

EPHING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Local Highways Panel **Date:** Tuesday, 18 September 2012

Place: Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping **Time:** 7.00 - 8.50 pm

Members Present: **County Councillors:**

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

District Councillors:

Councillors R Bassett, K Chana, T Church, P Keska, L Leonard, A Mitchell MBE and Ms S Watson

Other Councillors: Councillors G Waller

Apologies: - Mrs J Lea

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

10. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

It was noted that Councillor Mrs A Mitchell was substituting for Councillor Mrs J Lea.

11. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2012 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

12. MATTERS ARISING

Members agreed to bring forward Item 6 of the agenda, Casualty Reduction Schemes, as the first item for discussion.

13. CASUALTY REDUCTION SCHEMES

The Panel agreed the following:

(1) Reference No 20 - Mount Road j/w Banks Lane

Junction re-alignment, signs and lines.

Decision: Agreed

(2) Reference No 21 – Claypit Hill

Add more 30mph road markings.

Decision: Agreed

(3) Reference No 22 – High Road j/w Forest Road

Parking enforcement, central island and ETP engagement.

Decision: Agreed

(4) Reference No 23 – Manor Road j/w Tomswood Road

The local members proposed that the scheme for a signalised junction should be dropped in favour of more modest improvements which had previously been discussed.

Decision: Agreed, allocate £30,000

(5) Reference 24 – Gravel Lane

Chevrons, vergemarkers and lines. Speed limit reduction (£3,000), possible resurfacing (£30,000)

Decision: Agreed

(6) Reference No 25 – Sewardstone Road j/w Quaker Lane

Increase intergreen timings and ETP engagement.

Decision: Agreed

(7) Reference No 26 – Outside Patsalls, Pudding Lane

Improve drainage, include Pudding Lane in winter gritting programme. Possible resurface.

Decision: Agreed

(8) Reference No 27 – A104 j/w Rangers Road

Refresh road markings, replace anti skid surfacing, replace missing signs clean and clear vegetation away from existing signs, clear vegetation and remove cattle sign to improve vision along A104 to the right.

Decision: County officers to carry out further analysis

14. DIVISIONAL PRIORITIES FOR SCHEMES

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

(a) Priority Schemes for 2012/13

(i) County Councillor Mrs E Webster, Waltham Abbey Paternoster

Place and Scheme - IT390 Quaker Lane/A112 Sewardstone Road – Junction improvement.

County officers advised that this scheme would need an allocation of £5,000.

Decision: County officers to report back to the Panel with further information

(ii) District Councillor Mrs S Watson, Buckhurst Hill West

Place and Scheme - Item 92 Scheme List 2012/13 Historic Scheme List Farm Way/Forest Edge/Station Way, Buckhurst Hill - Traffic calming on Station Way/Farm Way, junction warning signs.

The Panel requested a cost for a mini-roundabout.

Decision: County officers to report back to the Panel with further information.

(iii) District Councillor Mrs S Watson, Buckhurst Hill West

Place and Scheme - Item 34 Scheme 2012/13 Historic Scheme List - Roding Lane, Buckhurst Hill. Pedestrian facilities at signal junction. Possibility of pedestrian refuge.

Decision: County officers advised that this scheme needed a feasibility study

(iv) County Councillor Mrs V Metcalfe, Buckhurst Hill and Loughton South

Place - Loughton Way, Alfred Road. Safety problems.

Place and Scheme - Item 34 Roding Lane, Buckhurst Hill.

Decision: County officers advised that this scheme needed a feasibility study.

Pedestrian facilities at signal junction.

Decision: County officers said that they would speak to their Design Team.

County Councillor Mrs V Metcalfe said that resident's views should be put to officers.

County officers said that Items 34 and 92 would cost £5,000 and £2,000 respectively. They would know the cost after an analysis.

(v) County Councillor J Knapman, Chigwell Village

Place and Scheme - Item 10 IT836 – The Broadway, Loughton. Pedestrian guardrail at Thomas Willingale School.

(vi) County Councillor J Knapman, Chigwell, Loughton

Place and Scheme - Item 5 10404 School Crossing Patrol Sites. Hereward Primary School. Parking restrictions opposite school to prevent parking on patrol site.

Decision: Agreed

(vii) District Councillor R Bassett, Lower Nazeing

Junction in Nazeing. Should be marked.

(viii) District Councillor R Bassett, Lower Nazeing

Item 2 10412 School Crossing Patrol Sites

Ivy Chimneys Primary School - Parking restrictions at site to prevent parking on site and in immediate vicinity.

Decision: County officers said they would provide full response, details of works, school patrol scheme and circulate to members.

(ix) County Councillor Mrs J Whitehouse, Epping Hemnall

Item 35 Historic Scheme List. Coopersale Common (between Brickfield and Institute Roads, Epping). County Councillor Mrs J Whitehouse had a petition.

(x) Item 3 Bus Stop: 1500 CPSALE1b, Coopersale Turn. Bus Stop/Route Improvements.

Decision: Agreed

(xi) County Councillor Mrs J Whitehouse, Epping Hemnall

Epping High Road. Congestion problems. Requested report from County officers.

Decision: Agreed

(xii) District Councillor Tony Church, Epping Lindsay and Thornwood.

Bury Lane, Tower Road. St. John's Road.
District Councillor R Bassett agreed to pass on emails regarding this area.

Decision: County officers agreed to bring together further information.

(xiii) County Councillor Mrs J Whitehouse, Epping Hemnall

Item 28 – Hemnall Street j/w Grove Lane, Epping Town

Decision: County officers would provide more clarification on this.

(xiv) District Councillor T Church, Epping Lindsay and Thornwood.

Thornwood, Woodside/Duck Lane – towards North Weald. Used by lorries which were too wide, the speed limit of 40 mph was too fast and should be reduced to 30 mph. The road needed a crossover. County officers suggested that this would need a scheme validation process.

County Councillor A Jackson advised that a 7.5 ton limit was needed for Woodside Road.

(xv) District Councillor R Bassett, Lower Nazeing

Item 93 Church Mead junction with High Street, Roydon. Junction protection.

Decision: Approved

(xvi) County Councillor C Pond, Loughton Central

A121 – Alternative ways. £10,000

(3) Casualty reduction

(xvii) County Councillor C Pond, Loughton Central

Item 53 IT369 – Earls Path, Loughton. Traffic calming measures after road death.

Decision: County officers would speak to Highways colleagues.

(xviii) County Councillor C Pond, Loughton Central

Item 6 IT360 – A1168, Rectory Lane/Westall Road, Loughton.

Decision: Agreed

(xix) County Councillor C Pond, Loughton Central

Item 5 IT359 – A1168, Rectory Lane/Borders Lane, the Broadway, Loughton. Mentioned Langston Road, S106, no progress here.

Alderton Ward – safety rails/jockey rails

Alderton School – needs to be worked up.

(xx) County Councillor C Pond, Loughton Central

Item 75 – Alderton Hill, Loughton. Pedestrian refuge. Junction a problem, dangerous to pedestrians. The Town Council requested a mini roundabout.

Decision: Agreed

(xxi) County Councillor C Pond, Loughton Central

Pearls Lane Service Road – Excessive speed

(xxii) County Councillor C Pond, Loughton Central

Debden Lane – Avoid collisions, there was a sum in the budget for this. The County had issued a notice on speed limit policy. 30 mph all the way.

(xxiii) County Mrs E Webster, Waltham Abbey Paternoster

Item 73 – Crooked Mile (Harold Crescent), Waltham Abbey. Signal controlled crossing/pedestrian refuge.

Decision: Agreed

(xxiv) County Councillor G McEwen, Ongar and Rural shared with District Councillor P Keska.

Top priority for Ongar Division is A113 (Chigwell to Ongar), the most dangerous road in the Eastern Region. It had listed 5 danger sites needing attention in the Lambourne and Stanford Rivers parishes.

Speeding issues on A414 at High Ongar, notably motor cycle racing at weekends.

Stapleford Abbots long overdue scheme at primary school, currently in hand for Vas signs but did not include a pedestrian crossing.

Crossing on Love Lane, Ongar. This was an S106 scheme on a revised site.

County officers would circulate cost of mini-roundabout to members should be in the Toolkit.

(xxv) County Councillor C Pond, Loughton Central

Item 74 Pyrles Lane, Loughton pedestrian refuge. Should be subsumed into analysis for the forthcoming County nursery planning application.

Decision: Agreed

County officers asked for a list of schemes that members wished deleted, before the next meeting.

(b) Schemes no longer required

(i) District Councillor T Church, Epping Lindsay and Thornwood.

Item 8 – IT791, Hemnall Street. Island Re Design/Replacement.

District Councillor T Church requested this item was removed.

Decision: The Panel recommended removal of this scheme.

Officers had provided a comprehensive list of all outstanding issues for the district, running to 22 pages, and members were asked to check all of their local items and deleting any which were no longer relevant.

15. HIGHWAYS RANGERS

Essex County Council Highways advised the Panel that a new scheme had been introduced called the Highway Rangers. They would consist of two operatives in a vehicle tasked with carrying out minor ad hoc repair work to highways and footways. County Highways would advise District Councillors and Parish and Town Council clerks of this new service.

16. SCHEMES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR APPROVAL

The schemes outlined under Items 5 and 6 would be submitted to the Essex County Council Highways Portfolio Holder.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Panel agreed a further meeting on 1 November 2012 at 7.00p.m. to ensure that budget allocations could be completed before the deadline, after which it was

intended to reduce the frequency of these meetings. A presentation from the Parking Partnership could be arranged for this meeting.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for 2 October 2012 at 7.00p.m. in Committee Room 2.

CHAIRMAN