

Gerrards Cross Town Council

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The Highways Committee at the Garden Room, Gerrards Cross Memorial Hall at 8.03 pm on Monday 7th June 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. P Roberts, Cllr. C Stuart-Lee.
In Attendance: C Brown (Associate Councillor), 3 members of the public, Sue Moffat (Town Clerk), Amy McCreary (Deputy Town Clerk).

1. **Election of Chairman** – At the proposition of Cllr Wood, seconded by Cllr Barnett, it was agreed for Cllr Peck to be Chairman for the ensuing year.
 2. **Election of Vice-Chairman** – At the proposition of Cllr Wood, seconded by Cllr Davey, it was agreed for Cllr O’Keeffe to be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
 3. **Public speaking from residents** – Residents raised concerns of speeding traffic along East Common. They suggested putting in speed calming measures such as speed humps or a one-way system. Councillors agreed that there was an issue of speeding along both East and West Common roads. The first course of action would be to reinstate the double yellow lines along East Common. Once this has been done the Council will review the situation. Cllr Wood confirmed the police prefer not to use speed humps but use of rumble strips may be considered.
 4. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr O’Keeffe.
- Resolved the following councillors to carry out the Sector Reporting for 2021-22 –**
- (i) **South West Sector** – -- Cllr Peck and Cllr Bracken agreed to be responsible for reporting any issues on the South West Sector. Updates – Flooding has been reported outside the Ethorpe Hotel which is happening on a regular basis.
 - (ii) **North East Sector** – Cllr Holborn and Cllr Greenfield agreed to be responsible for reporting any issues on the North East Sector. Updates – BT cover repair opposite WildWood has been reported on many occasions.
 - (iii) **South East/West Sector** – Cllr Davey and Cllr Barnett agreed to be responsible for reporting any issues on the South East Sector. Updates – Dukes Close – Junction markings need to be in line with boundary.

Cllr Wood informed the Council that they need to report any issues on Fix My Street.

5. **Reporting Lists for Outstanding Highways Issues**

- (i) Wapseys Wood – Enforcement of Wapseys Wood - New Cabinet Leader at Planning to take this up.
- (ii) Wapseys Wood - Still flooding even though a sump had been installed to prevent it.
- (iii) Oxford Road/A40 damaged central bollard on A40 – This has been reported to the Lighting team who are responsible for this repair but there have been staff shortages due to Covid. Recently reported to the Highways Liaison Officer to chase up.
- (iv) Packhorse Road resurfacing – Buckinghamshire Council are aware and the Highways Liaison Officer is coming back with a start date.
- (v) Oxford Rd/A40 speed limit signs along the A40 are unlit and covered in grime – Buckinghamshire Council are aware.
- (vi) Oxford Road/A40 Dangerous pothole on A40 by junction with Bulstrode Way – Buckinghamshire Council are aware.
- (vii) Oxford Road/Windsor Road junction - White lines need remarking – Local Area Technician (LAT) have added this job to the street work programme again and highlighted the urgency of the works. Highways Liaison Officer is coming back with a start date.

Cllr Brown informed the councillors that there had been complaints about the work done on Fulmer Road and Windsor Road. The work was done three years ago to a poor standard and Unitary Cllr Gibbs has requested the work to be redone free of charge.

Cllr Wood requested that Mill Lane Bridge to be added to the outstanding job list.

6. **Potholes** – The Town Clerk had a meeting with the Highways Liaison Officer on 2nd June to discuss outstanding jobs including extending the Memorandum of Understanding for Gerrards Cross Town Council (GXTC) to continue with pothole repairs under devolved highways work. The Highways Officer is very proactive and will chase this up.
7. **CCTV cameras** – **(A) Installation of Phase 2 CCTV cameras** - At the Highways Minutes of 3rd February, 2020, a quote for £36k had been received for the next phase of CCTV along Packhorse Rd and Station Rd. In order to receive permission from Bucks Council to use their street furniture and highways space, enhanced safety regulations and risk assessments have now been imposed so a requote was required to ensure these are all incorporated in the works resulting in a new quote of £49,297.
Under Financial Regulations 11.c:- *‘When applications are made to waive financial regulations relating to contracts to enable a price to be negotiated without competition the reason shall be embodied in a recommendation to the Council’*. This being so; **Resolved to waive financial regulations** to enable the quote received to be accepted of £ £49,297 in light of the importance of the project for the community and in light of the complexity of the work involved. The Council will inform Buckinghamshire Council that the budget is available and can proceed with the installation.
(B) Future Monitoring of CCTV cameras - At present High Wycombe CCTV Control Centre is working with the Police and other districts to create a single CCTV control room based in Aylesbury. Cllr Wood has been informed that the Control Room will continue to be managed by Bucks Council not Thames Valley Police Authority. Once the new Control room has been completed and is fully operational, they will be able to look at whether additional cameras can be monitored. The aim is for GXTC to petition Buckinghamshire Council to relay the Monitoring of the CCTV cameras from the Council Office to the Control centre where the cameras will be monitored in real time and can be proactively used by the Police. At present cameras are only monitored reactively at the request from the Police.
8. **Improving wheelchair access along public footway from Swathmore Homes to Packhorse Rd** – Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board have granted Highways match funding to make improvements to the public footway from Swathmore Care Home to Oak End Way. The roots of 2 large trees have lifted the pavement. In recent conversations with the LAT, Bucks Council have agreed to remove the trees and resurface the footway so it is level. The LAT has asked to work in partnership with GXTC by GXTC funding 2 replacement cherry trees once the work has been completed. **Resolved to work in partnership with Bucks Council and fund 2 replacement cherry trees**. Once this has been completed the second stage of the improvement works can be considered.
Cllr Wood requested that the Clerks write to the residents of Marsham Lane to get the tree cut back because it is a danger.
9. **Mill Lane Bridge, Pedestrian Safety Improvements** –The Town Clerk is arranging a site visit with the Buckinghamshire Highways Officer and will inform the Council of the date.
10. **Marsham Lane Bridge Pedestrian Safety Improvements** – A Feasibility Study was carried out in April 2020 and 2 options were provided. Option 1 - £350k and Option 2 - £15k. – After the feasibility study this project was put on hold. There is £8000 left in the budget and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should put a match funding request into the Community Board.
11. At the request of Cllr J Chhokar, **‘To consider traffic problems along East Common’**. – Please see agenda item 3 above.
12. **Highways Budget** – Cllr Chhokar confirmed that only routine payments have been made.
- 14 **Correspondence** – (i) Resident has commented that the 40mph speed limit along Packhorse Rd from Wildwood to A40 traffic lights is dangerous and suggests 20mph; The Council agreed that this stretch of road should be lowered to 30mph. Although speed limits are considered a civil matter the Council has been successful in the past in changing them. (ii) Notification of an accident involving a child outside Gerrards Cross Combined School in April; - Cllr Wood to contact the Headmistress and invite her to a Highways Committee Meeting to discuss the best possible safety measures to implement. The traffic wardens have informed Cllr Wood that they have received abuse when monitoring the road. (iii) Resident complaining that the footpath along Lower Road from South Park to Oak End Way is regularly blocked by parked vehicles, particularly construction vehicles, making it dangerous for pedestrians; - The Council agreed that if a car is parked on the pavement it needs to be reported to the police. (iv) Resident from Woodland Close has reported flooding due to run off from Mill Lane; - The town clerk has arranged for Mill Lane to be swept and will reply to the resident’s email. (v) Resident from Mill Lane asking for additional double yellow lines as, at present,

parked cars make it difficult to exit from driveways. Town Clerk to check if this area is included in the parking review.

15 Communications - Review of articles for Web Site, Facebook. – It was agreed that Public consultation of the Speed Parking Working Party’s parking review and the dates of resurfacing of Woodlands Avenue and Packhorse Road should be uploaded to the Town Council Website and Nextdoor when available.

16 To confirm that the next meeting of the Highways Committee will be held on Monday 5th July 2021, 7.45pm, following the Commons meeting, at Gerrards Cross Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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