

# Gerrards Cross Town Council

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## Minutes of the VIRTUAL Highways Committee Meeting held 8pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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 and Cllr E Surkovic.  
In Attendance: Sue Moffat, (Town Clerk).

### Actions

1. **Public speaking from residents** – None
2. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr P Roberts.
3. **Potholes** – AW reported that Highways UK (HUK) will complete the last phase of pothole/pavement repair on 16/17<sup>th</sup> July. The standard of their work is much higher than that of TfB and can always be identified as the potholes have an effective seal around each repair. The cost of pavement repair has proved to be expensive as, when HUK dug down, they found there was no base layer in many cases which caused additional work.
4. **Gulley Cleaning** – AW reported that gulley cleaning appears to be being dealt with by Buckinghamshire Council and the road sweeper has been spotted out and about GX more frequently over the last few months. JO pointed out that gulley needs clearing adjacent to the pothole repair outside Subway, Packhorse Rd.
5. **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. HO has devised a template for reporting defects on roads. AW thanked her for this, and it was agreed to circulate to councillors.

AW

**North East Sector – ES and JO.** ES reported: - Nothing further to report since the last meeting.

**South East/West Sector – JP.** TS agreed to replace Norman Holmes now that he has left the Council. JP and TS will report on their Sector at the next meeting.

AW thanked SM and TS for putting up the Covid 19 guidance safety signs in the Town Centre. ES did point out that the bollards that TfB have installed on Packhorse Road were a traffic hazard. IB pointed out that the 2 poles installed to protect the cash machine when Sainsbury was in the high street, now need removing. Also, Café Nero are taking up half the pavement with street furniture.

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6. **Packhorse Road traffic lights update-** (i) Request has been sent to Buckinghamshire Council to allow GXTC to arrange for the resurfacing Packhorse Rd by traffic lights as agreed with a ramp extending to entrance to Barclays Bank car park – £18,288 (as agreed at the last Highways meeting).
7. **CCTV updates** – (i) Information has been sent to Officers at Buckinghamshire Council, as requested by them, regards information on installation of Phase 2 and now waiting for them to confirm a date to have a site meeting; (ii) The Police Commissioner has been contacted, a second time, to assist GXTC to transfer CCTV footage to be monitored at High Wycombe Control Room; (iii) After encouraging police officers to view footage from GXTC’s CCTV cameras for some time now, all have agreed that the videos are very clear and of a high standard. This being so, Denham and GX Neighbourhood Police

Team have now been tasked with assisting support for CCTV footage to be monitored at High Wycombe Control Room; (iv) Request has been sent for costings for GXTC's cameras to be monitored at High Wycombe Control room; (v) CCTV cameras 6 and 7 have an intermittent fault. An estimate for repair will be £260 -£300 approximately. CCTV cameras are still under warranty but not the wireless equipment and hardware, the latter believed to be at fault.

AW commented that it was important to get Phase 2 of the CCTV cameras installed and then push for them to be viewed at a Police Monitoring Centre whether it be at Wycombe or elsewhere. There may be different ways of monitoring that can be negotiated to reduce costs. After much discussion on the use of the CCTV it was general agreed that they were a good crime deterrent and regular reviews of the use of the cameras should take place in the future.

- 8. The following item has been included at the request of Cllr Scott at the last Highways meeting: - 'Investments of Bucks Council'** – TS explained that she asked for this item to be discussed as she believed that South Bucks DC (now Buckinghamshire Council) was financially in a bad situation. It was agreed that this subject was beyond the remit of this Council. JC responded that it was no secret that all councils are under financial pressure with Social Care taking up most of the budget so although Buckinghamshire Council would like to do more on roads there is very little funding available. CB added that Buckinghamshire Council did make savings when it took over the 4 district councils, but these will not last long. ES suggested carrying out a survey to find out the most pressing issues our community would like to address. However, CB pointed out the only responsibility GXTC has on highway matters is rural street lighting as Buckinghamshire Council is responsible for all other issues.
- 9. Highways Budget** - Noted.
- 10. Communications** – None.
- 11. Correspondence** - Report of a cyclist accident on the Fulmer Drive and suggestion for a speed review along Fulmer Drive and Fulmer Road. After discussion it was agreed that Fulmer Drive was not an unsafe road and no further action was necessary. The Police have carried out a recent Speed Check on Fulmer Road and out of the 39 vehicles that were checked by the camera, only 4 were over the speed limit.
- 12. Items for the next meeting** – JO asked for 'Review Covid H & S in GX' and also add this to the Planning agenda.
- 13. To confirm** that the next meeting of the Highways Committee will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 8pm after the Commons meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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