

# Gerrards Cross Town Council

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**The Highways Committee at Room 4, Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre at 7 pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 for the purpose of transacting the following business.**

Present: Cllr Wood (Chairman), Cllr Greenfield, Cllr Peck, Cllr Roberts.

In attendance: L Lindvall (Associate Councillor), J Jilani (Town Clerk), P Patel (Deputy Town Clerk)

## HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MINUTES

### 1. No public attendees

### 2. To receive and accept apologies for absence:

Cllr Barnett, Cllr Da Costa, Cllr Davey, Cllr Holborn, Cllr O’Keeffe, Cllr Stuart-Lee

Cllr Greenfield to re-join the Highways committee

### 3. Sector Reports:-

(i) **South West Sector (BP)** – No updates

(ii) **North East Sector- (BH)** – The below report was received from Cllr Holborn, and has been forwarded by the Chairman to the Head of Highways UK and the cabinet members of Bucks council for their comments.

The majority of reports to Buckinghamshire Council from previous months, going as far back as September 2021, remain outstanding.

A new category has been added after receiving a number of replies from Bucks Council saying they had resolved issues only for them to clearly not be resolved. FMS has become so unreliable Cllr Holborn now checks every issue that they claim to have resolved because the operators are entirely untrustworthy.

Resolved:

1. Sign light above the school warning and road narrows signs on East Common not working. Reported to FMS on 6<sup>th</sup> October, marked as resolved on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022. This does now appear to be fixed.
2. Intermittent streetlight 109 problem on Packhorse Road. FMS report on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Fixed 20<sup>th</sup> June.
3. Overgrowth on the tree trunks along Vicarage Way obstructing the pavement. Reported this to Jiya on 14<sup>th</sup> June and was cleared by the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Bucks says is resolved but is actually still broken:

1. Pothole on East Common by junction with Mill Lane. Reported FMS on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Bucks says no repair needed and closed.
2. Pothole outside 12 East Common. Reported FMS 8<sup>th</sup> June. Bucks says no repair needed and closed.
3. Pothole on entrance to Meadway Park. Reported on FMS on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Bucks say no repair needed and closed.
4. Street light 26 Station Approach is on during the day. Reported on FMS 21<sup>st</sup> June, Bucks has closed on 24<sup>th</sup> June but light is not fixed.
5. Street light 92 outside The Bull is on during the day. Reported FMS 15<sup>th</sup> June, Bucks says is fixed on 24<sup>th</sup> June but light is not fixed.
6. Street light 27A outside Tesco is not working. Reported FMS 16<sup>th</sup> June, Bucks say fixed on 24<sup>th</sup> June but light is not fixed.
7. Street light 32 on Bulstrode Way is not working. Reported FMS 15<sup>th</sup> June, Bucks have closed but light is still not working.
8. Sign illumination on Windsor Road broken. Reported to FMS on 12<sup>th</sup> February, marked as fixed on 20<sup>th</sup> June but still not working.

A number of these have been reported a second time on FMS.

Outstanding:

1. Streetlight above bus stop on A40 by junction with Woodbank Avenue. Was reported to FMS on 7<sup>th</sup> September and still marked as 'in progress.' Andrew has chased and Bucks say there are delays with this because the pole is owned by Telecoms Company as it is also a phone mast.
2. Streetlight over subway entrance ramp not working. Reported on FMS on 13<sup>th</sup> September. Still marked as 'in progress.'
3. Traffic light warning sign Oxford Road A40 outside Silver Birches not working. Reported to FMS on 6<sup>th</sup> October, marked as 'in progress.' They have updated that this is damaged beyond repair and will need to be replaced.
4. Street Light GX136 on A40/Oxford Road not working. Reported to FMS on 30<sup>th</sup> October.
5. Street light GX138 on A40 outside Woodhill Lodge not working. Reported to FMS on 30<sup>th</sup> October.
6. East Common pinch point sign that has been knocked over. Reported to FMS on 30<sup>th</sup> October.
7. Blocked drain on A40 by New Pond and regular flooding of the road and footpath. Reported on FMS on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Still marked as 'in progress.'

(iii) **South East/West Sector-** SD/NB – No updates

4. **Speed Working Party** – Cllr O’Keeffe to schedule a meeting of the working group and confirm membership (Cllr O’Keeffe, Cllr Greenfield, Cllr Holborn & Cllr Roberts?). Cllr Roberts has commented about parking issues on East Common
5. **Reporting Lists for Outstanding Highways Issues** – Spade Oak: potholes to be repaired. Going forward, as raised by Cllr Bracken in F&GP committee meeting, 3 quotes will be requested before approval will be granted
6. **Potholes:** Job has been awarded to Highways UK, with work scheduled to start at the end of July. Process for getting quotes is ongoing. All councillors are requested to be vigilant and report any issues on FMS and send photographs if possible.  
**ACTION: *Get quotes from Transport for Bucks and notify Head of Highways UK***
7. **To approve quote for Oxford Road pond, Packhorse Road Swail and associated Swail protection measures.** There are drain and pipe blockages into the pond. The Town Council is responsible for the resolution. The local area technician has assessed the work, and has issued an instruction (not a request) that this matter is resolved. This item is to be discussed and approved at the Full Council meeting.
8. **CCTV camera update and Power Consumption Testing** – Cllr O’Keeffe checking to see if an alternative company can be used. Power consumption has been tested independently by the Electricity board (SSE). Timeframe is to be confirmed. Thanks to Cllr O’Keeffe for his ongoing efforts in dealing with the CCTV.
9. **Mill Lane Bridge, Pedestrian Safety Improvements: see below**
10. **Marsham Lane Bridge Pedestrian Safety Improvements:** Survey has been booked for 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Quotes are being requested. Maintenance and flaying of trees & bushes to be reviewed in 2023. Once we get the survey results we can progress with planning permission applications.
11. **Woodlands update** – the surfacing completed 2-3 years ago was sub-standard. The work will be redone by Transport for Bucks who will suspend parking.
12. **Traffic Management review** - Cllr O’Keeffe: In negotiation with Bucks council for final review, results to be confirmed
13. **Highways budget** – £ 118,062 is budget for 2022.

**ACTION:** *Are we required to upload onto the GX website for year end?*

- 14. Correspondence:** Email received from Sanjeev Joshi regarding Gaviots Close. Request to fix the y pavement on the entry to Gaviots Close that is being caused by cars parking on the grass. To be referred to the Traffic Management review.
- 15. Communications –Future agenda items.** Graffiti on someone’s private land has been reported. Owners to be notified. Carousel Buses using the turning circle to park will no longer to allowed to do so from 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Next meeting of the Highways Committee will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 7 pm, at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre.