



Minutes of Reydon Parish Council Highways Committee Meeting held on Thursday 30th October 2025 at 2.30 pm. The Meeting was held at 60 Halesworth Road.

Present: Cllr David Panther (Chair), Brian Bailey, Michael Ladd, Jo Kerridge, Charles Harrison
Clerk: Ann Dobson

David welcomed everyone to the Meeting, especially Charles Harrison, the new liaison from Suffolk Highways.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Pam Cyprien who was unwell.

2 Matters arising from previous Minutes not included on the Agenda.

There were no matters arising.

3 Potters Bridge - Any Update

There was nothing new to report. Michael said that there had been flooding again and David said that it had breached the Broad several weeks ago. Michael and Jo said a SCC inspection would take place before the end of the financial year but this was likely to be a top inspection only rather than a full inspection, due to budget cuts.

4 Copperwheat Development – Any Update, including traffic calming

David said that Robert Yates had attended the Parish Council Meeting last week as he was concerned about how the heavy goods vehicles would access the development, ie, either from The Crescents or Copperwheat Avenue and he was also especially concerned about the traffic calming measures that would mean huge lorries slowing down and revving up outside his property. It was noted that a meeting had taken place last Monday between Joe Blackmore at ESC Planning and Sally Bungard at SCC Highways, and Mr Yates had been told he would receive an update following that meeting. Ann had emailed Joe to ask for an update but so far had not received a reply. Jo and Charles said they would follow up too.

ACTION: Jo and Charles to follow up and report back.

5 Re-application for 40 mph limit on A1095.

Jo said that she had spoken with Keith Sampson and he didn't seem to think there was enough new evidence to re-visit this at the moment and it was decided to put this on hold until the anaerobic digester was working and a traffic survey could take place to see how much extra traffic was being generated compared to when the previous survey was undertaken. This item to go back on the Agenda for the February Meeting in 2026.

6 **Reclassification of B1127**

This had been investigated and it was decided there was no point in pursuing any further.

7 **Measures requiring attention as a result of the Section 3 road safety audit relating to the St George's Place Development (Hill Ltd), plus Zebra crossing on Halesworth Road.**

David asked Jo and Charles what the measures were that required attention in this audit. They were not sure and said they would look in to it and report back.

ACTION: Jo and Charles to investigate what was recommended in the audit.

With regard to a possible Zebra crossing, Jo said the first step would be a feasibility report which would cost in the region of £7,000 to be funded by RPC. Only if that report showed that it was feasible to install the Zebra crossing would it go ahead. David said that it could mean that RPC would be paying for the report with the money wasted if SCC advised that a crossing would not be feasible. Even if they said it was, the crossing itself would cost in the region of £70,000-£100,000 again funded by RPC, so the conclusion of the Committee was that this would not be pursued at the present time.

Brian thanked Jo for getting the area by the tactile paving cleared but said it was filling up again. Jo said that Inspectors were going out to look at it and they would report back to Michael.

8 **Speeding enforcement on Lowestoft Road**

David said that when he had revisited the speed survey the 85% percentile showed 35 mph in and 39 mph out along the Lowestoft Road and he felt this was worth following up to see if a road safety van could be deployed there. Jo said it was certainly worth asking.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up with Road Safety Team.

9 **Hedges/Trees on the Lowestoft Road – Update**

Jo said that the Enforcement Team were taking this forward. They had inspected and the area that specifically needed attention by Cox's Lane was ESC land so an advisory letter had already been sent and this would be followed up if no action was taken. Michael said that there had been a 'Kill your Speed' sign visible on the road but this was now covered in vegetation. He said that if this could either be rescued or a new sign put up, he could finance this from his SCC budget.

ACTION: Jo and Charles to check this out and report back to Michael.

10 **By Law request by Patrick Huggins**

David explained that Patrick Huggins had asked for a new by-law to keep footpaths clear. David said that in fact there was already a PROW by-law in place and the Parish Council did not have the power or capacity to do anything different to this and he felt it was unnecessary in any event. The other Committee members agreed.

ACTION: Ann to respond to Patrick Huggins.

11 **Parking at Reydon Primary School**

There had been a complaint letter to Michael Ladd about inconsiderate parking by the Primary School and David said that he and Linda had gone along a couple of weeks ago to observe. On that particular day they could not see anything untoward apart from one person parking briefly on a double yellow line, but there were road closures in place so they felt it was not the best day to have chosen. He said they intended to go back again after half term and if there was a problem this would need to be followed up again directly with the new Head Teacher.

12 **Any other business**

Brian said that there was an active Speedwatch team in Wrentham and Wangford and it was thought a shame that Reydon didn't have one any more. This had been explored fairly recently but it was agreed to add to the Annual Parish Meeting next April to see if anyone was interested in volunteering to get this set up again.

David thanked Jo once again for all her support during her time working with the RPC Highways Committee.

13 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting was set for Thursday 4th December at 2.30 pm at 60 Halesworth Road