

Minutes

Essex County Council with Brentwood Borough Council Local Highways Panel (LHP)

20 June 2016

Membership/Attendance

Cllr Dr Naylor (ECC) – Chair
Cllr Squirrell (BB)
Cllr Aspinell (ECC)
Cllr Cloke (BB) – Vice Chair

Cllr Hirst (ECC)
Cllr Parker (BB)
Cllr Newberry (BB)

Apologies

Cllr Kendall (ECC)
Cllr Trump (BB)

Officers Present

Sonia Church – Highways Liaison Manager (ECC)
Claire Mayhew – Governance and Member Support Officer (BBC)
Gregg Speller – Highways Liaison Officer (ECC)

1. Welcome and introductions

Cllr Dr Naylor welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

None were received.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Kendall and Trump and under the constitution of the Local Highways Panels, no substitutes were allowed.

4. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Aspinell **MOVED** and Cllr Cloke **SECONDED** that Cllr Dr Naylor be nominated as Chair, a vote was taken by a show of hands and it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**.

Cllr Dr Naylor **MOVED** and Cllr Newberry **SECONDED** that Cllr Cloke been nominated as Vice Chair, a vote was taken by a show of hands and it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**.

5. Public Questions

None were received. The Chair advised the members of the Panel that it has been instructed that future meetings of the Panel will no longer be webcasting.

6. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Local Highways Panel were signed as a true record.

7. Update on approved scheme list

Page 7 - ECC officers informed the panel of the change to the estimated finish time to state which Quarter the works are expected to finish, this will be confirmed once works commences.

Cllr Aspinell, ask if there was any under spends on projects, which could be reallocated to individual schemes within Brentwood.

ECC officers advised that last years overspends and have been calculated, Cllr Aspinell would like to see under spends for the current financial year so funds can be allocated to different projects. ECC officers advised underspend does not go back to the Brentwood LHP but stays in the overall Essex budget. Cllr Parker, requested a spreadsheet showing the breakdown of spending.

Page 7 and 9 - Item 5 & 38 A128 Brentwood Road/Billericay Road. Cllr Hirst, asked for clarification on the description of these items. ECC officers will investigate and report back.

Page 8 – Item 21 Nine Ashes Road Blackmore. This scheme is not fully supported by Essex Highways. Parish Council has been informed. Decision for this scheme to be cancelled was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**.

Page 8 – Item 31 Church Road, Kelvedon Hatch. Cllr Parker expressed concerns on the criteria to adopt Church Road as a ‘quiet road’. This criteria was not meet through a recent speed survey. ECC Officers requested that another speed survey was to be undertaken, this was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**.

Page 8 – Item 36 Chafford Gardens, West Horndon. Cllr Squirrell informed the committee of the residents growing concerns in relation to the footpath. ECC officers to source a 3rd party land agreement this year for implementation in 2017/2018.

Page 8 – Item 40 Byway 22 between Solid Land & Days Lane (Doddinghurst). GS to visit site before allocation in March to better understand the scheme raised by PROW team.

8. Budget

Since the 2016/2017 budget recommendation at March LHP meeting, officers have worked hard to set the programme for the 2016/2017 financial year. The panel did well to allocate over 158% of their budget and an additional amount to take into account some scheme 'roll over' from last year.

Members were asked to review & remove items marked red on the potential schemes list.

Page 13 – Item 2, A128 Brentwood Road, Ingrave. Carriageway width is already at the safe minimum. Only space available to widen footpath would be a voluntary land acquisition from residents living along the length of the A128m parish council to be advised by Cllr Hirst to contact all residents. Such a scheme would be outside of the budget for the LHP. Currently ECC do not install average 20mph cameras through residential areas.

Cllr Hirst requested that the feasibility of the addition of pedestrian guard railings be looked into by the zebra crossing outside of Ingrave Johnson C of E school.

8. Cycling

A request for cycling on the footpath has been brought to Cllr Naylor's attention. If required to be funded through the LHP it should be brought to the attention of ECC officers who will pass onto PROW team.

9. Public Rights of Way

Page 19 – Item 1 Bridleway 10, Bentley Golf Course. Cllr Parker questioned whether all bridleways should be wheelchair accessible. ECC design standards will be checked by ECC officers.

10. Any Other Business

1. Cllr Aspinell – He has been approached from a number of schools within Sawyers Hall Lane relating to traffic issues. A sub-group has been set and a number of alternatives traffic solutions have been mentioned. Cllr Parker, suggested the opening up of the gateway near the A12 bridge at the bottom of Sawyers Hall Lane, near Hopefield Animal Sanctuary and to make the road one way. Panel were advised that ECC officers are looking to find a way forward for large schemes such as these to go directly to major schemes as they are well

outside of the LHP budget. Investigations are on-going but panel will be updated as a process is confirmed.

11. Date of next meeting

The next LHP meeting would take place at 7.00pm on Monday 26 September 2016.
