

Minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 December 2004 at 7.25pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: RJ Farrington (chair) JE Coston R Day B Jefferson CJ Lock PK Oldham
RT Summerfield LC Twinn
The clerk SJ Daniels

465/04 **1 Election of Chairman** - RJF felt that as chairman he needed to be kept informed of all developments. JEC offered to be chairman but as she was already representing the village as chairman of MPC and County Councillor the committee agreed to elect RJF as chairman.

2 Apologies for absence - HM Smith RLE Waters

3 Declarations of Interest – none

466/04 **4 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 15 September 2003 were approved and signed as a true record.

(345/03) Parking Norman Industrial Estate (Min 360/03 also refers)

The clerk would ask PC Shulver to investigate the parking problems again.

Action: the clerk

467/04 **5 Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Scheme**

(398/04) Pedestrian Crossing Cambridge Road (Min 220/04 also refers)

An on site meeting held on 09/12/04 highlighted the following issues:

There were two problems:

- Safety issue. Where can a crossing be installed safely?
- The scheme must go ahead in this financial year otherwise it would be lost. Time was now running short to design a scheme and have it approved by the safety audit.

Mike Davies agreed to look at two possibilities:

- A crossing near 73 Cambridge Road. 2/3 car parking spaces in the lay-by would be lost. Pedestrians would still have to cross The Rowans although possibly this junction could be improved to facilitate crossing this road.
- Improvements to the junction at Winship Road thus allowing the possibility of a crossing adjacent - (Councillors' preferred option).

A subsequent email from Mike Davies indicated that he could site a refuge at the preferred crossing point.

Noted also that the crossing could be installed after 31 March 2005 if necessary.

AGREED

to clarify whether a Toucan crossing could be installed; and
to reaffirm that committee would not want a refuge without a crossing.

(434/04) Butt Lane – the clerk would inform T Gillmore Milton School that a request for a pedestrian crossing in Butt Lane would be unlikely to be successful.

Action: the clerk

AGREED

to take no further action.

468/04

6 Landbeach Road / Humphries Way junction

AWA Site

Meeting on site 09/12/04:

The present arrangements were not working to the satisfaction of AWA.

AWA proposed therefore:

- to weld a metal plate to the padlock to try to prevent illegal access;
- to put earth bunds along side the pumping station access road to narrow this to 8'-9' wide thus making turning difficult and also between the bollards to the left of the gate;
- to put in a collapsible post just behind the gate.

Noted that the bunds had already been put in place.

469/04

Landbeach Road / Humphries Way junction

Residents were concerned about near accidents caused by drivers turning left into Humphries Way and confronting vehicle exiting the drive from 23-29 Landbeach Road. A STOP sign had been proposed.

Committee felt that this would not solve the problem.

AGREED

to ask that the hedge near the junction be reduced in size to aid visibility and to take no further action.

Action: the clerk

470/04

7 Traffic Lights A10/A14 interchange

AGREED

to ask that the traffic lights be kept on all the time including Sundays – (from 7am to 11pm as a minimum requirement).

Action: the clerk

471/04

8 Any other business

Noted that a large puddle formed near the bus shelter opposite the Waggon & Horses public house during recent heavy rain. The clerk would contact David Gilkes.

Action: the clerk

The meeting ended at 8.05pm.

Signed.....Chairman.....Date