



HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 13TH June 2022** via Zoom at **7.15pm**.

Present: Councillor A Wilson
Councillor R Higginson
Councillor G Jones
Councillor Y Brunger

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
PCSO Collumbell

H2022/132 Welcome

The Clerk welcomed Members to the first meeting of this Committee for 2022/23.

H2022/133 Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Higginson and seconded by Councillor Jones that Councillor Wilson continues in the role, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Councillor A Wilson continue as Chairman of the Highways & Street Lighting Committee for 2022/23.

H2022/134 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Wilson read and signed his Declaration which was witnessed by the Clerk, as the Proper Officer of the Council.

H2022/135 Apologies for absence

Councillor S Bentley Attending an alternative meeting

Apologies from Councillor Bentley were accepted.

Absent

Councillor S Burrell

H2022/136 Election of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor G Jones and seconded by Councillor Wilson that Councillor Higginson be elected as Vice Chairman, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Councillor R Higginson be elected as Vice Chairman of the Highways & Street Lighting Committee for 2022/23.

H2022/137 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Higginson read and signed his Declaration which was witnessed by the Clerk, as the Proper Officer of the Council.

H2022/138 Terms of Reference

Members agreed to confirm the Terms of Reference for 2022/23.

H2022/139 Declarations of Interest

None

H2022/140 Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 14th February 2022

It was proposed by Councillor Brunger and seconded by Councillor Higginson, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the February meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record.
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H2022/141 Matters Arising

All matters were included on the Agenda.

H2022/142 Speed Indicator Devices

Members recalled the promises made by TWC to the February meeting and yet we are no further forward with this long-awaited project. Members agreed that Edgmond Parish Council has run out of patience. The locations have been identified for the sockets and there are volunteers prepared to dig the holes for the sockets. Residents are frustrated and do not understand why there is continuous delays.

Speed in the village is a major issue, particularly at junctions and it was always hoped that the SID would assist in making people aware of their speed.

The Clerk was instructed to write to TWC to ascertain if the Parish Council can employ the services of an alternative company to bring this project forward at pace.

H2022/143 Highways and Transport

- a) There are numerous outstanding issues which have been reported to TWC and yet no action has been taken to repair or even investigate the issues.
The Clerk was instructed to report this to the Senior Management of TWC – issues to include potholes, poor road surface in Newport Road, Flooding in Robin Lane and SUDs in Chetwynd Road.
- b) The Parish Council is aware of initial conversations that Councillor Bentley has had with TWC regarding a bespoke public transport scheme, which would be led by the rural Parish Councils who would offer some matched funding. Members look forward to hearing what is possible.

H2022/144 Street Lighting

The Clerk will contact EON to establish when the remaining 8 lights will be upgraded to LED. The question will also be asked about the Shrewsbury Road Car Park light, which should have been installed as LED.

H2022/145 Road Safety

- a) Community Speedwatch

Speedwatch is one element of road safety schemes that is available in the Village. Additional volunteers have been trained in order that more sessions can take place. It is recognised, however, that this is limited to Marsh Road and High Street – we will ask the police to consider other locations.

- b) **B5062 and junctions**
HAU is continuing to work with TWC regarding improvements to the junctions near the University. However, Members shared concerns regarding the speed of traffic on the B5062 and the particular dangers evident at junctions. There is a particular concern near to the Lamb (especially due to the bus stop location).
TWC and the Police will be invited to a future meeting.
The police promote OPSNAP and this is encouraged in rural communities and can be used for motorists, cyclists and horseriders.
- c) **Chairman's Highways Report**
TWC had confirmed that this document (2018/2019) has been received and will be used in future discussions and planning. Members were disappointed that no communication had been received regarding the issues raised, although it had been noted that some signs have been cleaned, re-positioned or replaced.
The Chairman offered to re-do a survey so that the information is up to date, but Members wondered if TWC would take any notice?
There are many signs which need replacing as they are not readable, or the posts are rusting.
- d) **Additional grass cutting for visibility splays and road safety**
A number of junctions have been reported to TWC for action, but the response is too slow and leaves drivers and pedestrians vulnerable. Councillor Wilson agreed to undertake some emergency strimming in areas identified. A risk assessment will be completed prior to the work being undertaken (to ensure this is in accordance with our insurance). Areas will include Longwithy Road and Chetwynd Road / Cheney Hill junctions.

H2022/146 Any Other Matters

Members took the opportunity to discuss other important matters relating to Highways and Road Safety in the Parish.

Primary School and the Walking Bus

An update will be requested from the school / TWC following the meeting where there was a plan to promote this to the parents, for the safety of the children. It is hoped that this will be in place for September. A meeting will be arranged with the Headteacher, Governors and TWC at the school so that the information about the walking route and parking at the Pavilion can be shared with parents at the taster days.

Parking outside of the school and nursery

There are still cars parked inappropriately at school time, they cause dangerous situations for children and other parents and often obscure the views for other motorists. The police and enforcement team will be asked to visit again and speak with offending drivers.

Edgmond Roadname Signs

The current signs are in a poor condition, with some posts corroded and in need of replacement. Members agreed to investigate the option to replace the signs with new ones including the Parish Council logo and asking drivers to Drive With Care.

Report from PCSO Collumbell

Ivan shared information regarding Neighbourhood Matters – please encourage local residents to sign up for this information.

There is currently a Belt Up promotion, to encourage the use of seatbelts – recalling that it is the law, and for your own safety.

There is a new Inspector for the Team, Matthew Sanders, who hopefully will attend a meeting in the near future.

The Police & Crime Commissioner continues to promote Smartwater and the We Don't Buy Crime campaign – the Parish Council may consider this project in the future, although last time, there was insufficient numbers of local residents interested to take this forward.

H2022/147 Next Meeting

To be arranged.

The Chairman thanked members for their important contributions and closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

SignedDate