

MINUTES OF HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT, CYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22ND OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.30PM, WILBRAHAMS MEMORIAL HALL.

Present: Chris Page, Hilary Burton, Claire Daunton, Andy Martin, David Richer

Minutes taken by Sam Chambers-Turner

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Robert McCubbin

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

- A meeting has taken place with the Mill over a possible HGV covenant, a follow up meeting will be held within the next few weeks. The Mill has also indicated that they would be happy to assist with any plans to improve the school crossing.
- Contact has been made with Fulbourn Parish Council to discuss HGV access to various organisations with their parish boundaries. It has been agreed that a meeting would be scheduled after the budget announcement.
- It was agreed that any contact made with Haddenham Parish Council should ideally come directly from the Parish Council if pursued. David to provide Chris and Hilary with the relevant information.
- Councillor Daunton, representatives from the Parish Council, TGW, PTFA and the Head Teacher from the school has met with Josh Rutherford to look at potential safety improvements for the crossing to the school.
- A village survey has been undertaken, from a quick analysis it shows that the village are generally supportive of the issues put forward. More detailed analysis will be undertaken and reported back at a future meeting. Details of specific questions around the school crossing will be used in the Local Highways Improvement (LHI) bid for 25/26.

3. QUARTELY HIGHWAYS MEETING OF FULBOURN DIVISION PARISH COUNCILS

The first quarterly highways meeting of the Fulbourn Division was held on 14th October. Members of Fulbourn, Teversham, Great Wilbraham, Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom and Stow Cum Quy were present, along with various representatives from Highways department at Cambridgeshire County Council. It was felt the meeting was very constructive and it has been arranged for the second meeting to be held next quarter. The initial discussions were held around footpaths, Councillor Daunton also reported:

- The Local Highways Officer, Bradley Southwell, has unfortunately been moved onto another area. For the meantime the area will be covered by other Local Highways Officers until a new permanent replacement is appointed. Councillor Daunton will provide details of the new point of contact for the Parish Council in due course.
- It was reported that various drainage investigations are due, which will include the Cemetery, High Street and Pond Corner.
- Councillor Daunton reported that a final decision on the implementation of the 20mph speed limit is still awaited. Given that the great majority of residents are in favour, the final decision will be by the 'delegated decision' process. A date for this meeting has not yet been assigned but is expected soon. Councillor Daunton will provide more information when available.

4. 20MPH SPEED LIMIT – UPDATE

Discussed in section 3.

5. SCHOOL CROSSING

A meeting was held with Josh Rutherford from Cambridgeshire Highways around the options for the crossing to the school. It was suggested that there were several options, however not all may be suitable due to the requirements laid down in legislation for the installation of certain types of measures. Josh had expressed concern based on his experience that some measures would not be approved by Cambridgeshire County Council due to not meeting these requirements. The options included:

- Speed cushions on both approaches to the existing give way narrowing to reduce vehicle speeds. It was suggested 3 pairs, one Church side, and the other 2 pairs on the Lanes. Approximate costing up to £25,000.
- As above with the addition of a raised table at the existing crossing point, at 6m wide. Approximate costing £90,000 depending on how much road restructuring is required.
- A raised table only with no speed cushions. Approximate costings up to £65,000
- A zebra crossing which would require the existing layout to be removed and opened out to two lanes. It was noted that this item would require a certain amount of footfall both in and out of term time and at several points during the day to qualify. Approximate costing up to £80,000.
- A zebra crossing with raised table as above. Approximate costing up to £150,000.
- A toucan crossing as above with the footfall consideration. Approximate costing up to £175,000.

More information relating to the guidance of the particular types of crossing is available from Traffic Signs Manual – Chapter 6 – Traffic Control ([publishing.service.gov.uk](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk)).

Josh also reminded the group that a maximum of £25,000 award is available for a complex scheme on the LHI application process if successful. It was also reminded that evidence is the key to a successful application and that information would need to be gathered to prove that the footfall was at a sufficient level for the last 3 items. It was therefore agreed that counts should be undertaken to inform the LHI application. The new round for the LHI application will open on 1st November and close on the 10th January 2025.

6. MILL ROAD/HIGH STREET TRIANGLE

There has been a recent spate of vehicle collisions at the triangle area of Mill Road and the High Street. The Parish Council have prepared a residents' letter to remind households in the proximity of the triangle, of the need to park within the rules of the Highway Code; rule 243; not to park within 10m of the junction. Hopefully this will allow for improved visibility for road users in the area and prevent further collisions. It was also noted that many HGV vehicles have been witnessed mounting the pavement to make the manoeuvres that are required, which is not permitted. It was suggested that a log be kept of the vehicles performing this type of activity. Councillor Daunton suggested that a stepwise approach to the consideration of any possible change should be considered and that an invitation to the Road Safety Manager and a Highways engineer to offer advice, might be a useful next step.

7. HGVS

This was discussed earlier on the agenda under minutes of the last meeting. In future a separate section will be added to the agenda for matters arising. However, in addition, concern was raised about the lorries collecting and delivering sugar beet. Matters included the use of lighting boards on the cabs of the vehicles very early in the morning.

8. BUSES – UPDATE

The AtoB1102 group has provided an update on the new proposed route to come through the Wilbrahams. They have suggested that the route is currently out to tender and that there may be some delay in delivery of the scheme. More details will be shared when known.

9. CYCLEWAYS – UPDATE

The stretch of footpath along the A1303 from High Street to Bell Road, Bottisham, which also serves as a cycle path for those joining at the Airfield Museum junction, is due to be repaired and restored to its original width early in 2025.

Three potential routes have been identified for a feasibility study into possible new cycle routes to provide connectivity to other parishes and to greenways. County officers are working with consultants on these routes: one meeting with the cycling reps from the two parish councils has been held to discuss these options and another will follow. More information will be provided when available.

10. COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS

It was discussed that it would be useful to share the information of the Highways Transport Cycleways Committee more publicly. It was therefore agreed that agendas, minutes and supporting documents if appropriate will be shared on the Parish Council website. It was also agreed that an update would also be provided in the Parish Council notes in the Warbler.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm on 23rd January 2025 at Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall.