

# Gerrards Cross Town Council

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## Minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting held 8pm on Monday 1st June 2020 at South Lodge

Present: Cllr A Wood (Chairman), Cllr I Bayliss, Cllr C Brown, Cllr J Chhokar, Cllr J O'Keeffe, Cllr H Orme, Cllr J Palmiero, Cllr T Scott, Cllr E Surkovic and Cllr P Roberts.

In Attendance: Sue Moffat, (Town Clerk).

### Actions

- 1. Election of Chairman** - At the proposition of Cllr Surkovic, seconded by Cllr Orme, it was agreed for Cllr Wood to be Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 2. Election of Vice-Chairman** - At the proposition of Cllr Wood, seconded by Cllr O'Keeffe, it was agreed for Cllr Roberts to be Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 3. Public speaking from residents** – None
- 4. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr N Holmes.
- 5. Potholes** – AW reported that Highways UK (HUK) have done a good job in GX repairing the potholes. This is clearly seen at Bulstrode Way where one end has been repaired by HUK and the other by TfB. Also, TfB's LAT has commented on the high standard of work carried out by HUK. HUK did some extra work in places where needed but less in others but all will be within budget. Waiting for Traffic Management to be in place to complete this phase of repairs. More work planned for Phase 4. SM seeking approval from Buckinghamshire Council (BC) to continue with pothole repair/gulley cleaning under devolved highways work for another year. SM  
CB to send photo of pothole in East Common. CB
- 6. Gulley Cleaning** – AW reported that now need to identify the gullies requiring serious repairs which may require a day's work for HUK to unblock. Where there are very big issues such as collapsed drains, these gulleys need to be reported to BC.
- 7. Resolved** the councillors to carry out the Sector Reporting for 2020-21 will remain the same as 2019-20.
- 8. Reports from Councillors on the Town Sectors including Devolved Highways Work (as in Shared Drive)**  
**South West Sector- HO and IB** have submitted their report which can be viewed in Shared Drive.  
**North East Sector – ES and JO.** ES reported:- (i) Fulmer Way in need of attention as some potholes; (ii) Lower Rd - The road surface is above the level of the gutters so water not running away. There are pot holes along Lower road from A413 to South Park which are in a poor state. A builder has constructed a drain from the site onto the road. AW will speak to builders; (iii) Lower half of Marsham Lane in a very bad state of repair; (iv) Oak End Way - just below the junction with Woodlands some decay of the road surface. To note Scottish and Southern have dug up the pavement; (v) Woodlands – pothole near Mill Lane. AW

**South East/West Sector – NH and JP.** NH sent in a report;- (i) Advertising sign erected on grass verge opposite the Apple Tree needs removing; (ii) Road sign knocked down in Dukes Wood Drive near junction to Windsor Rd.

Lastly IB asked for a schedule of gutter cleaning by BC.

SM

- 9. Packhorse Road traffic lights resurfacing-** (i) To consider the quote for resurfacing Packhorse Rd by traffic lights with a ramp extending to entrance to Barclays Bank car park – £18,288 (as circulated). It was agreed that the whole of Packhorse Rd from E Thorpe Hotel to Oxford Rd really needs resurfacing. The section highlighted in the quote is very bad and in a prime location in the centre of the town. Although it was acknowledged that this section of Packhorse Rd should be repaired by BC, it was highly unlikely to happen. CB pointed out that there is already £12.5k in the budget for this work and GXTC is seeking match funding from LAF for the original quote of £25k. After discussion it was resolved to carry out this work as per quote whilst continuing to seek LAF funding. It would be a big win for the residents of GX if GXTC is able to repair this section of Packhorse Rd in the centre of the town. Also, AW will ask the local MP for some of the new funding given to BC by the Government to be spent on roads in GX.

AW

- 10. To consider improving wheel chair access along public footway from Swathmore Homes to Packhorse Rd.** This will require circumventing two areas where tree roots have substantially lifted the pavement; one being in Marsham Way (close to entrance to Swathmore Homes) and the other in Oak End Way (near to the junction with Marsham Way). Highways UK have submitted quotes for £7729 and £8040 for each site respectively (as circulated). TFB have suggested it may be cheaper to create a kerb drop allowing wheelchair users to cross the road at the junction of Marsham Lane with Oak End Way and use the adjacent footway. CB pointed out that Cllr Gibbs did look at this issue a while back. It was agreed to ask Cllr Gibbs to look in to this matter again and urge BC, the Highways Authority, to resolve this perhaps with the cheaper solution of creating a drop kerb.

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- 11. CCTV cameras** – A quote for £36k has been received for the next phase and SM is in the process of setting up a meeting with BC to seek permission to use their street furniture to mount the CCTV cameras. At present they are busy with Covid 19 but will get back to us. In the meantime they have requested more information. SM went on to explain that GXTC agreed the purpose for CCTV in the town centre of GX was for the prevention and detection of crime and the cameras would only be viewed at the request from the police. There are strict rules for operating CCTV under GDPR and Humans Rights Act 1998 and GXTC has a Code of Practice and Data Protection Impact Assessment in place (as circulated). CB pointed out that CCTV was installed at the request of residents and is a huge deterrent in reducing crime. Businesses do not make any contribution towards it and they should have their own CCTV cameras to protect their premises. There was much discussion about the usage and value of the CCTV. However, AW pointed out that the main objective should be to get our CCTV system adopted by the Police so the cameras can be monitored Real Time and any footage is easily available to the police. This was agreed.

SM

CLLRS

- 12. Highways Budget** - Noted.

- 13. Communications** - Review of articles for Web Site, Facebook.

- 14. Items for the next meeting.** TS asked for 'Investments of Bucks Council' to be an agenda item.

TS

- 15. To confirm** that the next meeting of the Highways Committee will be held on Monday 6th July 2020, 8pm at South Lodge after the Planning meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.18pm

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