

Gerrards Cross Town Council

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The Highways Committee at the Garden Room, Gerrards Cross Memorial Hall at 7.53pm on Monday 2021

Present: Cllr. A Wood (Mayor), Cllr. N Barnett, Cllr. M Bracken, Cllr. J Chhokar, Cllr. C Da Costa, Cllr. S Davey, Cllr. T Greenfield, Cllr. B Holborn, Cllr. B Peck, Cllr. C Stuart-Lee.
In Attendance: C Brown (Associate Councillor), 1 member of the public, Sue Moffat (Town Clerk), Amy McCreary (Deputy Town Clerk).

1. **Election of Chairman** – At the proposition of Cllr Peck, seconded by Cllr Stuart-Lee, it was agreed for Cllr Wood to be Chairman for the ensuing year.
2. **Election of Vice-Chairman** – At the proposition of Cllr Wood, seconded by Cllr Peck, it was agreed for Cllr Da Costa to be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
3. **Public speaking from residents** – A resident raised concerns about the parking issues at Gaviots Close. Due to the lack of parking spaces people are parking on the grass verges causing them to deteriorate. He did suggest a land swap with L&Q Housing, who own the green, to create laybys for extra parking. Drivers are also parking very close to the junction at Fulmer Road obstructing the view of the traffic. Cllr Wood responded that the previous Buckinghamshire County Council had funded a consultation and there was a huge resistant to using the grass area for parking and there would be considerable work involved. In the GXTC's parking review it has been agreed for double yellow lines to be installed at the junctions of Gaviots Close with the junction of Fulmer Road. If residents wish to pursue the installation of laybys, Cllr Wood suggested that they should contact the Denham, GX and Chalfonts Community Board for approval and funding. Cllr S Chhokar and Cllr P Hollis will be the contacts for this as part of the Denham Ward. The resident suggested putting bollards on the verges to prevent parking. Cllr Wood confirmed that bollards would not be an option because if there was a fatal accident the Council would be liable.
4. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr O'Keeffe and Cllr P Roberts.
5. **Sector Reports** –
 - (i) **South West Sector** – -- Cllr Peck confirmed everything was good. Cllr Bracken has reported numerous potholes on Fix My Street and received feedback that they do not fit the criteria. Therefore, he has asked the LAT for the correct specifications.
 - (ii) **North East Sector** – Cllr Greenfield reported some overgrown vegetation on various streets, two damaged curbs and a blocked drain, all of them have been reported on Fix My Street. Cllr Holborn has reported a number of potholes, blocked drains and streetlights. The Town Clerk confirmed that she has reported that Vicarage Way needs sweeping.
 - (iii) **South East/West Sector** – Cllr Davey and Cllr Barnett confirmed this sector is fine. Cllr Wood reported that Buckinghamshire Councillors are asking town and parish councils for a list of priorities for road resurfacing. It was agreed to put forward Fulmer Road. Also, a section of the A40 in Gerrards Cross on the East side was suggested, and Cllr Barnett put forward a section of St Huberts Lane (email to follow of location).
6. **Reporting Lists for Outstanding Highways Issues**
 - (i) Wapseys Wood – Enforcement of Wapseys Wood - Cllr Wood is still waiting for a response and will update The Council.
 - (ii) Wapseys Wood - Still flooding even though a sump had been installed to prevent it. The Town Clerk to continue pursuing this issue.
 - (iii) Oxford Road/A40 damaged central bollard on A40 – The Town Clerk has received confirmation that this has now been scheduled to be repaired in batch two.
 - (iv) Packhorse Road resurfacing – The first phase has been completed from Tesco traffic lights to Ethorpe Crescent. Still need to complete second phase of resurfacing up to the post office and a date for this work should be announced by early September.

- (v) Oxford Rd/A40 speed limit signs along the A40 are unlit and covered in grime – Associate Cllr Brown confirmed this work is complete. The Town Clerk to remove from the outstanding projects.
- (vi) Oxford Road/A40 Dangerous pothole on A40 by junction with Bulstrode Way – Buckinghamshire – This is still outstanding.
- (vii) Fulmer Road / Windsor Road Cllr Wood has received confirmation that this will no longer be resurfaced free of charge because it is out of warranty. There is Community Board funding for roads in East Gerrards Cross so the Council will apply.
- (viii) Cllr Holborn reported on Fix My Street that the Oxford Road street name sign still needs to be reinstated.
- (ix) Cllr Holborn reported on Fix My Street that the pavement by BP garage is in a bad state. The response was that it would be regularly checked. Cllr Wood suggested that this may be part of GXTC's devolved repair works.

7. **Packhorse Road / Woodlands** – Update on meeting with Head of Highways - Cllr Wood confirmed that the resurfacing work on Packhorse Road should be up to the post office. Transport for Buckinghamshire agreed that the work on Woodlands was unsatisfactory and it is still under warranty. The gullies will be swept, and Cllr Wood has requested for the whole road to be resurfaced.
8. **Potholes** – pothole repair update
Buckinghamshire Council have filled in the potholes on Mill Lane and Marsham Lane. Cllr Wood stated that the Council will concentrate spending the budget on Cul-de-sac locations and pavements as Buckinghamshire Council should pick up the main road defects.
9. **CCTV cameras** – (A) **Installation of Phase 2 CCTV cameras** – the stress testing will be done by the end of next week. The results of the stress testing will then need to be approved by Buckinghamshire Council before continuing with CCTV camera installation.
(B) **Future Monitoring of CCTV cameras** – Buckinghamshire Highways have confirmed that they do not currently have the capacity to monitor our CCTV cameras. Cllr Wood is still pursuing this issue with Buckinghamshire Highways. The Council to discuss other monitoring options at the Full Council Meeting.
10. **Mill Lane Bridge, Pedestrian Safety Improvements** – There has been a delay in the survey and design for these works. Once this has been received and approved by Buckinghamshire Council, work will commence.
11. **Marsham Lane Bridge Pedestrian Safety Improvements** – There has been a delay in the survey and design for these works which need to be approved by Buckinghamshire Council.
12. **Road naming** – Request from a developer to name access road of 8 new properties at Landrecies, Oxford Road, Tatling End, SL9 7AT as 'Petrel Close' – The Council put forward a new suggestion 'Phoenix Close' after Phoenix Garage that used to be the area.
13. **East Common Road Closure update-** Cllr Peck has been liaising with the developer and is hopeful that the road will be reopened at the beginning of October.
14. **Update on the solar powered post on the turning circle** – The Town Clerk has received the following costings for the solar panel lamp post:
 - New top - £340
 - Solar panel - £500
 The Council agreed to trail run a solar powered lamp post.
15. At the request of Cllr Bracken, '**Improving our Wonderful Town**'. Cllr Bracken has sent a spreadsheet round with suggestions on how to improve Gerrards Cross. It was agreed the most efficient way to manage this project was to set up a working group. The following Councillors volunteered to be part of the group:
 - M Bracken
 - T Greenfield
 - J Chhokar
 - B Peck
 - C Stuart-Lee
 Cllr Holborn requested for the spreadsheet to be updated to show the projects' deadlines.
Cllr Wood added that the installation of electric charging points for cars is being undertaken by Buckinghamshire Council. Also, there is a deadline for funding if any project requests are submitted to the Community Board.
16. At the request of Cllr Barnett, '**A review of all of the contracts we have in place to enable us to create a tender process**'. It was agreed this is not relevant because as there are few contracts to discuss.
17. At the request of Cllr Bracken, '**Road Safety concerns in Gerrards Cross with regards to speed limits**' – It was agreed that the Speed Working Group needs to be rejuvenated. The Town Clerk to add this as an agenda item for the next Highways Meeting.

- 18. To consider traffic problems along East Common and West Common.** - The Town Clerk confirmed that the bus signs have now been installed on West Common.
- 19. Defibrillators** – Cllr Wood has been discussing with the Manager or Wild Wood about them having an additional defibrillator for the town The Town Clerk to send Wild Wood a photo of the defibrillator. Cllr O’Keeffe to report back on the other suggested site outside Stratton Parker. The Town Clerk confirmed that first aid training will take place 28th September 2021.
- 20. Cycle Racks** – It was agreed to pursue with the Community Board application for £3177.64 to install cycle hoops in the Town. The Town Clerk to write to Highways and request permission for installation.
- 21. To consider projects for next year’s budget, 2022-23.** – It was agreed that the Town Clerk should propose a budget for pavements and potholes ready for the FMG meeting.
- 22. Highways Budget** – Cllr Chhokar confirmed that there was only standard payments.
- 23. Correspondence** – Street entertainment The Council has been accepted a £500 grant from Buckinghamshire Council to welcome people back to the High Street after COVID. The Town Clerk to agree a date with We Are GX. Cllr Wood to discuss the entertainment and location with We Are GX.
- 24. Communications**
- 25. To confirm** that the next meeting of the Highways Committee will be held on Monday 4th October 2021, 7.45pm, following the Commons meeting, at Gerrards Cross Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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