

Lawford Parish Council



Minutes of the **Highways and Transport Committee Meeting** held in the Small Hall, Ogilvie Hall, Wignall Street, Lawford, CO11 2JG at **7pm** on **Monday 1 October 2018**.

1. Present:

Councillors: Langstone (Chair), Baker and Miles

Clerk: Mrs Peachey

1 Member of the Public

Apologies:

Cllrs Brown and Elkin

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on **Monday 4 June 2018** (August meeting cancelled) were **approved**
Proposed: Cllr Baker **Seconded:** Cllr Langstone **Agreed**

3. Action Points from the meeting held on 4 June 2018 (no meeting held in August):

LHP submission – crossing point Wignall Street – Cllr Brown	Unknown
Contact Rose Builders ref speed limit on Cox Hill	Completed
Cllr Baker to investigate LHP submissions	Investigating
Cllr Baker to investigate the outcome of the LHP submission ref Queensway parking	Unknown*
Three-week rota to be put in place for VAS	Completed

*Cllr Baker advised the NEPP meeting will be held at Braintree on Thursday 4 October 2018

4. Declarations of interests:

None

5. Devolution and Public Realm/Highway Services:

For discussion; email circulated regarding above. Whilst taking control is initially appealing, following an in-depth discussion many questions arose relating to budgets/contractors/criteria/managing a budget/ level of budget, which need to be answered before council can make an informed decision. It was agreed more information was required. *Clerk was requested to obtain more information from EALC and take to Full Council. For Note; the email advised a response is requested by 5 October 2018.*

Action - Clerk

6. HGV, Lorry Ban and Weight limits - School Lane and surrounding areas:

- a) Cllr Baker has visited the area and has reported the incidents. (Hole at the top end junction with Grange Road and damage to kerbs at the bottom end with Wignall Road)
- b) There has been no response regarding the requested weight restriction sign.

7. Wignall Street/Lawford Green– crossing points:

Council is awaiting information.

Action – Cllr Brown

8. Long road:

Cllr Baker - LTEN173001 Pedestrian crossing – advise Cllr C Guglielmi committee wish to take this forward.

Action –Clerk to advise Cllr C Guglielmi

9. Colchester road:

- a) **For discussion;** Pedestrian safety and junction protection (*see circulated email from Cllr Baker and previous email from resident*). It was noted yellow lines did not continue into Edgefield Avenue and it was proposed an LHP be submitted **Proposed: Cllr Baker Seconded: Cllr Miles Agreed**
- b) **Removal of Zig Zag lines and bus signs** from outside Manningtree High School now that the Bus Park is operational. **Action - Clerk to make enquiries of Essex Highways to establish how to get these removed**
- c) **'30mph ends'** signs placed at Strawberry Avenue going on to Colchester Road despite Colchester Road also being a 30mph speed limit. Cllr Baker will investigate and he will also investigate Summers Park Avenue on to Cox's Hill. **Action – Cllr Baker**

10. Relocation of an LPC Street Lamp:

For discussion/approval;

- a) **172563 – Proposed Carriageway Reconstruction – Cedar Crescent.** As part of the design, highways are proposing to relocate the existing lamp post owned by LPC (*highlighted in red box on the plan attached to circulated email*). Committee agree this can be done.

**Proposed: Cllr Baker Seconded: Cllr Langstone Agreed
Action – Clerk to advise**

11. Cox's Hill speed Limit and requested additional lighting;

- a) Resident is concerned about the lack of lighting on Cox's Hill and resulting safety issues when walking to the station. Proposed clerk write to ECC re putting lights on Cox's Hill. **Proposed: Cllr Miles Seconded: Cllr Langstone Agreed**
- b) Rose Builders advised LPC there is no update regarding the lowering of the speed limit. Clerk requested to establish the Criteria ECC used to put in the 30mph limit at the top of Cox's Hill given there is now housing within the national speed limit area **Action - Clerk**

12. Lawford Dale:

Road give way markings on Cornford Way and other roads on Lawford Dale not replaced after resurfacing. Highway refs: 2587806/2587808/2587809 Clerk to check on response from Highways (if available) following enquiry. **Action**

13. TRO's ref Grass Verges;

Discussion and update from Councillors reviewing the siting of bollards. Following discussion the investigation is to be terminated and no further action to be taken at this time.

Proposed: Cllr Langstone Seconded: Cllr Miles Agreed

14. Existing and new Highways Schemes for submission:

For discussion; suggested new schemes and results of Cllr Baker's investigation surrounding progress on submitted schemes - *Cllr Baker updated the committee and the list will be published with the minutes.* **For information the next Local Highways Panel meeting is at 5pm on 25 October 2018 at Weeley.**

15. Public Transport and associated issues:

For information; Railway Bridge damaged signage has now been replaced in metric and imperial southbound. Northbound is still imperial.

16. Parking Issues:

- a) Queensway problems; Cllr Baker will check on LHP submission
Note: email received from resident on Queensway – inconsiderate parking of commuter's cars is causing extreme difficulty for residents

17. VAS sign: rota & brackets

For information;

- a) Station Road brackets installed and VAS being rotated every 3 weeks. It was proposed a review be carried out and a policy prepared for the next meeting. It is suggested a rota with sites and dates for moving the VAS be established. **Action**
- b) Handyman has advised it is extremely dangerous changing the VAS in this area as the traffic drives past at such a speed and suggested a speed camera would be better placed. *Cllr Langstone advised a risk assessment must be carried out now that council has been made aware of the danger when changing the VAS.* **Action**
- c) Advised one battery needs to be replaced as it is not holding a charge. Proposed Clerk purchases two batteries (one as a spare) and that enquiries are made regarding better batteries or solar power.

Proposed: Cllr Baker **Seconded:** Cllr Langstone **Agreed**

18. Manningtree Railway Bridge:

For information: vegetation Manningtree side of bridge. Greater Anglia advised this should be addressed to Network Rail. To date no response received. Telephone number now obtained Clerk has chased and sent photographs. Handyman has advised too dangerous to do; the road would need to be closed to deal with it but the vegetation should be cut down to the base on the other side of the fence. If just trimmed back to the fence it would need repeating in a month or two.

19. General matters:

Resident has advised he has cleaned road signs in the area of Bromley Road/Grange Road and School lane. He says many are discoloured and rusty and should be replaced. He also says that many of the signs in the area are dirty and need to be cleaned. *If resident contacts again Clerk to get an exact location for the damaged/rusted signs so that this can be reported or advise resident he can report them directly to ECC Highways.*

20. Allocated Areas to Councillors:

For discussion; Councillors being allocated areas to ‘manage’ - to be deferred until all members of the Committee are present

21. Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda:

None

The next **Highways Committee Meeting** is scheduled for **3 December 2018**.

Signature: (Chairman).....**Date:**