



## HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020** via Zoom at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Councillor A Wilson (Chairman)  
Councillor R Higginson  
Councillor G Jones  
Councillor S Bentley  
Councillor I Pryce

**In attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)  
Councillor Y Brunger

### **H2020/041 Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

### **H2020/042 Apologies for absence**

Councillor G Williams

**RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.**

#### **Absent**

Councillor S Burrell  
Councillor C Rogers

### **H2020/043 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **H2020/044 Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

It was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Bentley, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the December meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record. The Minutes had been presented to Full Council.**

### **H2020/045 Matters Arising**

None – all are included on the Agenda.

### **H2019/046 Speed Indicator Devices - locations**

The proposed locations had been agreed by TWC, with one minor adjustment on High Street.

Unfortunately, however, the delay in bringing this partnership forward has resulted in extra costs, especially that annual costs for relocating the SIDs around the Parishes.

£2000 has been received from West Mercia Police and £400 from Councillor Stephen Bentley.

A new proposal will be shared with the partner parish councils – it may be that the cost will increase to cover the extra expenditure.

#### **H2020/047 Quiet Lanes Initiative**

The funding from Councillor Bentley has been confirmed and the site assessments have been completed. However, the Highways officers have been redeployed due to the coronavirus pandemic so no further work has taken place. It was confirmed that these designated lanes will not relate to High Street etc. but will be more relevant to Marsh Road, Longwithy Lane etc.

#### **H2020/048 Shrewsbury Road Car Park**

TWC is completing a feasibility study on this project and has obtained an initial quote of £32,000 for the work required. The Parish Council has, so far, set aside £500 and Councillor Bentley, £1000. TWC is keen to receive details of other support available and it was agreed that letters should be sent to the football club, cricket club, bowls and The Village Hall.

Members also requested that TWC obtain alternative quotations and suggested local companies such as Premier Maintenance and RD Marsh.

Members were still of the view that the car park area is the responsibility of the Local Authority.

#### **H2020/049 Street Lighting**

There are currently no fault lights that have been reported. The project to upgrade to LED is nearing completion.

It is hoped that local residents will trim back hedges and trees as we approach the Autumn in order that the lights work effectively in the darker nights.

#### **H2020/050 Road Safety**

##### **a) Community Speedwatch**

The Chairman updated Members on his meeting with the police regarding the new machine which has been made available and will be used in Marsh Road. Unfortunately, Mark Booth had not been able to attend. It is likely that there will only be cascade training in the future and this can be provided locally. The Marsh Road team has recommenced the monitoring and recently 7 drivers were exceeding the speed limit at the time of the project.

#### **H2020/051 Highways and Transport**

It was disappointing that TWC had not yet responded to or commented on the report provided by the Chairman. A reminder will be sent.

##### **Electric Charging Points**

TWC has announced a scheme, under the Sustainable Transport Announcement, to provide electric charging points across the Borough, the question as to where they will be located will be asked. It would be good to include such a point in the scheme to upgrade the Shrewsbury Road Car Park.

TWC Housing Strategy Consultation

Members believed that rural transport, highway / right of way infrastructure and walking / cycling routes should be included in the parish council response, along with mention of the climate change commitment.

It is important that development in rural areas brings forward contributions to sustainable public transport. Also, it needs to be recognised that in recent months, walking and cycling has been more popular and safer due to the decrease in traffic numbers and speed – this needs to be included in the strategy and to recognise the cleaner air due to the reduction in vehicle use.

**H2020/052 TW Bus User Group**

Arriva has still not reintroduced the 519 bus, which is of a serious detriment to Edgmond residents. This bus had been confirmed as not sustainable, before lockdown and permission had been granted for it to use the Poynton Road diversion (because of the closure of Mill Bend Bridge, Roden) in order to continue its use to ensure it remains sustainable at this time. It is hoped that funding can be obtained to subsidise the weekday and Saturday service.

Members wanted to enquire of Arriva if the savings made during the period when the bus has been suspended be used to ensure it could continue for a period of time.

Members are aware that other routes (such as Telford to Stafford) were not sustainable but they were not removed from service.

Members want to stress the importance of a service to Newport & Shrewsbury, especially for hospital and doctor appointments. The need for the morning and afternoon service will remain due to the school children. Clarification is needed regarding the use of the 519 for school transport. A lot of residents, some from the older population are feeling isolated and stranded without a bus service.

**H2020/053 Any Other Matters**

Potholes

There are some local issues where the road sweeper has caused kerb edges to be damaged. This type of issue should be reported via the My Telford App.

**H2020/054 Next Meeting**

To be confirmed

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm

Signed .....Date .....