

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 3 December 2018**.

1. Present:

Councillors: Brown, Langstone, Baker and Woods (*viewing*)

Clerk: Mrs Peachey

0 Member of the Public

Apologies:

Cllr Miles and Elkin

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on **1 October** could not be approved (*Cllr Miles not present*).

To January Full Council - Action

3. Action Points from the meeting held on 1 October 2018

Devolution and Public Realm/Highway Services to Full Council	Completed
Wignall Street/Lawford Green – crossing points Council awaiting information.	Unknown – Cllr Brown
LTEN173001 Pedestrian crossing – advise Cllr C Guglielmi committee wish to take this forward.	Completed
Enquiries of Essex Highways to establish how to get ZIG ZAG lines removed from Manningtree High School	Completed
'30mph ends' signs placed at Strawberry Avenue going on to Colchester but Colchester Road also a 30mph speed limit. Cllr Baker to investigate	Unknown – Cllr Baker
172563 – Proposed Carriageway Reconstruction – Cedar Crescent. Clerk to feedback response	Completed
Clerk to contact ECC ref putting lights on Cox's Hill. Advised this should be taken to the quarterly Highways meetings	Completed
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. Advised this should be taken to the quarterly Highways meetings	Completed
2587806/2587808/2587809 Clerk to check on response from Highways. Advised all three enquiries now under 2587809 which has been referred to engineers as it was not thought it necessary to reinstate the lines	Completed
It is suggested a rota with sites and dates for moving the VAS be established	Ongoing
A risk assessment to be carried out since council has been made aware of the danger when changing the VAS.	Completed

4. Declarations of interests:

None

5. EALC Highways Briefing;

For Information; EALC report from the seminar by ECC Highways previously circulated was found difficult to follow if the meeting had not been attended due to the questions being responded to. Cllr Baker had produced a précis of the meeting, which was thought to be easier to follow if not at the meeting.

Clerk to circulate - Action

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

LTEN182002 – Other roads and country lanes in the area have weight limit signs (Bromley Road/Hungerdown Lane/Tile Barn Lane etc) which forces lorries down lanes with no signs, which are just as unsuitable. School Lane has no pavements, a children's nursery, children's recreation ground and Football Club. It was felt this should be challenged. **Action - Councillors**

7. Wignall Street (Lawford Green) – crossing points:

Councillors agreed this should be observed and discussed as the building works on Bromley Road progress.

8. Long road:

LTEN173001: Cllr Baker advised this may take 2 years or more for resolution. Funding had not been allocated. The request was tendered in 2017.

9. Layby A137:

LTEN182009 response received from Highways but Councillors felt Highways had not visited the offending site. Cllr Baker will chase up. **Action – Cllr Baker**

10. Colchester road:

- a) Pedestrian safety and junction protection – submission of TRO 6/11/18 ref: T19374687
- b) **Removal of Zig Zag lines and bus signs** Manningtree High School. As requested, Clerk enquired of Highways but received no response, on discussing with the school's headmistress Clerk was advised the school did not want the 'Zig-Zag' lines removed and suggested a councillor meet with them. Cllr V Guglielmi arranged a meeting - awaiting feedback. **Action – Feedback from Cllr V Guglielmi**
- c) **Raised by Councillors - '30mph ends'** signs placed at Strawberry Avenue going on to Colchester Road despite Colchester Road being a 30mph speed limit. Cllr Baker has checked the signs and they are all correct. The 30 mph signs show that the 20mph zone ends. Summers Park Avenue are National Speed Limit signs, showing that the 20mph zone ends. **Resolved**

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

- a) Requested by resident: 20mph speed limit from the Top of Cox's Hill to Colchester Road being considered during school start end times will be on the Highways Agenda. **Action - Clerk to write to ECC**
- b) Raised again; concern about the lack of lighting on Cox's Hill and the resulting safety issues when walking to the station. *Council are aware of these complaints, however, when Summers Park was built ECC carried out a survey and deemed the lighting to be sufficient.* **Resolved**

12. Lawford Dale:

Highway refs: 2587806/2587808/2587809 response from Highways - all have been incorporated into 2587809. Initial response is that it is not felt necessary to reinstate the lines but this has gone to the engineers to review. **Action - Clerk to chase engineers review and report to council**

13. Existing and new Highways Schemes for submission:

Progress on submitted schemes – *Cllr Baker provided an update which has been published on council's Website. The next LHP meeting is 17 December 2018.*

14. Public Transport and associated issues:

Items of note:

- Smartcards introduced for season tickets, together with other payment methods
- Time tables are not changing for 2019
- Depot to replace Brantham soon to be announced
- Survey – Cllr Woods asked about badges for disabled, highlighting not all disabilities are visible.

The Transport Liaison meeting takes place on Thursday 6 December 2018.

15. Parking Issues:

- a) **Queensway problems;** checking on NEPP submission – *Cllr Baker advised the submission had been approved.*

16. School Lane:

- a) Result of the ECC Highways survey – previously discussed see item 6

17. VAS sign: rota & brackets

- a) Cllr Langstone carried out a Risk Assessment while councils Handymen were moving the VAS. Cllr Langstone was shocked at the weight of the machine and battery and believes it is not fit for purpose. In order to avoid the danger of passing vehicles the Handymen have to park their vehicle with hazard flashers, to protect themselves. This causes an obstruction and encounters abuse from passing motorists. Mr Childs wife spends approximately 1hour downloading the data for which she is not paid. It was proposed that use of the VAS ceases following its current placement and an alternative be investigated, be that a fixed VAS, a light weight version or other option. **Clerk asked to contact Westcotec and obtain information as to other options and also if the current VAS would be taken in part exchange.** **Proposed:** Cllr Langstone **Seconded:** Cllr Brown **Agreed**
Action
- b) Management of VAS – following item 17a) clerk to advise Handyman and ask that when the VAS is next due to be moved it is brought back to the office. **Action**

18. Manningtree Railway Bridge:

A meeting was held on 3 December 2018 with all participants. Feedback will be received in due course

19. General matters:

None

20. Allocating Areas to Councillors:

Cllr Brown will suggest areas for Committee members to manage.

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

- a) Obtain an update from Cllr V Guglielmi who met with the head of Manningtree School on 1 November 2018 regarding the removal of yellow lines and the Zig/Zag lines outside the school.

The next **Highways Committee Meeting** is scheduled for **4 February 2019**

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