

Gerrards Cross Town Council

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The Highways Committee at the Garden Room, Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre at 8.09pm on Monday 5th July 2021

Present: Cllr B Peck, Cllr. N Barnett, Cllr. M Bracken, Cllr. J Chhokar, Cllr. C Da Costa, , Cllr. T Greenfield, Cllr. B Holborn, Cllr J O'Keeffe, Cllr. P Roberts, Cllr. A Wood.

In Attendance: C Brown (Associate Councillor), Sue Moffat (Town Clerk), Amy McCreary (Deputy Town Clerk).

1. **Public speaking from residents** – No residents attended the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr. S Davey, Cllr. C Stuart-Lee.
3. **Sector Reporting**

It was recommended to use the previous method of itemising defects to inspect roads, i.e. Road surface e.g. potholes; blocked gullies; road markings ; overgrown vegetation; street lighting. Roads can then be checked on rota system each month to assist workload. Cllr Wood suggested carrying out the inspection 2/3 days before the Highways Meeting.

(i) **South West Sector** – No defects reported.

(ii) **North East Sector-** – Cllr Holborn has reported several issues on Fix My Street. There is an abandon car on the A40 by Greenside View that has been there for a long time. There is a police aware sticker on the car. Cllr Wood confirmed that this needs to be reported to Buckinghamshire Council. Blocked drain by bus turning circle, Packhorse Rd. Cllr Wood asked to be informed about any blocked drains that are not cleared and he will ask the Local Area Technician (LAT) to relook at them.

(iii) **South East/West Sector** – Cllr Barnett provided a written report. Cllr Barnett to report the issues on Fix My Street.

4. **Reporting Lists for Outstanding Highways Issues** – The list of outstanding issues were reviewed.
5. **Packhorse Road** – A date has finally been announced that Packhorse Road will be resurfaced in July 2021 from Tesco traffic lights to the junction of Ethorpe Crescent. – Cllr Wood informed the Council the date for the resurfacing of Packhorse Road will be 26th July 2021. The work will take place over two evenings. Cllr Wood has had it confirmed that the gas works taking place along Packhorse Road is from Orchehill Avenue going towards Chalfont St Peter so will not affect the resurfacing work.
6. **Potholes** - In order for Gerrards Cross Town Council (GXTC) to renew the Memorandum of Understanding for devolved works for pothole repair, Buckinghamshire Council require a list of proposed potholes for GXTC to repair in 2021-22. Cllr Peck informed the Council that he had attended a meeting with Cllr Wood, Cllr O'Keeffe, Sue Moffat and our contractor from Highways (UK) Ltd. At the meeting they went out and made a report of the potholes. The potholes report will be sent to S Moffat so she can forward it onto Transport for Buckinghamshire in order to proceed with the pothole Devolved Highways work.
7. **CCTV cameras** – (A) **Installation of Phase 2 CCTV cameras** – Cllr O'Keeffe confirmed that 2 CCTV cameras have been restored on the new lamppost outside the Cook shop on the high street. Cllr Wood, Cllr O'Keeffe and S Moffat attended a meeting today with Buckinghamshire Council about Phase 2 CCTV. The streetlights to be used for the CCTV cameras need to be stress tested. Once this has been implemented and agreed together with the electrical testing for the UMSUG codes, the installation of Phase 2 CCTV cameras can commence.
(B) **Future Monitoring of CCTV cameras** –Buckinghamshire Council have not yet confirmed if they will monitor GXTC's system. The new Community Safety Officer at Bucks Council will check the specification of GXTC's CCTV cameras to see if they are compatible with Bucks system. Over the next 3 months Bucks Council is carrying out a review of their CCTV network and will then be in a position to consider monitoring GXTC's CCTV cameras. There would be a cost to transfer this information. Cllr O'Keeffe had queried this as there should be a standardised cost for all Councils involved. Cllr Wood went on to say that Bucks Council were very impressed with the work we have done.

8. **Tree removal in Oak End Way** - Buckinghamshire Council have removed 2 trees in Oak End Way (near to the junction with Marsham Lane) which were seriously lifting up the footway and obstructing pedestrian access. GXTC have agreed to replace these trees with 2 cherry trees. It has also been agreed for GXTC to make further improvements to the pedestrian footway in the area to allow wheelchair access for residents in Swarthmore Care Home to the town centre. This highways work has been match funded with a grant from the Community Board.
9. **Mill Lane Bridge, Pedestrian Safety Improvements** – GXTC have already agreed the works to be carried out but there is spare capacity in the budget to do more work by adding a kerb all the way down on one side to the next junction. Also consider the possibility of a Priority Oneway system. Highway (UK) Ltd are in the process of producing a design to be agreed by Bucks Council subject to a satisfactory quote for the works.
10. **Marsham Lane Bridge Pedestrian Safety Improvements** – A Feasibility Study was carried out in April 2020 and Option 2 was agreed at the last Highways meeting. Highways UK Ltd are producing a design for the work to be agreed by Bucks Council, subject to a satisfactory quote. There is £8000 left in the budget and it was agreed that if the work costs more than this then Town Clerk will ask for grant funding from the Community Board.
11. **To discuss the temporary 6 month road closure of East Common Highways due to construction works** - Cllr Wood reported that there has been a major misinterpretation of the application detail in the TTRO request and the order has now been processed to authorise the closure. More talks will be held by Bucks Council and the Developer to try and minimise the disruption.
12. **To consider traffic problems along East Common and West Common** – Cllr O’Keeffe proposed the installation of 2 ‘No Buses’ signs either end of West Common for deterrent. Highways UK Ltd are producing a design and quote for the work.
13. **Defibrillators** – To review the number and locations of defibrillators in the town centre of Gerrards Cross and to consider if any more are required. At present the locations of existing defibrillators are at the Memorial Hall, Tesco and the GX Train station. The Council agreed that more were required in the high street and to seek funding from the Community Board. Cllr Wood to ask Wild Wood and Cllr Barnett to ask Stratton Parker for permission to install a defibrillator on the outside wall of their buildings. The Council agreed for S Moffat to arrange first aid training for councillors and staff.
- 14 **Correspondence** – (i) Martin Tett’s response to Joy Morrissey MP’s regards her enquiry, on behalf of a local resident, to close off East Common near St Hubert’s Cottages, at the junction with A40:- This does not meet the criteria that justifies any funding for traffic safety measures and suggested applying to the Community Board for funding; (ii) After the recent incident at the Apple Tree, a local resident has reported there is lack of street lighting ‘at that junction, on Fulmer Road and on Fulmer Drive’. – S Moffat to inspect the area meets the rural lighting policy requirements and respond to the resident.
- 15 **Communications - Review of articles for Web Site, Facebook.** – It was agreed that the Council should upload notification about cutting hedges to the Council Web Site.
- 16 **To confirm** that the next meeting of the Highways Committee will be held on Monday 6th September 2021, 7.45pm, following the Commons meeting, at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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