p> <p><b>Bedloes Avenue, Rawreth.</b> This is a costly scheme which would benefit very few residents. <b>REMOVE</b></p>	<p><b>GS</b></p> <p><b>GS</b></p> <p><b>GS</b></p> <p><b>GS</b></p> <p><b>GS</b></p> <p><b>GS</b></p> <p><b>GS</b></p>



	<p><b>Paglesham to Rochford Central Cycle Route – Study.</b> The Panel had allocated £10,000 towards a feasibility study; the study is not going ahead at present but may be considered later as part of a future provision to link up cycle routes. <b>REMOVE</b></p> <p><b>Shopland Road, Sutton – SLOW marking.</b> This would remain on the Programme to see whether the work could be combined with other maintenance lining in the area, which would reduce the cost considerably. To be looked at again at the December meeting.</p> <p>Stambridge Road, Rochford – 30mph repeater roundels. Cllr Ward asked if the repeaters are to be illuminated. GS confirmed that no repeaters are ever illuminated, only terminal signage.</p> <p>Rolling Programme total is £34,500 after removal of the schemes indicated.</p> <p><b>Canewdon Road/Larkhill Road road safety assessment collision.</b> Following completion of the proposed development of 47 new properties in Canewdon, there may be the opportunity for a further speed and volume survey next year. (The Wallasea Wetlands Project may result in increased traffic here.) Cllr Cutmore was concerned that not all historical fatal accidents have been taken into consideration. As the proposals for vehicle activated bend warning signs were outside of policy, the only option would be to refer to the Cabinet Member for Highways. Cllr Cutmore would take this forward. If the scheme were to progress the cost would be taken from the LHP budget and maintained by the LHP revenue budget.</p>	<p><b>GS</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Cutmore</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Potential Capital Schemes.</b> Estimated Rochford LHP budget for 2018/19 is £214,000 next year budget.</p> <p><b>Hanover Bridge, Watery Lane/Beeches Road – weak bridge signage.</b> Awaiting results from feasibility study – costs of works likely to be in the region of between £10,000 and £30,000.</p> <p><b>Rawreth Lane and Laburnum Way – Culvert Works.</b> This scheme to increase the banks and capacity of the ditch was added to the LHP scheme list as it wasn't being resolved through Flood Management. The ditch and culvert is privately owned. Ongoing maintenance will not be the responsibility of ECC but enforcement may be necessary with the current land owner. The local MP and the Parish Council are in support of this project.</p> <p><b>Canewdon Road, Ashingdon - Cemetery Entrance: request to look into the visibility issues of exiting Thornton Meadows cemetery onto Canewdon Road.</b> ECC has no specific engineering solution available going forwards. Remedial</p>	

	<p>measures would be for both gates to be open when the cemetery is open, fill the pot holes at the entrance and that vegetation is cut back. <b>REMOVE.</b></p> <p><b>Fountain Lane, Church Road, Hockley – HGV signage.</b> All existing signage is present – no further recommendations. <b>REMOVE.</b> Highways Rangers request to be made to cut back vegetation.</p> <p><b>Poynters Lane, Great Wakering – Footway. REMOVE</b></p> <p><b>Revenue Budget.</b> Highways Rangers may be able to clean the beacons at zebra crossings, depending on the height. A request for new beacons can be made via the ECC website. Halo lights can <b>only</b> installed by the Road Safety Team if accident locations need to be highlighted.</p> <p>The Panel was asked to consider which schemes to move into the rolling programme and which should be for delivery. GS confirmed that if an allocated scheme is under budget the saving can be used for another scheme. However, underspend cannot be transferred from one year to the next.</p>	<p><b>GS</b></p> <p><b>GS</b></p> <p><b>GS</b></p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Rangers Work summary:</b></p> <p>Requests from the Panel Members to the Highways Rangers service are prioritised. Some Local Highways Panels deliver the Highways Rangers Service themselves; equipment could be commissioned from the capital budget for the Rangers Service if Rochford District LHP takes on this Service.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>(1) Cllr Roe to submit a request for a speed and volume survey for Station Crescent, Rayleigh. ECC Member support is required; however, if the request has Panel support the request should be accepted. Cllr Roe to supply GS a completed LHP request form.</p> <p>(2) The cost of triangular road signs is in the region of £2,000 - 3,000.</p> <p>(3) The Panel can consider schemes for footway works.</p>	<b>Cllr Roe</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Date of next meetings:</b> 21 December 2017 and 22 March 2018</p> <p>The meeting started at 2 pm and closed at 3.40 pm.</p>	