

# Gerrards Cross Town Council

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## The Highways Committee at the Garden Room, Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre at 7.00pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Present: A Wood (Chairman), Cllr. M Bracken, Cllr. S Davey, Cllr. B Holborn, Cllr J O'Keeffe, Cllr P Roberts (arrived at 7.04pm)  
In Attendance: C Brown (Associate Councillor), Sue Moffat (Town Clerk), Amy McCreary (Deputy Town Clerk) and five members of the public.

1. **Public speaking from residents** – The residents from Fulmer Way attended the meeting to find out if the Buckinghamshire Council had accepted their recommendations to the Parking Consultation and if any amendments had been made since they sent in their collective objections. Cllr O'Keeffe explained that Buckinghamshire Council had not yet made their recommendation and this hopefully this information should be available for next Highways Committee meeting in March.
2. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr. N Barnett., Cllr. B Peck, Cllr. Da Costa, Cllr. T Greenfield, Cllr. C Stuart-Lee, Cllr. J Chhokar
3. **Parking Consultation update** – Cllr O'Keeffe and the Town Clerk attended a meeting with Buckinghamshire Council and they discussed the issues raised. Buckinghamshire Council are trying to find the best solution that will satisfy the aims of GXTC's parking strategy and those of local residents. Buckinghamshire council's recommendations are expected to be provided to the Town Council by next month. Cllr O'Keeffe to report back at the next Highways Meeting.
4. **Sector Reports** –
  - (i) **South West Sector** – Cllr Bracken will report future issues via Cllr Peck.
  - (ii) **North East Sector**- Cllr Holborn reported that the loose kerb stones on Marsham Way and the streetlight at Meadway Park have been fixed. There are some outstanding FixMyStreet streetlight reports that Cllr Wood will follow up on with Buckinghamshire Council.
  - (iii) **South East/West Sector** – Cllr Davey has reported a number of potholes mainly in Dukes Wood Drive /Avenue area.  
Associate Cllr. Brown informed the Council that the section of Packhorse Road by St Marys School is breaking up in the middle and it needs resurfacing. Cllr. Bracken confirmed that this is not on the Buckinghamshire's 4 year maintenance plan because it did not meet the criteria and suggested to keep reporting it on FixMyStreet.  
Associate Cllr Brown queried if the flood issue on the A40 near the Crown Plaza has been resolved because he has noticed that the flood warning signs have been put up over the weekend. Cllr Wood confirmed that the sump does work but it takes an hour to clear the surface water.
5. **Reporting Lists for Outstanding Highways Issues**
  - (i) The Town Clerk has emailed the new LAT regarding the damaged central bollard on the A40 close to the Apple Tree and is waiting for a response.
  - (ii) The Town Clerk to remove the pothole on the A40 by junction with Bulstrode Way from the list and report it again to the Local Area Technician.
  - (iii) South Park resurfacing – TfB have added this work to the maintenance programme but have not confirmed a date when work will commence.
  - (iv) Fulmer Road resurfacing – the Town Clerk to confirm with Cllr S Chhokar if the application for Community Board funding has been accepted and copy Cllr P Bass in the email.
  - (v) West Common pinch point/traffic survey will be discussed at the Speed Working Group.
6. **Speed Working Group** – Cllr Holborn attended the last meeting (14<sup>th</sup> February 2022). It was agreed that the Town Clerk should amend section 5 as the location of the crossing is incorrect. Cllr O'Keeffe confirmed that the Speed Working Group are not making any decisions and anything that requires a decision will be brought to the Highways Committee Meeting.

7. **Woodlands resurfacing** – There is no further updates. The Town Clerk to remove this from the agenda but keep it on the outstanding highways issues’ spreadsheet.
8. **Potholes** – The Council agreed to pay the additional £7000 for the repair work that was agreed under item 147/21 at the Council meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The reason for the increase is the rising costs of materials. The work is scheduled to take place in February 2022.
9. **CCTV cameras – Installation Phase 2 CCTV cameras** – Cllr O’Keeffe and Cllr Wood had a meeting with the head of street lighting at Buckinghamshire Council. Buckinghamshire Council have requested for a list of additional assets going on each lamppost. All the old ‘Christmas light’ sockets need to be removed and upgraded for those lampposts that will be fitted with CCTV cameras. The Council agreed to remove and upgrade the sockets of the remaining lampposts (10 -15 lampposts) as well whilst TMR is in place to enable future Christmas lights installation. Cllr O’Keeffe to provide the Council with a quote.
10. **Mill Lane Bridge Pedestrian Safety Improvements-** Cllr T Broom to speak to the cabinet member to enquire if it is necessary for Gerrards Cross Town Council to apply for planning permission.
11. **Marsham Lane Bridge Pedestrian Safety Improvements-** Cllr T Broom to speak to the cabinet member to enquire if it is necessary for Gerrards Cross Town Council to apply for planning permission.
12. **Defibrillators** – Nunn Haywood have declined the offer to be a defibrillator site in Gerrards Cross. Cllr Wood is looking at alternative sites and will report back once a site is confirmed.
13. **Cycle Racks**— Due to the rising cost of aluminium the chosen cycle rack cost has increased by 300%, approximate increase of just under £1300. Cllr Roberts kindly donated £500. It was agreed that the Council will continue with the original design and pay the additional £800.
14. **To agree to sign the extension to the Pothole Agreement for 2022/23 under Devolved Highways** – The Council agreed and Cllr Wood signed the agreement.
15. **To consider if anyone wishes to be a volunteer on the Community Improvement Group-** Cllr Bracken and Cllr Wood agreed to attend the Veolia meeting via Zoom at 2pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022. The meeting is to discuss the refuse, recycling and street cleansing.  
The Deputy Clerk confirmed that she has reported the graffiti reports that came in for utility furniture to the relevant authorities. Cllr Bracken requested a list of what has been reported.
16. **Highways budget** – Noted. The Town Clerk informed the Council that maintenance work is required to service the 11 MVAS signs around the town. Any additional costs for repair will be considered at the next highways meeting for approval.
17. **Correspondence** – (i) Unitary Cllr Bass has responded to the resident at Heusden Way complaining about the litter, damage to the gate, potholes, road sweeping and no police patrols. Associate Cllr Woolveridge and Associate Cllr Brown have confirmed that Bucks County Council installed the gates. The Town Clerk to report the damaged gates to the Local Area Technician. (ii) A resident contacted the Clerk and sent photos of dangerously parked cars on West Common near to the junction at the A40 (Bull Hotel). Cllr O’Keeffe confirmed that the cars are not breaking any laws because there are no double yellow lines in that area. The Town Clerk to respond to the email. (iii) The Council agreed to the residents request to have 30mph speed sign erected on Dukeswood Drive. (iv)The Town Clerk to respond the resident regarding the traffic congestion by the junction of Packhorse Road, Windsor Road and A40 near to Bulstrode Court. The Town Clerk to ask the residents if the congestion took place on any particular dates as it may have been caused by road maintenance work.
18. **Communications** – The Deputy Clerk to write a short article for the Voice informing the public how they can report speeding to the police via 101 or online.
19. **To confirm** that the next meeting of the Highways Committee will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 7 pm, at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre.

Meeting closed at 8.11pm

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