

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Local Highways Panel **Date:** Tuesday, 2 October 2012

Place: Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping **Time:** 7.05 - 8.50 pm

Members Present: **County Councillors:**

Councillors A Jackson, J Knapman, G McEwen, V Metcalfe, C Pond and Mrs J H Whitehouse

District Councillors:

Councillors R Bassett, K Chana, T Church, P Keska, Mrs J Lea, L Leonard and Ms S Watson

Other Councillors: Councillors G Waller

Apologies: County Councillor Mrs E Webster

Officers Present: J Simmons (Highways Liaison Officer, ECC), D Sprunt (Principal Transportation Co-Ordinator - ECC), K Durrani (Assistant Director (Technical)), S G Hill (Senior Democratic Services Officer), M Jenkins (Democratic Services Assistant) and J Leither (Democratic Services Assistant)

19. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no substitutions made for this meeting.

20. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2012 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

(a) Minute Item 14 (a) Priority Schemes for 2012/13. Item (ix) regarding Item 35 of the Historic Scheme List, Coopersale Common should be "Agreed;"

(b) Minute Item 14 (a) Priority Schemes for 2012/13. Item (xiv) regarding Thornwood, Woodside/Duck Lane – towards North Weald should be "Agreed;"

(c) Minute Item 14 (a) Priority Schemes for 2012/13. Item (xvi) regarding A121 should be "Agreed;"

(d) Minute Item 14 (a) Priority Schemes for 2012/13. Item (xxi) Pearls Lane Service Road, should say "Pyrls Lane" instead of "Pearls Lane;" and

(e) Minute Item 14 (a) Priority Schemes for 2012/13. Item (xxii) should say "30mph, and 20 mph."

21. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman suggested that the quorum for this meeting should be three members from the County Council and three members from the District Council. The panel agreed.

RESOLVED:

That the quorum for the Local Highways Panel shall be three members each from the County Council and the District Council.

22. SCHEME PROGRAMME

The Panel received reports from each County Division present, with District colleagues, as follows:

(a) Scheme List 2012/13 Version 3

(i) Loughton Central

Item 6 (IT360) A1168, Rectory Lane/Westall Road, Loughton

Junction improvement

Decision: Currently greyed out on scheme list. County officers needed an indication of costs.

(ii) Loughton South

Item 1 Brook Road, Buckhurst Hill

Creation of footpath at Buckhurst Hill end of Brook Road, to link with existing footpath.

Decision: Deleted

(iii) Waltham Abbey North East

Item 2 (IT351) A121, Highbridge Street/B194 Beaulieu Drive, Waltham Abbey

Junction improvement.

Decision: Feasibility study

(iv) Buckhurst Hill West

Item 11 (IT362) Lower Queens Road, Buckhurst Hill

Speed Humps, outside school.

Decision: Deleted

(v) Lower Nazeing

Item 7 (IT390) Quaker Lane/A112 Sewardstone Road, Waltham Abbey

Junction improvement.

Decision: Deleted

(vi) Epping Lindsey and Thornwood Common

Item 71 Station Road, Epping

Signal controlled crossing/pedestrian refuge

Decision: Deleted

(vii) Loughton Central

Item 15 Oakwood Hill, junction with Chigwell Lane, Loughton

Scheme for junction protection

Decision: Agreed

Installation of timber bollards, and additional planting, trees and bulbs to create an attractive avenue (linked to Item 15 above).

Decision: To reserve list

Item 41 Queens Road, Loughton

Speed humps.

Decision: To reserve list

Item 57 Chester Road, Loughton

Chicanes and pedestrian crossing

Decision: To reserve list

Item 72 Rectory Lane, Loughton

Pedestrian refuge (part of scheme vi) deleted as separate scheme

Decision: To reserve list

(viii) Loughton South

Item 17 Roding Road, Loughton

Rephasing of traffic lights and additional lining to enable a left and right filter lane at the lights. Changing parking restrictions to allow additional lane of traffic.

Decision: Deleted

Item 24 Westbury Road, Buckhurst Hill

Build outs

Decision: Deleted

Item 33 Buckhurst Way, Buckhurst Hill

Pedestrian refuge

Decision: Deleted

Item 43 Forest Edge, Buckhurst Hill

Convert single yellow line along forest stretch to double yellow line, as congested parking at weekends when hall is hired out.

Decision: Deleted (Referred to the North Essex Parking Partnership)

Item 44 Brook Road, Buckhurst Hill

Pedestrian facilities at signal junction

Decision: Deleted

Item 56 (IT387) Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill

Speed humps requested.

Decision: Deleted

Item 63 A121 High Road, Loughton

Signal controlled crossing.

Decision: Deleted

Item 89 Amberley Road, Buckhurst Hill

Potential junction alterations and one-way traffic order.

Decision: Deleted

(ix) Greensted and Marden Ash

Item 116 Greensted Road, Chipping Ongar

Vehicle activated sign/speed reduction.

Decision: Deleted

Item 117 B184 Fyfield Road

Parking restrictions adjacent pedestrian crossing.

Decision: Deleted

(x) Waltham Abbey North East

Item 77 Honey Lane, Waltham Abbey

Pedestrian crossing.

Decision: Agreed to retain on the list.

(xi) Ongar and Rural

Item 21 Ongar Road, Lambourne

VAS

Decision: Delete

Item 22 B184 Fyfield

Two VAS either end of 30mph zone.

Decision: Agreed to retain on the list

Item 26 Toot Hill Road, junction with Mill Lane, Toot Hill

Kerb the Bennett island. Landscape either flowerbed or flower tubs, to clean up eyesore, stop obtrusive parking and create a focal point.

Decision: Delete

Item 27 Toot Hill Road/Epping Road/School Lane, Toot Hill

Gateways at Toot Hill – 6. One pair on Epping Road, one pair on School Road and one pair on Toot Hill Road. Could be decorative and would slow traffic as they were made aware they were entering a village area.

Decision: Delete

Item 31 Little Laver Road adj Threeways property, Moreton, Bobbingworth and The Lavers

Installation of kerbing to control and divert across water.

Decision: Agreed - Retain on the list

Scheme 33 Buckhurst Way, Buckhurst Hill

Pedestrian refuge.

Decision: Delete

Scheme 49 A414 junction with Rookery Road, Norton Heath

Dedicated right turn lane.

Decision: Delete

Scheme 55 (IT371) Great Lawn, Ongar

Zig zag lines.

Decision: Delete

Scheme 60 Hoe Lane, Lambourne

Weight restriction.

Decision: Delete

Scheme 61 Market Place, Abridge

Junction improvements.

Decision: Delete

Scheme 62 A113 junction with Church Road, Passingford, Stanford Rivers

Mini roundabout on A113 Stanford Rivers at junction with Church Road.

Decision: Delete

Scheme 84 B172, Abridge Road, Abridge

Priority working over bridge.

Decision: Delete

Scheme 88 B172, Abridge and Stapleford Abbots

Removal of weight restriction.

Freight Management Strategy

Decision: Agreed – retain on the list

Scheme 91 Near primary school, Stapleford Abbots
Pedestrian crossing.

Decision: Delete

Scheme 94 The Street, High Ongar

Parish gateway signs (entering from East).

Decision: Agreed – retain on the list

Scheme 95 Manor Road, Lambourne End

Slow signs

Decision: Delete

(xii) Buckhurst Hill & Loughton South

Scheme 56 Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill

Speed hump request.

Decision: To reserve list

School Crossing Patrol Sites

(xiii) Epping Hemnall

Scheme 2 10412 Ivy Chimneys Primary School

Parking restrictions at site to prevent parking on site and in immediate vicinity.

Decision: Agreed – retain on the list

(xiv) Buckhurst Hill and Loughton South

Scheme 90 Oak Lodge/Grange Hill, Chigwell (incorrectly entered on the Scheme List as Loughton)

Traffic calming.

Decision: Agreed – retain on the list

(xv) Loughton Central

Item 4 Buckhurst Hill 10418 St John's CE Primary School, Church Road, Buckhurst Hill

Measures to prevent parking close to site on footway

Decision: To reserve list

(xvi) Epping Hemnall

Item 8 Epping Junior School, St. John's Road, Epping

Removal of two signs but retain sign posts 545 and 547.1

Decision: Agreed

Bus Stop/Route Improvements

(xvii) Loughton Central

Item 1 BS 150042018002. The Green, Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill

Installation of a new metal shelter, plus raised kerbs and dropped kerbs.

Decision: To reserve list

Item 2 BS1500BUCKPALM. The Green, Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill

Installation of a new metal shelter, plus raised kerbs and dropped kerbs.

Decision: To reserve list

23. PROGRAMME REQUESTS

The Committee received reports from each County Division present, with District colleagues, as follows:

(i) North Weald and Nazeing

Scheme 4 (IT358) B194 Nazeing New Road/North Street/Middle Street, Lower Nazeing

Junction improvement

Decision: Agreed

(ii) Lower Nazeing

Scheme 19 St. Leonard's Road, Nazeing

Village Gateway and repositioning of VAS

Decision: Agreed

(iii) North Weald and Nazeing

Scheme 93 Church Mead junction with High Street, Roydon

Junction improvement

Decision: Referred to the North Essex Parking Partnership.

(iv) Epping Hemnall

Scheme 28 Hemnall Street junction with Grove Lane, Epping Town

Installation of pedestrian crossing

Decision: County Council officers would look at this.

(v) Loughton Central

Scheme 98 Traps Hill/Alderton Hill/Borders Lane

Mini roundabout and pedestrian refuge islands

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 100 Debden Lane

Speed limits/bend priority scheme/Vehicle Activated Sign

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 97 Alderton Hall Lane

Pedestrian guard rails

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 99 Pyrles Lane Service Road

Speed/traffic reduction

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 36 Barrington Road junction with Doubleday Road, Loughton

Dropped kerb location x 2

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 37 Sandford Avenue junction with Westall Road, Loughton

Dropped kerb location x 2

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 38 Colebrook Lane, junction with Westall Road, Loughton

Dropped kerb location x 2

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 39 Harvey Gardens junction with Colebrook Lane, Loughton

Dropped kerb location x 2

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 40 Conveyers Way, junction with Colebrook Lane, Loughton

Dropped kerb location x 2

Decision: Agreed

(vi) Buckhurst Hill and Loughton South

Scheme 92 Farm Way/Forest Edge/Station Way, Buckhurst Hill

Traffic calming on Station Way/Farm Way, junction warning signs or VASs

Decision: Agreed to a Feasibility Study

Scheme 34 Roding Lane, Buckhurst Hill

Pedestrian facilities at signal junction

Decision: Agreed to a Feasibility Study

Scheme 53 Earls Path, Loughton

Traffic calming measures after road death

Decision: Agreed to signage

Scheme 48 Westbury Road/Palmerston Road/Buckhurst Hill

Review of all traffic measures put in place, advised that a police telephone number was also needed regarding a recent accident.

Decision: Agreed to a Feasibility Study

(vii) Waltham Abbey North East

Scheme 42 Roundhills, Waltham Abbey

Elderly crossing sign

Decision: Agreed to signage

Scheme 73 Crooked Mile, Waltham Abbey

Pedestrian refuge

Decision: Forwarded to County Council Cabinet Member

Scheme 64 Crooked Mile, North of Saxon Way and/or Crooked Mile, North of Monkswood Avenue, Waltham Abbey

Signal controlled crossing (s)

Decision: £5,000 feasibility study

(viii) Epping Lindsey and Thornwood Common

Scheme 14 (IT397) Epping High Street, Southern end

Congestion management

Decision: Look at in 2013/14

Scheme 35 Coopersale Common, Epping

Pedestrian refuge

Decision: Agreed

(ix) Ongar and Rural

Scheme 108 A113 Ongar Road, Abridge

Access to Hillmans Cottages

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 109 A113 Ongar Road, Abridge

Access to Stapleford Airfield

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 110 A113 London Road junction with Shonks Mill Road

Junction improvements

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 111 A113 Romford Road, Bridge Farm

Flooding at bridge

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 112 A113 London Road

Vehicles over taking within village

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 113 Bridge Road, Moreton

HGV restriction on bridge

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 114 Church Road, Moreton

Vehicle activated sign outside school

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 115 Pedlars End

New footway

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 118 A414 Chelmsford Road, High Ongar (adjacent 'Milestones')

Safety review

Decision: Agreed

Scheme 119 Mill Lane

Relocate not suitable for HGV's sign to Hallsford Bridge Road

Decision: Agreed

List Regarding Summary of Scheme Recommendations and Costs

(x) Loughton Central

Safety Scheme 23 Manor Road j/w Tomswood Road, Chigwell

One way system along Beech Lane, giving traffic flow from A104 to High Road

Decision: Agreed

Safety Scheme 24 Gravel Lane, Chigwell

Build outs

Decision: Agreed

Safety Scheme 26 Outside Patsalls, Pudding Lane, Chigwell

Kerb the Bennett island. Landscape either flowerbed or flower tubs, to clean up eyesore, stop obtrusive parking and create a focal point

Decision: Agreed (requested pre-winter)

Scheme (IT836) The Broadway, Loughton

Decision: Agreed

School Crossing Patrol Sites

(xi) Waltham Abbey North East

Scheme 7 10408 Upshire Primary School

Replace patrol plate with school plate close to school

Decision: Agreed

(xii) Loughton Central

Scheme 5 10404 Hereward Primary School

Parking restrictions opposite school to prevent parking on patrol site

Decision: Agreed

Vicarage Lane

Decision: Members advised officers that if the budget for this scheme came up at less than £30,000, then proceed.

(xiii) Loughton

Scheme 6 10407 Thomas Willingale Primary School

Extend school keep clear markings to bus stop

Decision: Agreed. No entry 7.30a.m. – 9.30p.m.

(xiv) Roydon

Scheme 3 10413 Roydon Primary School

Extend school keep clear markings

Decision: Look at in 2013/14

(xv) North Weald and Nazeing

Scheme 3 Minor Schemes List (IT353) B1393 High Road/Theydon Road, Epping

Extend school keep clear markings

Decision: Agreed

Bus Stops/Route Improvements

(xvi) Buckhurst Hill

Scheme 1 Bus Stop 150042018002, The Green, Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill

Installation of a new metal shelter, plus raised kerbs and dropped kerbs

Decision: Deleted

Scheme 2 Bus Stop 1500BUCKPALM, The Green, Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill

Installation of a new metal shelter, plus raised kerbs and dropped kerbs

Decision: Deleted

(xvii) Epping Hemnall

Scheme 3 Bus Stop 1500CPSALE1b, Coopersale Turn, Epping Road, Epping

Install new wooden bus shelter

Decision: Agreed

24. HIGHWAYS RANGERS

The Panel was advised that the Highways Rangers scheme was in operation. Officers said that enquiries, following analysis by technical officers were passed onto the appropriate Highways Engineer who then referred it to the Rangers.

Members asked about vegetation growing over footpaths and the health and safety implications for this. The Rangers could work safely from the verge, officers could serve notice on the landowner if they didn't comply.

25. WINTER SERVICE PREPARATIONS

Essex County Council was currently encouraging Parish/Town Councils to participate in the Salt Bag Partnership. Each Parish/Town Council within the Partnership was being given one ton of salt for use on important pavements.

Not many of the Parish/Town Councils took part in the scheme. It was reported that:

1. There were not enough storage facilities for the salt.
2. There were not enough salt bins. Parish/Town Councils that had them reported that most bins were unusable and in a state of disrepair.
3. There were difficulties in manning the scheme.

County Councillor J Knapman advised that Chigwell Parish Council has a scheme for converting grass cutting vehicles to clearing snow. He agreed to pass on details to the Panel Chairman for circulation to Members.

26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman advised that a member of the North Essex Parking Partnership would be present for the next Panel meeting. A guest would also be arranged to discuss the installation of Bus Shelters and explain how Section 106 worked in relation.

Councillor J Knapman suggested that a bigger pot should be created by the divisions for the larger schemes. He suggested that every division put in £20,000 of their budget and a priority list be created. County officers commented that other Panels do not split their budgets into divisions and schemes were prioritised.

27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for 1 November 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber.

CHAIRMAN