

Gerrards Cross Town Council

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Minutes of the Highways Committee

Meeting held 8pm at Gerrards Cross Memorial Hall on Monday 7th December 2020

Present: Cllr P Roberts (Chairman), Cllr N Barnett, Cllr I Bayliss, Cllr C Brown, Cllr J Chhokar, Cllr J O'Keeffe, Cllr H Orme, Cllr E Surkovic, Cllr T Scott (Virtual),
In Attendance: Cllr J Palmiero and Sue Moffat, (Town Clerk).

- 1. Public speaking from residents** – None.
- 2. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received Cllr A Wood.
- 3. Potholes** – Order placed for the next phase of pothole repair to be carried out.
- 4. Reports from Councillors on the Town Sectors including Devolved Highways Work**
South West Sector- HO and IB have submitted their report – HO has added it to the Shared drive. IB highlighted overgrown hedge in Layters Way which is included in the report.
North East Sector – ES and JO. ES has submitted her report to the Shared Drive. ES highlighted that:- (i) Lower Road is in quite a mess as the road surface is above the level of the gutters so the water is not draining away; (ii) At cross junction of South Park Crescent to A413 hedges need cutting back (Council); (iii) South Park needs total resurfacing; (iv) Station Road at junction with Marsham Lane in poor state made worse by developers; (v) Resurface work at Woodlands is well below standard; (vi) Pavements in Vicarage Way are in a poor state but; (vii) On the upside Mill Lane is looking tidier and easier to walk along. JO asked councillors to keep an eye out for fibre optic work that is being carried out throughout GX to ensure the repair work is to a suitable standard.
South East/West Sector - TS and NB. NB reported there are still dangerous potholes in St Huberts Lane. Fulmer Lane and Eagle Lodge referred to Planning.
- 5. To note Outstanding Highways Issues with Buckinghamshire Council-** Please see list in Shared Drive. Noted
- 6. SPWP Updates** – Phase 3 updates- 2nd Informal consultation for South Park View and South Park Drive closes on 10th December 2020.
- 7. CCTV updates** – Waiting for a revised quote from our CCTV contractor and will then circulate.
- 8. To consider at the request of Cllr Bayliss, 'To consider the letter he has received from GX Combined School asking about the possibility of closing off Moreland Drive from 8-9 am during drop-off time to ease congestion'**. PR reported that a lot of residents are against this proposal and there would need to be a special Traffic Order from Bucks Council to make this happen. CB responded that, as a Council, we have made it safer for children to walk to school with the best contribution being providing parking in GXCA's car park. HO suggested that the best way forward was for the School to organise and manage a Drop-off and Pick-up sessions like that used at other local schools such as Gayhurst.
- 9. At the request of Cllr Orme – Climate Change and GXTC.** To consider the following proposals: **(a) 'To stop the use of chemical weedkillers'** - To ask Buckinghamshire Council to trial alternative methods of weed control to eliminate the use of chemicals'. It was agreed to send an email to this effect, plus asking if they are trialling alternative methods to replace chemicals for weedkilling, to Cllr S Chhokar, Chairman of Denham, GX and Chalfonts Community Board and Joy Morrissey, MP, copying in Tim Butcher, Chairman of Climate Change sub-committee, Nick Naylor and Rob Smith.
(b) 'EV Charging Points in Our Public Car Parks' To ask Buckinghamshire Council to action. JO pointed out that power would be needed by the kerbside in order to install charging points which could be expensive and cars may need to be parked for longer on the road whilst charging. HO pointed out that some charging points could be installed in car parks. It was agreed to find out what the plans are at Bucks Council regards this matter and gather more information before lobbying.
- 10. Mill Lane Bridge, Pedestrian Safety Improvements** – The LAF application made last year has now been agreed at the November 2020 meeting of Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board to match

fund the project. This was for Signage improvements and TTRO to highlight safety issues to motorists by using signage and road lining, possibility to reduce the speed limit to 20mph over the bridge and apply lane restriction markings to provide an improvised walkway over the bridge and along the road leading to the bridge from adjacent footways. However, now GXTC is considering amending the project to a signal option which is estimated to cost ITRO £35-£50k (dependant on cable routing options, possibly the use of WiFi controlled traffic lights). CB suggested an alternative plan, which may be even safer, would be to install a foot bridge for pedestrians alongside the bridge. PR added that the MoD were approached about this but did not have a response. It was agreed to accept the LAF funding under the original terms agreed as we have until March 2022 to complete the project. If an alternative, improved method is found which is acceptable to Bucks Council, then we will seek a variation to the conditions of the agreed LAF funding.

11. Budget – Noted.

12. Communications – Nothing to report.

13. Correspondence – (i) Cllr Gibbs has received complaint about flooding from a resident living in a new build at the bottom of the hill in South Park View. Apparently there is a Heart of Bucks Flood recovery fund of up to £5k that can be accessed by town councils and voluntary groups and Cllr Gibbs has asked GXTC to apply on behalf of the resident. It was agreed that this was not the remit of GXTC but that of Bucks Council to resolve any flooding problems; (ii) Chairman of Raylands Mead Management Ltd reporting encroachment of hedges along Bulstrode Way, uneven state of footpaths along Bulstrode Way and poor level of street lighting. CB and SM have had a meeting with the Chairman to discuss this.

14. Items for the next meeting:- None.

15. To confirm that the next meeting of the Highways Committee will be held on Monday 4th January 2021, 8pm after the Commons meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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