

COLCHESTER LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL
Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2022 - 10.00
ONLINE MEETING: MICROSOFT TEAMS

Chairman:	County Councillor Sue Lissimore
Panel Members:	County Councillors: Simon Crow, Dave Harris, John Jowers, David King Borough Councillors Lesley Scott-Boutell, Jeremy Hagon, Mike Hogg, and Julie Young. Parish Councillor: Cllr Robert Johnstone
Officers:	Essex Highways: Jon Simmons –Highways Liaison Officer
Secretariat:	Colchester Borough: Robert Carmichael – Democratic Services Officer.

Item		Owner
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions:</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Councillors and officers to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lewis Barber, John Gilli-Ross, Lee Scordis and Mark Cory.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2022</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>Under minute 7. – Item 22. It was noted that the action of sending the reports had been sent to the respective Ward Members.</p> <p>Under minute 6. - Item 15. The Highways Liaison Officer advised the panel that the works had now been completed following the installation of a lamp column.</p>	

	<p>Under minute 6.- Item 4. The Highways Liaison Officer advised the panel that following the meeting a full report was sent to Members of the panel and a majority view had been received that supported the funding for Phase 1. It was noted by the Chair that this proposal had been discussed with the Cabinet Member at Essex County Council who confirmed there was no other funding available.</p> <p>The Highways Liaison Officer further advised Members that an ECC task and finish group had put forward ideas regarding a super Local Highways Panel where larger scale schemes could be considered however this had not been finalised. It was noted that this would be on a County wide scale and would not be ready prior to the summertime.</p> <p>It was noted that the incorrect wards which had been on previous wards had now been corrected.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Report on Funded Schemes 2022/23</p> <p>The Panel considered a report providing an update on the current position of all the schemes which the Colchester Local Highway Panel has recommended for inclusion in their 2022/23 programme.</p> <p>In discussion the following update was provided about the funded schemes in 2022/23:</p> <p>6. Footpath 5 off Tollgate Road, Stanway – PRow access improvements. Councillor Scott-Boutell outlined that there was some possible funding for this from Colchester Borough Council. The Highways Liaison Officer confirmed that this was the case and that the original proposal of a zebra crossing had been replaced with tactile paving and dropped curbs and that a further survey would be conducted after completion to see if a zebra crossing was feasible.</p> <p>12. Lakeland Estate, Stanway, -Signage –. Councillor Scott-Boutell queried whether the signage could be at a higher level to inform goods vehicles.</p> <p>17. London Road nr j/w Millers Lane, Stanway – Zebra Crossing upgrade – It was noted that a feasibility study had been commissioned and undertaken a few years prior and the Ward Members asked that ECC and the Highways Panel take a wider view when looking at applications such as this. The Highways Liaison Officer responded that feasibility of works was being undertaken and that this work would be undertaken with stakeholders.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Report on schemes awaiting funding 2022/23</p> <p>The Panel considered a report providing an update on the current position of all the schemes which the Colchester Local Highway</p>	

<p>Panel that were awaiting funding in 2022/23. The Panel heard that the remaining budget was £187,500 following the panels approval of Phase 1 of the Monkwick pathway</p> <p>Members of the Panel agreed the following proposals be funded from the Local Highways Panel budget:</p> <p>14. Taylors Road / Paget Road and Church Hill / Church Street, Rowhedge – Width restrictions</p> <p>22. B1026 Peldon to Salcott – Traffic Management improvements</p> <p>34. Nr Oaks Academy School, School Road, Langham – Kerbs</p> <p>17. Titania Close j/w Avon Way, Colchester – Dropped Kerbs</p> <p>19. Nr Co-op, Chappel Road, West Bergholt – Zebra Crossing Improvement</p> <p>19. Lane Road, Wakes Colne – Signage</p> <p>11. Chappel Road, Great Tey – Footway</p> <p>13. Nr Fordham All Saints C of E Primary School Mill Road Fordham – Pedestrian Crossing - To start the Cabinet Member Action process to allow the Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport to decide if the scheme should progress</p> <p>4. Clifton Terrace, Wivenhoe – Surface/ Step Improvements</p> <p>5. Mersea Tourism Signage</p> <p>29. A1124 London Road j/w Straight Road. Colchester – Traffic Management Improvements</p> <p>Following the agreement of the above items the Committee agreed to carry the remining funding of £51,700 onto the next meeting.</p> <p>During the discussions on the items agreed Panel Members asked that the Highways Team work closely with the S106 teams to ensure that as much funding for improvements and works could be secured. It was further noted that this should also extend to other areas of funding such as tourism which would benefit from the investment from the Local Highways Panel.</p> <p>It was noted that Item 12 – O/s The Highway, B1025 Mersea Road, Blackheath - Bus Stop Improvements had the incorrect Ward Member stated.</p> <p>It was noted that 13. Peace Road Stanway – Traffic Management improvements had the incorrect Ward Member and that this would be reviewed and returned to the panel.</p>	
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8.	Any Other Business Members thanked the Highways Liaison Officer and thanked him for the work that he did for the Panel.	
9.	Date of next meeting: The next meeting of the Local Highway Panel would take place (Teams meeting) and also meetings would be held on 20 th September 2022, 6 th December 2022 and 21 st March 2023.	