

Gerrards Cross Town Council

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The Highways Committee at the Garden Room, Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre at 8.03pm on Monday 6th December 2021

Present: Cllr. C Da Costa (Chairman), Cllr. M Bracken, Cllr. J Chhokar, 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** – No members of the public were present.
2. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr P Roberts, Cllr. A Wood, Cllr. N Barnett,
3. **Sector Reports** –
 - (i) **South West Sector** – Cllr Bracken informed the Council that the potholes on Orchehill Rise, Bulstrode Way and Oval Way have been repaired. Cllr Bracken confirmed that re-reporting potholes and following up on responses is worthwhile. The railway station has improved the lighting by using LED lights on the pathway opposite the train station.
 - (ii) **North East Sector**- Cllr Holborn confirmed that the vast majority of his reports on Fixmystreet.com are still outstanding. Unitary Cllr Wood has contacted Buckinghamshire Council about the streetlights Cllr Holborn reported in September and is waiting for a response. Cllr Greenfield confirmed that the kerb in South Park Crescent still requires attention.
 - (iii) **South East/West Sector** – Cllr Davey confirmed that she needs to re-report her issues because she has received feedback from Buckinghamshire Council that the reported repairs are not required. Cllr Davey to inform Unitary Cllr Bracken if she keeps receiving these emails and he will address them with Buckinghamshire Council.
4. **Reporting Lists for Outstanding Highways Issues**
 - (i) The Town Council has no further update on the enforcement case on Wapseys Wood and has been advised no information will be disclosed as this is now a legal case.
 - (ii) The Town Clerk confirmed that Oxford Road /A40 damaged bollard is on batch two but has received no further information. Cllr Chhokar confirmed that this has been reported to the Denham Unitary Councillor.
 - (iii) South Park resurfacing has been added to the TfB maintenance programme, but no date has been confirmed.
 - (iv) The Town Clerk has applied for Community Funding from the Community Board for the Fulmer / Windsor Road resurfacing work. The Town Clerk to contact Cllr S Chhokar for an update.
5. **Packhorse Road / Woodlands update** – Packhorse Road has been resurfaced but unfortunately the parking bays outside the shops were missed. This work has been agreed under the Town Councils devolved highways budget and will take place in February next year. Woodlands’ resurfacing is ongoing.
6. **Potholes** – Cllr Da Costa confirmed that the Local Area Technician has granted devolved permission for the Town Council to repair the potholes they identified. The Town Council will start the repairs in February 2022.
7. **CCTV cameras** – (a) **Installation Phase 2 CCTV cameras** – Cllr O’Keeffe and the Town Clerk have received information from Buckinghamshire Council that the CCTV contracts must be HERS registered. This may mean the Town Clerk will need to find a new contractor and the project will be delayed.
(b) **Future Monitoring of CCTV cameras** – Cllr O’Keeffe and the Town Clerk have had a meeting with CCTV Advisor to review the Town Council’s monitoring policies and procedures. The Advisor confirmed that the policies and procedures were compliant but one amendment required due to new procedures in force. The CCTV Advisor did advise that a copy of any CCTV evidence given to the police needs to be kept for seven years.

8. **Mill Lane Bridge Pedestrian Safety Improvements-** The Town Clerk is waiting for confirmation from Buckinghamshire if planning permission is required.
9. **Marsham Lane Bridge Pedestrian Safety Improvements-** The Town Clerk is waiting for confirmation from Buckinghamshire if planning permission is required.
10. **East Common Road Closure update-** The Developer has confirmed to Cllr Wood that they intend to use their road closure permit until it expires on 31st December. The road has been opened with a one way system to help the situation but this is not enforceable and unfortunately some drivers are not following the rules. If Buckinghamshire Council receive a lot of complaints, they will have to close the road again.
11. **Streetlight along Windsor Road at the junction of Meadway** — This streetlight was knocked down and is in the process of being replaced. SSE have confirmed that the mains connector is across the road and are unable to connect to the adjacent service cable. The re-connection quote is £2563.69. The Council agreed that the Town Clerk should get a quote for a solar panel light. If the solar panel is the same price as the reconnection quote the Council agreed to invest in the solar panel. However, if the quote is more, it was agreed that the Town Clerk should have SSE reconnect the light. The Town Clerk will take into consideration the length of time the process of changing the light as this lamppost has been out of action for a long time due to deliberations of SSE. The Town Clerk to look at improving the solar panel lamppost on the turning circle.
12. **To agree the quote to plant 2 cherry trees in Oak end Way** – The Council agreed for the Town Clerk to consider Sorbus trees and if the same price to change accordingly.
13. **Defibrillators** – Nunn Hayward and Strutt and Parker have agreed to be the additional defibrillator sites. Cost of defibrillator plus cabinet is £1050 plus cost of electrical supply which is £150 if within 3m of electrics. Cost of electricity is £30/50 p.a. The Town Clerk to inform both businesses of the electrical cost. The Town Clerk to discuss with WeAreGX if they will apply for Community Board Funding and match fund. If WeAreGX will not apply for Community Board funding it was agreed the Town Council will and put in £200 funding for each defibrillator.
14. **Cycle racks** – Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board have agreed £2000 funding for the cycle racks. The Town Clerk is waiting for the requote of £2000 from the contractor. The Council agreed to go ahead with the cycle racks. Cllr Holborn has requested to see what the cycle racks look like before they are installed and the exact location information.
15. **To consider if the A40 40mph sign (past the Bull Hotel in the direction of Beaconsfield) is in the correct location.** – Cllr Da Costa informed the Council that Buckinghamshire Council have confirmed to Cllr Wood that the 40mph sign is in the correct place. TfB have no plans to move it. The Council agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next Speed Awareness Working Group Meeting. Associate Cllr Brown stated that Buckinghamshire Council had already agreed to move the sign in 2007 and there was an article in the press at the time. After 3 years the approval expired and no further action was taken. Cllr O’Keeffe confirmed that a public consultation would be required to get the sign moved. Cllr O’Keeffe suggested that the Council waits for the next consultation when this can be added.
16. **Community Board Funding** –
The Council agreed for the following to go on the speed awareness party.
 - (i) South Park road resurfacing – Not agreed by Community Board as part of the maintenance programme.
 - (ii) West Common pinch point to slow traffic down – This is a statutory procedure and have been advised it could take a long time. Do we wish to look at alternatives? (*See Traffic Calming guides for Buckinghamshire as attached and in Shared Drive*). It was agreed for this to be considered by the Speed Working Party and proposals to be put forward to Council.
 - (iii) Traffic survey of East and West Common to understand usage and suitable traffic measures for slowing down traffic. The Community Board have asked for specific suggestions. (*See Traffic Calming guides for Buckinghamshire as attached and in Shared Drive*).). It was agreed for this to be considered by the Speed Working Party and proposals to be put forward to Council.
 - (iv) Packhorse Road, Road safety – Lower Speed limit including flashing signs aimed at speed reduction – It was agreed for this to be considered by the Speed Working Party and proposals to be put forward to Council.
 - (v) Traffic calming on West Common – To consider specific suggestions to put forward in order to make a grant application.). It was agreed for this to be considered by the Speed Working Party and proposals to be put forward to Council.
 - (vi) New zebra crossing connecting the Commons – To agree that the zebra crossing should be across Packhorse Road near to the junctions of East and West Commons.). It was agreed for this to be considered by the Speed Working Party and proposals to be put forward to Council.

(vii) To agree if we wish to seek Community Board funding to refurbish the cycle path from Gerrards Cross to the boundary of Denham? – The Council agreed this item should go up to the Gerrards Cross boundary only.

17. Highways budget – Noted.

18. Correspondence – None

19. Communications – The Town Clerk read out the draft high street rejuvenation post for the web site that will inform the public of what the Council can and cannot do. The Deputy Clerk will email this to the Councillors to review.

20. To confirm that the next meeting of the Highways Committee will be held on Monday 10th January, 7 pm, at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre.

Meeting closed at 9.01pm

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