

Reydon Parish Council Highways Working Group

Meeting notes April 2024

Apologies: Dexter Kirk

Present: David Panther (RPC) Pamela Cyprien (RPC) Brian Bailey (Community Volunteer), Wayne Saunders (SCC Community Liaison Engineer), Michael Ladd (SCC Ward Councillor)

Progress with Quay Lane : Quay Lane is now cleared. The silt remaining on the road has been cleared to the sides. The drain is now exposed. Further work is to be undertaken to clear the drains and improve the efficiency of drainage. WS reported that the drain appears to be connected to a pumping station. The engineers that cleared the silt and slurry from the roadway reported a very strong smell of pigs. There are strong indications that run-off of slurry from the pig fields is the cause of flooding due to blocked drains.

Potters Bridge: The drainage grips are to be dug on 03 April 2024. WS has cautioned that although this work shall aid drainage from the roadway when the water level in the marsh is below the roadway, when the water level in the marsh comes above the level of the road they shall also provide a channel for the water to flow onto the road surface. The structural inspection is still being planned. WS to check with the Transport Strategy Team whether the expected letter to our MP Therese Coffey has been sent, and if so to provide a copy to the Highways Group for use as a source of feedback to interested community groups.

40 mph speed limit on A1095: The report in which the proposed new speed limit was declined suggested low-cost speed reduction measures instead. WS shall investigate such as junction warning signs. Consideration could also be given to signs warning of the presence of pedestrians and cyclists on the highway. Part of the funds for these could also usefully be invested in extending the double white lines along the A1095 in the vicinity of the new access for the St Felix Development.

Progress with additional parking restrictions in Nightingale Avenue: It is believed that the statutory consultation has been concluded without any difficulties. The project is to proceed. WS to check on progress and email RPC with an update.

Speeding on Wangford Road: There are no funds available for a further speed survey. The PC could fund a survey for a cost IRO £500. Alternatively, the PC could apply for a new SID pole in the area causing concern. This would cost less than £200. This would allow the periodic deployment of one of the existing SIDs in the area causing concern. WS to send link to the website for the PC to complete an application form for a new SID pole. Once the application is submitted a suitable location could be sought.

It is acknowledged that RPC are not fully exploiting the SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) that are deployed within the parish. Most of these devices record traffic volume and speed data. These data can be downloaded and used for analysis, negating the need for alternative surveys and hence saving the expense. Chair of the Highways working group shall ask the clerk to contact other councils (e.g. Wrentham) to ask whether they may be able to help access the Reydon data.

Access to the Copperwheat development for construction vehicles: There was extended discussion about community and PC concerns as to how access and egress of construction vehicles for the development site is to be managed. Concerns are related to safety, disturbance, and disruption to travel. ML shall contact the Highways Portfolio Holder, Cllr Richard Smith, to ask about the SCC Highways role in terms of how the construction traffic is to be managed as the development proceeds.

There was also general discussion of concerns relating to the role of SCC Highways as a statutory consultee in the planning process. Concerns were expressed as to how cumulative impacts of multiple developments on road capacity are assessed and addressed. Concerns were also expressed relating to the lack of influence local knowledge on the appropriateness and safety of the design of access routes for new developments. ML and WS are to investigate the availability of the portfolio holder and/or an officer from the transport planning team to appraise Parish Councillors of the

roles and procedures of the SCC Highways Authority as statutory consultees in the planning process, especially with regard to the Copperwheat Development.

Traffic calming measures on Halesworth Road in anticipation of the new access for St Felix development: Concerns were again expressed regarding the safety of the new access from Halesworth Road into the new development on the St Felix School Playing Field. WS was asked to arrange for the double white lines to be extended eastward beyond the Keens Lane junction. This could be included as one of the low cost measures in lieu of the proposed 40mph limit (above).

Any other business: Once more concerns were expressed regarding road capacity if the LionLink proposal were to proceed with landfall north of Southwold Pier.

RPC expressed their gratitude to Michael Ladd and Wayne Saunders for their much-appreciated help and support on numerous projects over the last year.

Date of next meeting: 14 May 2024, 2:30, venue tba.