

**MALDON DISTRICT
LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL
MEETING – 8 FEBRUARY 2013
Council Chamber, Princes Road, Maldon – at 9.00am**

MINUTES

Present:

Representing Essex County Council – Councillors R L Bass (Chairman), R G Boyce and Mrs P A Channer

Representing Maldon District Council – Councillors A J Cussen, F R Delderfield, Miss M R Lewis, R Pratt (Vice-Chairman) and Mrs M Thompson

Officers: Mrs H Neve (Area Co-ordinator) and J Simmons (Liaison Officer, Essex County Council), Ms R Wilkins (Cycling Officer, Essex County Council), Mr S Jennings (Committee Services Manager/Highways Liaison Officer, Maldon District Council)

1. Apology for absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Rev A E J Shrimpton (Maldon District Council).

2. Minutes of Meeting – 7 December 2012

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 7 December 2012 be approved and confirmed.

3. Programme of Works 2012/13

The Panel received the updated programme of works for the current year, a revised version being circulated at the meeting.

It was noted that there had been some slippage in the programmed start dates for schemes in the Minor Schemes (capital and revenue funded) categories, and that the Head of Highways and Transportation had written to all Panel Chairmen on this. The funding had however been secured. Officers were requested to supply planned completion dates for these schemes.

By way of further update, the Panel was advised that the estimated cost for the kerbing of the triangle at Braxted Road/Kelvedon Road, Little Braxted (Minor Scheme – capital) had increased to £8,635, and that for a new VAS post at The Drive, Mayland (Small Works) had increased to £1,164. These were accepted.

With regard to the closure of the unofficial layby at Maldon Road, Langford (Small Works) estimates for the options had come in at £4,175 for a bund and £2,840 for bollards. The sum of £1,500 had been allocated for a bund. Concern was expressed within the Panel at the degree of variation with the original estimate. It was agreed that a detailed breakdown of the two options be brought to the next meeting together an explanation of that variation.

Under Bus Stop/Route Improvements, the Panel was informed that the proposed shelter at The Street, and a new pole and flag at Woodham Road, Stow Maries were no longer required since the village had the benefit of a dial-a-ride service. Following consultation between the Chairman and the Officers, the funds had been re-allocated to a feasibility study for a pedestrian refuge island at Wycke Hill, Maldon (£5k) and the improvement of a footway at D'Arcy Road, Tolleshunt Knights (£3k), both currently on the Potential Schemes List. A question was raised regarding the proposal for a new shelter at Maldon Road, Woodham Mortimer, and Officers were asked to clarify this on a location plan to be circulated.

With regard to the purchase of a flail for the Highway Rangers (Minor Schemes – revenue), the Panel was informed that prices had been obtained by the District Council's Parks Team that were shown to be significantly discounted. The routes to be the subject of particular attention identified by the three County Members for improvement including work enabled by the new equipment were as follows:

- Maypole Road from Great Totham to Elms Farm roundabout Heybridge
- Lower Burnham Road – entire length
- Fambridge Road – Maldon to Cold Norton and into North Fambridge

It was agreed that the above routes be added to the Programme of Works (for the Highway Rangers).

5. Potential Schemes List

The Panel considered an updated List circulated at the meeting.

It was noted that 13 new schemes had been requested by Parish and Town Councils and awaited validation. Councillor Mrs P A Channer referred to the parking issues on verges at Dorset Road, Viking Road and Wordsworth Avenue, Maldon, she had referred to the Area Office. It was noted that this awaited validation and agreed that that it be added to the List. Decisions would be made at the next meeting as to a Programme of Works for 2013/14.

New Requests

2 – Basin Road, Heybridge Basin – this could give rise to more than one scheme/treatment.

3 – East Street, Tollesbury – something less than a crossing was envisaged.

4 – Witham Road/The Street/Maypole Road, Wickham Bishops – options were being explored, including speed limit extensions. The Chairman requested that these be split as one of these requested extensions involved the road outside his property and that he would need to declare an interest in any further consideration of this.

5 – Kelvedon Road, Great Totham – this did not need to feature on the list as it was being looked at as part of the speed limit review.

9 – Braxted Park Road j/w Maldon Road – it was noted that this was Great Braxted/Tolleshunt Major and not Great Totham.

10/11 – Summerhill and Summerhill/Burnham Road j/w Fambridge Road, Althorne – Councillor Mrs P A Channer declared an interest as she lived in Summerhill.

The Chairman requested that options arising from the speed-related requests be defined and shown as separate schemes.

Minor Schemes

- 1 – Wycke Hill, Maldon – a funding allocation of £5k had been made available to enable this to be carried out in 2012/13.
- 2 – B1018 and B1022 The Causeway, Maldon – it was thought that this scheme could be deleted on the basis that a feasibility study had been undertaken and alterations to access adjacent to the roundabout were planned in connection with the approved Aquila Development. Officers were requested to check on this and advise.
- 5 – Maldon Road, Great Totham – the Panel was advised that the Parish Council had no knowledge of this scheme and it was therefore agreed that it be deleted.
- 7 – D’Arcy Road, Tolleshunt Knights – a funding allocation of £3k had been made available for the footway to be improved rather than replaced and to enable this to be carried out in 2012/13.

Small Works

Officer teams within County Hall had been requested to submit any proposals by no later than 18 February 2013.

Additions to List

At the request of Panel Members it was agreed that the following schemes be added to the List:

Dorset Road, Viking Road, Wordsworth Avenue, Maldon – parking on verges
Oak Corner roundabout, Woodham Mortimer – left turn filter
Morrisons roundabout, Maldon – left turn filter
Fambridge Road, Maldon/Hazeleigh – footpath to Royal Oak PH
Church Hill, Purleigh – footpath extension to church
Eves Corner, Burnham on Crouch – safety measures
Station Road, Burnham on Crouch – adj to Ship PH – dropped kerbs
Mill End, Bradwell on Sea – speed reduction
Bull Green/j with B1010 at Post Office, Great Totham – form layby
Walden House Road, Great Totham – road markings outside school
The Street, Latchingdon – congestion relief vehicle count (incl at end of Rectory Lane at Lower Burnham Road)

Cycling

The Panel considered the list of schemes submitted by the Cycling Task and Finish Group of the Local Strategic Partnership and it was agreed that the following items as numbered in its list should proceed in 2012/13 (£15k allocation):

- 1 – Revise Sustrans National Cycle Network (NCN) route through Wickham Bishops.
- 2 – Sign NCN 1 from Wickham Bishops to Heybridge Basin.
- 7 – Sign NCN 1 from Tesco via Chandlers Quay, Downs Road, The Hythe and town centre to NCN 1 on London Road. (NB Part of route to be addressed through Tesco S106 funded scheme).

It was further agreed that item 3) – Goldhanger Road, Heybridge footpath improvement and conversion to shared use – should be evaluated with a view to a scheme not exceeding £60k in value proceeding in 2012/13.

The Cycling Officer was asked to identify by 18 February 2013 any small cycling schemes for possible inclusion in the Potential Schemes List for 2013/14 for consideration at the next Panel meeting.

6. Section 106 Funding

The Panel received and noted summary of the present position regarding monies arising from s106 agreements.

7. Highway Rangers Work Summary

The Panel received and noted a summary of the work carried out from November 2012 to January 2013.

Councillor Mrs P A Channer referred to a request from Maldon Town Council that it is contacted when work is being planned to clarify as necessary to ensure satisfactory outcomes.

It was observed that a significant amount of work originated from the County Council and that the Parish/Town Council take-up of this facility had not been high. While it was noted that work items often stemmed from requests/complaints by the public, it was agreed that the facility be promoted again at the next meeting of the Parish Clerks' Forum.

8. Arrangements for future meetings

It was noted that arrangements were being made for a site meeting to discuss the Asheldham Bends, and that Panel Members would be notified.

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 22 March 2013 and agreed that a further meeting be fixed for Friday 14 June 2013 at 9.00 am, with further meeting dates to be set at that meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.32 am.