

# Minutes

## Braintree District Local Highways Panel

24th September 2015

(Comprising representatives of:-

Essex County Council  
Braintree District Council  
Braintree Association of Local Councils)

### Present:-

Councillor R Walters (Chairman)  
Councillor J Abbott  
Councillor J Bendall  
Councillor D Gronland  
Councillor R Mitchell  
Councillor Lady Newton  
Councillor Mrs S Wilson

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Councillor A Hensman representing Braintree District Council was also in attendance.

### Officers

Sonia Church – Ringway Jacobs  
Matt Valentine – Ringway Jacobs  
Paul Partridge - Braintree District Council  
Alison Webb – Braintree District Council

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Banthorpe (Braintree District Council), Councillor D Louis (Essex County Council), Councillor B Rose (Braintree District Council) and Councillor D Smith (Braintree Association of Local Councils).

### 1 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following interests were declared:-

Councillor J Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 7 - Schemes for Consideration by the Panel and specifically scheme LBRA152089 Park Road and the Northern section of Church Road, Rivenhall - A review of current measures including signage and lining and consideration of possible measures such as a speed limit reduction and no overtaking markings, as he lived in Park Road, Rivenhall.

Councillor R Mitchell declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 8 – Schemes Already Recommended for Approval and Programmed for Delivery and specifically scheme LBRA003001 Inworth Road, Feering - New footway, as he was a resident of Inworth Road.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Councillors Abbott and Mitchell remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion when the Items were considered.

2 **MINUTES**

**DECISION:** That the Minutes of the meeting of Braintree District Local Highways Panel held on 25th June 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 **MATTERS ARISING**

**INFORMATION:** There were no matters arising.

4 **QUESTION TIME**

**INFORMATION:** There were no questions asked, or statements made.

5 **BRAINTREE DISTRICT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL BUDGET**

**INFORMATION:** Details of Braintree District Local Highways Panel's capital budget were reported.

It was noted that the Panel's capital budget for 2015/16 amounted to £815,578 and that to date schemes to the value of £830,250 had been recommended for approval for funding. In addition, schemes to the value of £356,000, which had been recommended for approval by the Panel during the 2014/15 financial year, had been re-profiled to be delivered in 2015/16. This would provide a total capital budget amounting to £1,186,250 for 2015/16 and would allow for the development of a rolling programme into 2016/17.

It was hoped that the 2015/16 budget would be spent in full. A report on performance against the budget would be submitted to the next meeting of the Panel.

**DECISION:** That the report be noted.

## 6 SCHEMES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PANEL

**INFORMATION:** Consideration was given to a report containing a schedule of possible schemes.

### **DECISION:**

- (1) That the following schemes be recommended for approval within the 2016/17 financial year, subject to the specific comments denoted:-

#### Traffic Management

LBRA142125 – Installation of 'Unsuitable for motor vehicle signs' on London Road and Bakers Lane to prevent vehicles mistakenly using Pickpocket Lane, Pickpocket Lane, Black Notley

Estimated Cost - £4,000

(It was agreed that this location should be monitored until March 2016).

LBRA152059 – Relocation of the existing blue 'width restriction' sign along The Grove and upgrade it to a larger sign, The Grove j/w Pasture Road, Witham

Estimated Cost - £3,000

LBRA152083 - Detailed design to upgrade the current Zebra crossing to a signal crossing, Swan Street, Sible Hedingham

Estimated Cost - £25,000 (design)

LBRA152092 – Installation of a VAS/SID along Swan Street as the entrance the village, Swan Street, Sible Hedingham

Estimated Cost - £8,500

(It was reported that the status of this scheme should change to 'green', even though it had been identified on the schedule of schemes as 'red').

LBRA152093 - Implementation of Lamb Lane, Innham Hill and Southey Green, Sible Hedingham as Quiet lanes.

Estimated Cost - £15,000

Mill Lane/Guithavon Valley, Witham Guithavon Valley - The existing bend warning sign to be removed and new bend warning sign placed at the boundary of 25 and 27 to face southbound. All white lining to be refreshed. Mini Double Roundabouts – Signing and lining to be corrected on all approaches. All signs to be removed and the correct arrangement replaced. The two roundabout signs mounted on lamp columns to be renewed with grey backed board. The lining to be removed and correct arrangement laid. The mini roundabouts to be domed to encourage drivers to manoeuvre around them creating through deflection. Mill Lane - The right hand bend sign to be removed. The double bend warning sign at the boundary of 44 and Clifton House to be removed and correct double bend warning sign installed. The

double bend warning sign at the boundary of Lingards and number 1 The Orchards to be removed. The double bend warning sign on LC 4 to be removed and a new cantilever post and sign erected at the back of the footway adjacent to the boundary wall of number 21, Mill Lane/Guithavon Valley, Witham.  
Estimated Cost - £36,500

(It was agreed that the implementation of this scheme should be delivered together with the submission and consideration of two related schemes and a potential site visit to take place with representatives of Ringway Jacobs, Braintree District Council and Witham Town Council).

### Revenue Schemes

LBRA152085 - 1 speed survey, Rickstones Road, Rivenhall  
Estimated Cost - £250

LBRA152086 - One 1 speed survey, Woolpits Road, Great Saling  
Estimated Cost - £250

LBRA152087 – Three speed surveys, A1017 - Stumer, New England and Baythorne End  
Estimated Cost - £750

LBRA152088 - Video survey - provide a link count at the site describing the exact traffic make-up passing property, with HGV 'incidents' highlighted, and video footage, Head Street, Halstead.  
Estimated Cost - £940

LBRA152090 - Three speed surveys, Queenborough Lane and Bridge End Lane, Great Notley  
Estimated Cost - £750

LBRA152095 - One speed survey, outside Entrance, Highfields 96/98 West Street, Coggeshall  
Estimated Cost - £250

LBRA152096 - One speed survey, outside no. 30 St Peters Road, Coggeshall  
Estimated Cost - £250

LBRA152097 - Outside entrance to Coggeshall Cricket Club, Kelvedon Road, Coggeshall  
Estimated Cost - £250

LBRA152098 - 1 speed survey, Outside The Mount, 71 East Street, Coggeshall  
Estimated Cost - £250

LBRA152102 - 1 PV2 survey, Crossing Road (South of Stubbs Lane), Braintree  
Estimated Cost - £900

LBRA152103 - 2 speed surveys, Church Lane, Doghouse Road, Pattiswick  
Estimated Cost - £500

LBRA152105 - Ad hoc surveys in the Braintree District  
Estimated Cost - £3,000  
(It was agreed that Essex Highways Officers should be able to proceed with individual surveys without referral back to the Panel for approval, but that Members of the Panel should be kept advised of the surveys carried out).

- (2) That the following action be taken in respect of the schemes referred to below:-

Traffic Management

LBRA142111 - Validation - Request for 20mph zones at numerous locations due to speeding vehicles, Locations in Silver End  
Estimated Cost - £0  
(It was agreed that Matt Valentine, Essex Highways should provide Councillor Abbott, the District Council Ward Member, with the assessment criteria for the designation of 20mph zones).

LBRA142124 – Installation of bend warning signs, Temple Lane, Silver End  
Estimated Cost - £0  
(It was agreed that Matt Valentine, Essex Highways should obtain Police data on the number of accidents which have occurred at the junction (Temple Lane j/w lane to Crossing by Church) in the last three years).

LBRA152074 – Installation of anti-skid on the approaches to the School Crossing Patrol, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel  
Estimated Cost - £10,000  
(The Chairman agreed to advise Councillor Louis that the Panel was unable to support this scheme as it is not Essex County Council policy to replace anti-skid surfaces; the scheme does not meet speed survey criteria; and School Crossing warning signs are already in place).

Phase 2 Installation of grasscrete along sections of Valentine Way, Valentine Way, Silver End  
Estimated Cost - £50,000  
(It was agreed that the implementation of this scheme should be put on hold pending the outcome and cost analysis of phase 1).

- (3) That Matt Valentine Essex Highways should investigate if any applications for 'Quiet lane' status have been submitted by Earls Colne Parish Council and to advise Councillor Bendall.

7 **PROGRAMME OF SCHEMES - ALREADY RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL/PROGRAMMED FOR DELIVERY**

**INFORMATION:** Consideration was given to a programme of schemes which the Panel had recommended for approval. The programme included those schemes for which work had subsequently been agreed, cancelled, or recently completed.

In discussing this item, reference was made to scheme LBRA142006 – carriageway widening, installation of footpath and new kerbing, B1018 Braintree Road, Cressing and it was agreed that Officers should report back to the Panel on whether this scheme could be implemented based on a smaller 'land take'. It was also agreed that Officers should investigate whether the implementation of schemes LBRA003001 - new footway, Inworth Road, Feering; and LBRA152023 - Feasibility study into provision of dedicated left hand lane from Colne Road to the A120, Colne Road, Coggeshall could be brought forward.

**DECISION:** That the programme of schemes recommended for approval at previous meetings of the Panel be noted.

8 **CASUALTY REDUCTION SITES – 2016/17**

**INFORMATION:** The Chairman agreed to consider a report for information on possible casualty reduction sites.

Members were reminded that during the 2015/16 financial year, Braintree District Local Highways Panel had recommended the allocation of funding for the advance design of schemes to address problems at casualty reduction sites across the District. Eight sites had been identified for consideration and these are detailed below:-

- The Avenue j/w Newland Street, Witham - crossroads
- A131 100 metres South of Ryes Lane, Bulmer Tye
- A1124 100 yards South of Church Hill, Earls Colne
- B1018 Witham Road j/w Temple Lane, Silver End
- Halstead Road j/w Queen Street (Braintree Corner),
- London Road j/w Godlings Way, Braintree
- Maldon Road approx. 100 metres North of j/w Blackman Way, Witham
- High Street near The Boars Head, Braintree 20 yards from j/w St Michael's Road.

It was reported that the design work for each scheme would be completed during the 2015/16 financial year following which the schemes would be placed on the Potential Schemes List for consideration by the Panel and

implementation in 2016/17.

**DECISION:** That the report be noted.

9 **DATES FOR MEETINGS OF THE PANEL**

**DECISION:** It was noted that future meetings of Braintree District Local Highways Panel would take place in January and March 2016 and that the dates of the meetings would be confirmed as soon as possible.

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm and closed at 7.14pm.

Councillor R Walters  
(Chairman)