

Gerrards Cross Town Council

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The Highways Committee at the Garden Room, Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre at 7.00pm on Monday 10th January 2022

Present: A Wood (Chairman), Cllr. N Barnett. Cllr. J Chhokar, Cllr. C Da Costa Cllr. S Davey, Cllr. T Greenfield, Cllr. B Holborn, Cllr J O'Keeffe, Cllr. B Peck, Cllr P Roberts Cllr. C Stuart-Lee
In Attendance: C Brown (Associate Councillor), Sue Moffat (Town Clerk), Amy McCreary (Deputy Town Clerk) and three members of the public.

1. **Public speaking from residents** – The residents from Fulmer Way have collectively objected to the proposed parking restriction and one resident spoke on behalf of the residents. Their opinion is that there have been no complaints against the current restrictions. However, they did accept the changes in the informal proposal would help support the high street if the parking was increased from one hour to two hours no return Monday to Saturday 8am-6pm in existing bays on even house number side with no change to no waiting on the odd house number side of the road. The residents feel this was the safest option and were unhappy to see it had been fundamentally changed in the Statutory Consultation, which allows for parking on both sides of the road. There is less restricted parking meaning the public can park on the road for a period of 23 hours. These changes will restrict the width of the road, interrupt two-way traffic flow, hinder access to larger vehicles, increase the risk of accident and obstruct emergency vehicles. Fulmer Way is close to the town centre car parks, so visitors may opt to park on Fulmer Way if they could park longer for free. The parking survey has been a major project and started in 2017. Cllr O'Keeffe thanked the residents for attending and asked them to attend the next Highways Committee Meeting when the Council will be able to discuss the consultation. The Town Clerk to email the resident the details of the next Highways Committee Meeting.
Cllr. Roberts left the room at 7.10 and returned at 7.13
2. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr. M Bracken
3. **Parking Consultation update** - The next stage is for The Town Clerk and Cllr. O'Keeffe to have a meeting with the Parking Manager at Bucks Council to discuss the results.
4. **Sector Reports** –
 - (i) **South West Sector** – Cllr Peck has reported that there are a lot of potholes on West Common access track and the Developer, Mentmore Homes, has confirmed that they will be repaired by the end of this week. Cllr Wood confirmed that he is investigating the problem of overflowing litter bins that has occurred over the Christmas break.
 - (ii) **North East Sector**- Cllr Holborn confirmed that previous reports of a streetlight and a sign light have been fixed. Cllr Holborn has received a standard response from Buckinghamshire Council regarding blocked drains and flooding on the A40 and has referred the issue to Unitary Councillors Michael Bracken and Andrew Wood. Cllr. Wood confirmed that this has been looked at with the Local Area Technician and the issue is the pipe that drains the water away goes into the pond, but the pond is full. Cllr Holborn to send the photos of the flooded road to Cllr. Wood and he will follow it up with the head of Highways at Buckinghamshire Council.
Cllr Greenfield confirmed that the pavement by St Marys School still has not been fixed. Cllr Greenfield to send a photo to Cllr Wood.
 - (iii) **South East/West Sector** – Cllr Davey has reported a number of potholes mainly in Dukes Wood Drive /Avenue area. Cllr Wood and Cllr Da Costa confirmed that they went and checked Cllr Davey's reports because feedback from FixMyStreet showed that the potholes did not warrant repair. The majority of the potholes they looked at were due to previous repairs that had failed. Cllr Wood is looking to get these issues resolved under the devolved Highways budget. The Town Clerk to send out the pothole repair criteria. Cllr Peck confirmed some of his previous reports have been rejected, so

he called the emergency phone number for repairs and the potholes were fixed. The Town Clerk to send out the emergency pothole repair phone number.

Cllr Barnett confirmed that he has reported a damaged kerb and verge on Fulmer Drive. Cllr Barnett raised concerns about cars parking on the Green in Gaviots Close. The Town Clerk responded that L&Q are responsible for looking after this land.

5. Reporting Lists for Outstanding Highways Issues

- (i) Cllr Roberts reported that there is a stump on Vicarage Way that is obstructing the view of the road. Cllr Roberts to send photos to Cllr Wood who will follow it up with the Local Area Technician.
- (ii) The Town Clerk to remove the flooding problem near Crown Plaza from the list as this has been resolved.
- (iii) The Town Clerk to follow up with the Local Area Technician about the damaged bollard on the A40.
- (iv) Unitary Councillors A Wood, M Bracken and T Broom have put forward for the whole of the A40 to be resurfaced. Buckinghamshire Council have stated that this will be done in sections over a two to three year period.
- (v) The Town Clerk has applied for Community Funding for the Fulmer Road resurfacing work. The Town Clerk is waiting for an update from Cllr S Chhokar.
- (vi) The Town Clerk to remove Oak End Way resurfacing from the list.
- (vii) Cllr Wood confirmed that the Council's Speed Working Group had its first meeting and there will be a report at the next Highways Meeting.

6. Woodlands update – Cllr Wood is still waiting for an update regards Woodlands' resurfacing.

7. Potholes – Cllr Wood thanked the Councillors for reporting all the pothole on FixMyStreet. Our Highways Contractor is in the process of providing quotes to be agreed for another 10-12 potholes to be repair in Dukeswood Drive. Once the pothole repairs are completed, Cllr Wood will review damaged kerbs. All Councillors to bring any outstanding road repairs to the next Highways Meeting. Cllr Wood is also going to ask the Contractor quotes for grinding out tree stumps, 2 at the top of South Park Crescent and one in Vicarage Way and then ask Buckinghamshire Council for replacements.

8. CCTV cameras – (a) Installation Phase 2 CCTV cameras – Cllr O'Keeffe has emailed a new proposal to Buckinghamshire Council and is waiting for confirmation if the work can be carried out without a Highways Electrical Registered Scheme (HERS) registered contractor. If this is not accepted the Town Clerk will seek quotes from a HERS contractor.

(b) Future Monitoring of CCTV cameras – There is no update on Monitoring. Cllr O'Keeffe requested for this to be removed from the agenda.

9. Mill Lane Bridge Pedestrian Safety Improvements- Cllr Wood confirmed that planning permission is required.

10. Marsham Lane Bridge Pedestrian Safety Improvements- Cllr Wood confirmed that planning permission is required.

11. East Common Road Closure update- The road is open again. Cllr Wood confirmed that there have been issues with parking. Cllr Wood has requested the yellow lines to be reinstated to resolve the issue.

12. Defibrillators – The Town Clerk is waiting for a response from WeAreGX to confirm they will submit a Community Board application for the two defibrillators. The Town Clerk will submit an application if WeAreGX decline. Cllr Peck has agreed to install and fund a defibrillator on the side of his house next to Latchmore Pond. The Town Clerk will send him details. As the Community Board funding has been cut it was agreed that the Council should ask Nunn Hayward and Strutt and Parker, if they would consider sponsoring the two new defibrillators. Cllr Wood to ask Nunn Hayward and Cllr Peck to ask Strutt and Parker. The Deputy Town Clerk to put up the locations of the defibrillators on the notice boards.

13. Cycle Racks— Cllr Wood confirmed that the sites of the bicycle racks had been agreed by Buckinghamshire Council and the Council agreed to go forward with this site plan. Cllr Barnett confirmed that the additional cycle racks would have a positive impact on the High Street as cyclist will no longer have to lean their cycles against shop windows. Cllr Roberts stated that he would like to make a donation to the Council for the cycle racks of any outstanding money not covered by the Community Board grant. The Town Clerk to write a letter to Cllr Roberts regarding this with the outstanding amount being just under £400.

14. Highways budget – Noted.

15. Correspondence – (i) A resident complained about litter on the high street and the Commons which is now resolved; (ii) A resident raised concerns about the 40mph speed limit on Packhorse Road. This matter will be discussed at the Speed Working Group; (iii) Two compliments have been received regarding streetlights being fixed. SSEN have confirmed that the original quote for Meadway Park was correct and the lamppost will be reconnected at no extra cost.

16. Communications – None

17. To confirm that the next meeting of the Highways Committee will be held on Monday 14th February, 7 pm, at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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