

# Gerrards Cross Town Council

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## Minutes of the Highways Committee

Meeting held 8pm at Gerrards Cross Memorial Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Present: Cllr C Brown (Chairman), Cllr N Barnett, Cllr I Bayliss, Cllr J Chhokar, Cllr J O’Keeffe, Cllr H Orme, Cllr T Scott (Virtual),  
In Attendance: Cllr J Palmiero and Sue Moffat, (Town Clerk).

- 1. At the proposition of Cllr Orme, seconded by Cllr O’Keeffe, Cllr Brown was elected as Chairman for the Highways Committee** in the absence of the Highways Chairman and Vice- Chairman at tonight’s meeting.
- 2. Public speaking from residents** – None.
- 3. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received Cllrs A Wood, E Surkovic and P Roberts.
- 4. Potholes** – The Town Clerk reported that a quote of £16,738 has been received for the next phase of pothole repairs at St Huberts Lane, Fulmer Drive, East Common and Oval Way. This was agreed.
- 5. Reports from Councillors on the Town Sectors including Devolved Highways Work**  
**South West Sector- HO and IB** have submitted their report – HO has added it to the Shared drive.  
**North East Sector – ES and JO.** No further reports.  
**South East/West Sector - TS and NB.** NB reported there were dangerous potholes in St Huberts Lane.
- 6. SPWP Updates** – Cllr O’Keeffe reported that, due to an error in the informal consultation for South Park Drive and South Park View, a second informal consultation is being conducted by GXTC. The closing date is 10<sup>th</sup> December when the responses will be evaluated to see if there are any minor changes required. If there are major changes then another informal consultation will need to take place. The results will be passed on to Buckinghamshire Council to continue with the Parking Review.
- 7. CCTV updates** – Cllr O’Keeffe reported that discussion is still ongoing with Bucks Council regards installing CCTV along Packhorse Rd and Station Rd. This is becoming more complex with more regulations coming to light which may increase the costs. Once these costs are known, they will be presented to Council for agreement. Regards the CCTV footage being relayed to TVPA, the Monitoring Centre is in the process of being moved to a different location and management transferred from Bucks Council to TVPA. Discussions to relay CCTV footage to TVPA will commence once the new arrangements are in place.
- 8. To consider traffic noise and pollution caused by industrial traffic using the A40**, with particular reference to a resident at Bulstrode Court, junction of Oxford Road with Windsor Rd. CB pointed out the he had stopped lorries from Wapseys Wood land fill site using the stretch of A40 through the town centre but now that the land fill site is closed there is nothing further GXTC can do to control industrial traffic. It was agreed that the only course of action was to refer any complainant to the Highways Authority at Bucks Council and to the Bucks Councillors for Gerrards Cross.
- 9. At the request of Cllr Palmiero – ‘To consider a request for free parking on 5th December at GXTC cost’.** Cllr Palmiero reported that Bucks Council only provide 2 free parking Saturdays which traditionally have been the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays in December and will not provide an additional third Saturday for free parking to cover the ‘Small Business Saturday’ on the 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. It was agreed to ask Bucks Council if they can change the dates for free parking on Saturdays so 5<sup>th</sup> December is included.
- 10. Budget** – Noted.
- 11. Communications** – November edition of VOICE is being distributed the second week in November.
- 12. Correspondence** – (i) IB received a letter from GX Combined School asking about the possibility of closing off Moreland Drive from 8-9 am during drop-off time to ease congestion. Councillors’ response was that there is no prior precedence known that this might be done so probably not viable. As this is not an agenda item it was referred to the next Highways meeting for further discussion; (ii) Chairman of West Common Close Management Ltd expressing concern for traffic safety when residents drive out on to West Common as they find it difficult to see traffic coming out of Packhorse Rd Car Park. The possibility of installing a mirror post

adjacent to Shire House Office was suggested to improve vision. The Town Clerk has referred the Chairman to the Highways Authority at Bucks Council; (iii) Resident from West Common complaining about the parking congestion when football matches are held at week-ends. The Organiser of the football teams has been contacted as discussed at the Commons Committee prior to this meeting.

- 13. Items for the next meeting:-** Request from GX Combined School asking about the possibility of closing off Moreland Drive from 8-9 am during drop-off time to ease congestion
- 14. To confirm** that the next VIRTUAL meeting of the Highways Committee will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020, 8pm after the Commons and Planning meetings.

Meeting closed at 8.52pm

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