

Gerrards Cross Town Council



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The Highways Committee at Room 4, Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre at 7:30pm on Monday 6th March 2023 for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Wood, Cllr Da Costa, Cllr Greenfield, Cllr O’Keeffe, Cllr Peck, Cllr Davey, Cllr Barnet, Cllr Holborn, Cllr Robert, Cllr Ms J Jilani (Town Clerk)

In attendance: Associate Cllr Woolveridge, Associate Cllr Brown

Highways Committee Minutes

1. Public attendees: None
 2. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Stuart-Lee, Cllr Chhokar
 3. Approve the minutes of the Highways meeting 6th February 2023
The minutes were **PROPOSED** by Cllr Wood; **SECONDED** by Cllr Greenfield
ALL AGREED
 4. **Sector Reports:-**
 - South West Sector- Cllr Peck** – there are some pothole on West Common and Bulstrode Way, which still have not been fixed. Cllr Wood advised to report these on Fix My Street.
 - North East Sector**
Cllr Greenfield updated the members on the following:
 - North Park:** Manhole is exposed on the road. He has reported this on Fix My Street 40207245. Bucks Council has assessed this and advised no action is required. At Lower road has further potholes and bad manhole covers, all are marked for work.
 - Oak End Way:** There is a potholes appearing, some fairly large. This has now been reported on Fix My Street 40207247 and 40215227. Bucks Council have responded saying it is not bad enough yet. Cllr Greenfield has reported this again on the 2nd of February 2023 as the pothole has become worst.
 - Oak End Way:** Inspection hatch is sinking opposite South Park. FMS40215229. Buckinghamshire’s assessment is that no action is required at this stage.
 - Mill Lane:** The utility cover of the drain is collapsing. This has been reported on Fix My Street 40207249. Bucks Council advises no action is required.
 - South Park:** This has bad road surfacing. This has been reported on Fix My Street 40207250 and 40215239. However no work has been done yet. Cllr Greenfield reported this again on the 2nd of February 2023.
 - East Common:** East common junction of Marsham Lane the salt bin needs to be refilled. Reported Fix My Street 40215240.
- Cllr Holborn updating on the outstanding works which have been reported on Fix My Street however the works have not been completed yet.
- Outstanding:

Bucks Council claims this has been resolved but is still a problem:

More flooding on the **A40 towards the Bull Hotel end of West Common**. Cllr Holborn previously offered to point out the exact two drains and the gullies that were

causing the problem. It was back in December 2021 when he witnessed a near head on collision between two cars that were trying to avoid floodwater so it has been more than a year since this was first reported.

- **East Common** pinch point sign that has been knocked over was reported to Fix My Street on 30th October 2021.
- There is a blocked drain on **A40 by New Pond** and regular flooding of the road and footpath. This was reported on Fix My Street on 8th January 2022. Th is still marked as ‘in progress.’ Although it’s been noted that progress has been made after the drains were cleared, and GXTC installed swales. However this still floods on both sides of the carriageway towards the Bull Hotel end of the A40 passing by the Common.
- The crossing sign was knocked over, by St James Church, A40. This was reported on Fix My Street on 7th September, and this is still in progress. However this has been tidied up, but the sign has not been replaced.
- The junction of A40 and East Common, there are multiple instances of damage to the signs after a hefty collision. This has been reported on Fix My Street on 7th September however this is still marked as work in progress.
- A row of four streetlights on Oxford Road by St James Church are not working. This has been reported on Fix My Street on 20th December, however this is still marked as in progress.
- There is a broken manhole cover on A40 Oxford Road near Bull Hotel. This was reported on Fix My Street on 16th January, however this is still outstanding.
- East Common sign light not working again. This was reported Fix My Street on 19th January, this is still outstanding.
- The give way sign on West Common and A40 junction light is broken. This has been reported on Fix My Street on the 6th of February and it is still outstanding.
- There is a pothole on Packhorse Road by junction with Marsham Way. This was reported on Fix My Street on the 17th of February and it is marked as in progress.
- There is a broken sign on East Common this has been reported on Fix My Street on the 18th of February and its still outstanding.
- The pavement on north side of A40, Oxford Road, opposite Woodbank Cottages is breaking up. This has been reported on Fix My Street on the 19th of February and is still outstanding.

5. Potholes - Repair Update

Cllr Wood updated the members that Bucks Council has put a budget of £5million for road works, he advised to report any pothole issues on Fix my street in order for them to be fixed.

Following on the last Highways meeting and issues related to potholes Cllr Wood updated the members that some potholes have been fixed on West Common, Dukes Wood Drive, Bulstrode Way, Fulmer Way and Oval Way

6. Mill Lane & Marsham Lane Pedestrian Safety Improvement

Cllr Wood updated the members on how much money we have spent on Mill Lane and Marsham Lane works. He also updated that we have been in touch with the planning officer who has adviser that he will make a decision once he receives comments from Highways and the Police.

7. To discuss the result of survey of GXTC lampposts and to resolve any actions required-

Cllr O’ Keeffe updated the members the survey has been completed and the report is being prepared. However from his finding so far 26 lamppost are not working properly out of which four need immediate attention.

Cllr O' Keeffe suggested we will have to spend approximately £4000 for the repair and maintenance of the four lamppost. After discussion it was decided that Cllr O' Keeffe to get a final quote and get this agreed at the full Council meeting.

8. **To resolve the issue of labelling the lampposts for reporting problems on GXTC lampposts.** Cllr O' Keeffe updated the members, when we were doing the street lights tender we agreed to number each lamppost so the residents can report the issue by giving the lamp number. The sample label was produced by Cllr Greenfield and it was circulated to the members. After discussions the design was agreed by the Cllrs and the Clerk was asked to get quotes for putting the stickers on the lampposts.
9. **GXTC ANPR Update:** Discussion took place regarding the quote which was circulated to the Cllrs and it was asked for the clerk to check if the ANPR cameras could possibly have a direct internet connection.
10. **GXTC CCTV Update:** Cllr O' Keeffe updated the members that he has spoken to the contractor and how they are progressing. The contractors are waiting for the RAMS certificate from Highways at Bucks Council. The CCTV's will be installed in May however we do not have set date. Cllr Peck and Cllr Wood thanked for all the hard work and efforts Cllr O' Keeffe has put in getting all the information regarding the CCTV's.
11. To accept the extension of letter of variation (Devolution Scheme Agreement)
ALL AGREED
12. **To review and resolve the quotes received for devolved services (Grass cutting)**
Two quotes were presented to the members, after reviewing the two the devolved services were awarded to company B.
13. **Correspondence**
There was an email from a local resident regarding extension of double yellow lines on East Common. The email was read out to the members and a meeting was arranged with the resident and the Chairman of Highways.

To confirm that the next meeting of the Highways Committee will be held on Monday 3rd April 2023 at 7.30pm, at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:55pm

Signed.....CHAIRMAN

Date.....

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