

Gerrards Cross Town Council

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The Highways Committee at the Garden Room, Gerrards Cross Memorial Hall at 8.03pm on Monday 1st November 2021

Present: Cllr. A Wood (Mayor), Cllr. N Barnett, Cllr. M Bracken, Cllr. J Chhokar, Cllr. C Da Costa, Cllr. S Davey, Cllr. T Greenfield, Cllr. B Holborn, Cllr J O'Keeffe, Cllr. B Peck, Cllr. C Stuart-Lee.
In Attendance: C Brown (Associate Councillor), Sue Moffat (Town Clerk), Amy McCreary (Deputy Town Clerk).

1. **Public speaking from residents** – A group of East Common residents attended to discuss the option of closing the East Common road permanently as a throughway. The reason for the request was they feel the road is much safer after experiencing the temporary closure. When the road is open the cars travel at a speed of up to 60mph. They feel the present road closure is working well. Cllr Wood informed the residents that the Town Council has received a lot of feedback that the road closure is an inconvenience. Cllr Bracken has been working with Buckinghamshire Council regrading roads and this is one that needs to be discussed. Cllr Wood confirmed that the yellow lines have been reinstated and this should have a positive impact once the road is reopened. The Town Council is also putting an application in with the Community Board for a traffic survey. The residents confirmed they would like to speak to someone from Buckinghamshire Council regarding this matter. Cllr Wood to arrange a meeting with the Local Area Technician.
2. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr. P Roberts
3. **Sector Reports** –
 - (i) **South West Sector** – Cllr Bracken informed the Council that Bulstrode Way is the most defected road in this sector. The second most defected is West Common. He has been advised by Buckinghamshire Council that his previous pothole reports do not qualify for repair. Cllr Bracken has reported two new potholes for this sector in October.
 - (ii) **North East Sector**- Cllr Greenfield has sent a photo to the Deputy Clerk of overgrown vegetation. He has reported a damaged kerb in South Park Drive on Fix My Street and the status has been updated to action scheduled. The Fix My Street report of the kerb outside The Cheyne status has also been updated to action scheduled. The overgrown vegetation on the Lower Road path has been reported. Cllr Holborn confirmed that the streetlight at the junction of St Huberts Close and Fulmer Road has been fixed and a new Solar Panel light has been installed on the turning circle.
 - (iii) **South East/West Sector** – Cllr Davey confirmed that she has reported six potholes and some overgrown vegetation on Fix My Street.
4. **Reporting Lists for Outstanding Highways Issues**
 - (i) Cllr Wood has requested a date from Buckinghamshire Council for the Woodlands resurfacing work. Buckinghamshire Council have confirmed that Woodlands will be resurfaced and date to be confirmed.
5. **Packhorse Road / Woodlands update** – The remaining resurfacing work for Packhorse Road is scheduled for 8th November. Cllr Wood is following up with Buckinghamshire Council to confirm a date regards Woodlands.
6. **Potholes** – Cllr Wood confirmed that the Buckinghamshire Council have cleared half of Gerrards Cross drains. Cllr Wood to follow up with the Local Area Technician regarding the clearing the gullies. The Clerk to confirm with the Local Area Technician the location of the potholes the Town Council will repair. Cllr Bracken to follow up with Buckinghamshire Council about the pothole on Bull Lane. This job stated it would be fixed in 24 hours but it is still outstanding.
7. **CCTV cameras** – (a) **Installation Phase 2 CCTV cameras** – Stress testing has been completed. Now awaiting for the Method statements and Risk assessments to be agreed by Buckinghamshire Council and a

new quote for the CCTV cameras and installation to be sought and agreed. Once camera wattage is known the unmetered electricity supply can be organised.

(b) Future Monitoring of CCTV cameras – Cllr O’Keeffe to write to Chris Troughton.

The Council agreed the following, the installation quote to be ready for the December Meeting, to confirm the metering and for the approval from Chris Troughton. If there is enough money in the budget the Town Clerk has permission to go ahead. If it is over budget the Town Clerk will have to bring the project back to the Full Council Meeting.

- 8. Mill Lane Bridge Pedestrian Safety Improvements-** The design for the pedestrian safety improvements have been submitted to Highways at Buckinghamshire Council and they have informed the Town Clerk that planning permission maybe required. The Council agreed that the Town Clerk should seek planning advice at a cost of £80.83.
- 9. Marsham Lane Bridge Pedestrian Safety Improvements-** The design for the pedestrian safety improvements have been submitted to Highways at Buckinghamshire Council and they informed the Town Clerk that planning permission maybe required. The Council agreed that the Town Clerk should seek planning advice at a cost of £80.83.
- 10. East Common Road Closure update-** Buckinghamshire Council have proposed for a one-way traffic system to be implemented. The expiry date for the road closure is approaching and there are costs involved to implement the one-way system. The Council agreed for the one-way system to go ahead. Cllr Wood to find out if there will be a temporary speed limit.
- 11. To set up a Speeding Working Party** – The meeting will take place before the Highways Meeting in January 2022.
- 12. Defibrillators** – Nunn Hayward and Strutt and Parker have agreed to host the additional defibrillator sites. An application for the Community Board will be submitted for part funding. The Deputy Clerk is to write to the Gerrards Cross Community Association, St James Church and Tesco to get confirmation they have carried out maintenance checks to ensure all the equipment is working and within the expiry date.
- 13. Cycle racks** – Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board have agreed funding for the cycle racks. The Town Clerk to confirm with the Community Board Clerk the style of the cycle racks. The Town Clerk has requested £2000 from the Community Board and Highways UK have quoted £3000 for the work they will do. The locations will be outside Lomitos, Boots, GX photoshop, Oak End Way (Packhorse Road end). Cllr Da Costa will mark the locations with Highways UK. Cllr Holborn requested to see an image of what they will look like.
- 14. To consider if the A40 40mph sign (past the Bull Hotel in the direction of Beaconsfield) is in the correct location.** – Associate Cllr Brown confirmed that in 2006 the 50mph the speed limit sign and Gerrards Cross sign were moved 200 yards closer to Beaconsfield. The road is very dangerous with cars travelling at 50mph and there have been accidents. Highways agreed to correct the action at the time but the previous agreement expired before the work took place. Cllr Wood to follow up with Buckinghamshire Council.
- 15. Highways budget** – Noted.
- 16. Correspondence** – Buckinghamshire Council have just announced there will be a 3% increase in the devolution budget granted for 2022-23.
- 17. Communications** – None
- 18. To confirm** that the next meeting of the Highways Committee will be held on Monday 6th December 2021, 7.45pm, following the Planning meeting, at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre.
Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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