



Minutes of Reydon Parish Council Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 2.30 pm. The Meeting was held at 60 Halesworth Road.

Present: Cllr David Panther, Cllr Pam Cyprien, Brian Bailey, Wayne Saunders, Michael Ladd.

Clerk: Ann Dobson

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Dexter Kirk.

**2 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings and not included on Agenda**

There were no matters arising.

**3 Quay Lane Update**

Cllr David Panther said that he had walked down Quay Lane recently and the water was running freely down the drain, so he was pleased to see that, for now at least, all was well. It was agreed, however, that a close eye would need to be kept on any effluent from the farm. It was also suggested that Orbit should be approached when the construction traffic started using the route to see if they would pay for keeping the drains clear at the same time as their building sweeps.

**4 Potters Bridge – progress with multi-agency plans and highways works**

Wayne Saunders confirmed that the grips had been dug. He said that the landowner was not co-operating again though which was giving cause for concern.

**5 A1095 low cost measures in lieu of a new speed limit as advised by the January Report**

It was reported that there were no Suffolk County Council funds available for this.

**6 Progress with additional parking restrictions in Nightingale Avenue**

It was reported by Wayne Saunders that this was going ahead and would definitely be happening.

**7 Possible new SID locations, Wangford Road (see maps and satellite images circulated with meeting papers)**

Cllr David Panther said that he had walked the road with a local resident looking at suitable sites for new SID Poles. This resident had said that she may be able to help to rotate the SIDs. Cllr Panther said that if she could help with this, he may ask whether she and her husband would also be able to help download traffic data from the one SID that offered that facility. This would help the Parish Council to make more effective use of the technology. They had identified two possible SID locations.

**8 Update to access to the Copperwheat development for construction vehicles, including SCC Highways role in terms of how the construction traffic was to be managed as the development proceeds**

This topic was considered the most important discussion point for the meeting in light of recent events, ie, the Construction Traffic Management Plan received from East Suffolk Council Planning.

Councillor David Panther said that Reydon Parish Council had met with the developers before the last Council Meeting and had raised the concerns of residents as well as Parish Councillors on the access routes being planned to and from the site. At the Meeting the developers had said there could be 10 vehicles a day on average and that may mean a lot less some days and a lot more on other days. One of the chosen routes, Mardle Road, was a designated Quiet Lane so that was considered inappropriate. He said that as the developers had been told going through Wangford Village was not acceptable they had tried to come up with the best alternatives. It was generally felt that this being a Reserved Matter after Outline Planning Permission had been granted meant that in reality changes were limited.

Wayne Saunders said he had spoken with Luke at Suffolk Highways, about the chain of events as Cllr David Panther said it seemed as though Suffolk County Council felt it was nothing to do with them. Wayne said that apparently the application went in, Suffolk Highways were consulted and they asked East Suffolk Council to obtain a specific HGV plan. East Suffolk Council had not requested the plan and it was just last week that the developers came back with the proposed plan for construction traffic. Now that the plan had appeared Wayne said that Luke had questions he wanted answered such as why shouldn't the traffic go through Wangford, and the lack of passing places on the chosen routes.

The idea of an unofficial one-way system for Quay Lane and Mardle Road was discussed – there was not the budget to make this official but the company would be expected to put signs up to show the construction vehicles which road to take.

As an alternative to this, the possibility of a temporary road being constructed was also discussed. Wayne said this was just not feasible as, even if it could happen, the developers would need to pay for the road and their budget would not allow for such expense which would run in to millions of pounds.

Cllr David Panther asked if the timings could be limited to certain hours of the day for the HGVs to come and go, so that local people could be advised of the times and avoid Quay Lane and Mardle Road during those times. Wayne said this was definitely a possibility but this along with the chosen access routes would depend a lot in reality on where the deliveries were coming from, ie, lorries from Ipswich would likely use the A1095 and lorries from Lowestoft would likely use the Wangford way.

Cllr David Panther then asked about the possibility of smaller lorries being used but this would have an environmental impact which would not be looked on favourably.

In the end it was decided that a one-way route and timed deliveries were the best that could be hoped for. If the one-way route had to be unofficial then Wayne said that it would be good if the Parish Council could promote on Social Media and in the Reydon Robin when the time came for it to be operational.

**9 Progress with the new access road for the St Felix development including traffic calming measures on Halesworth Road**

It was noted that if low-cost measures were not available further up the A1095 (Halesworth Road) as there was no budget for them, then traffic calming would not be possible at the new access from Halesworth Road into the new development on the St Felix School Playing Field. It had been hoped that the double white lines could be extended eastwards beyond the Keens Lane junction but Wayne Saunders said there would need to be significant evidence that this was a problem before any money would be spent by the Council to make this happen.

**10 Any Other Business**

**Children Playing**

It was reported that one of the other Councillors had asked if a 'Danger Children Playing' sign could be placed at the Mount Pleasant/Harrisons Green area, where children play at the park. Wayne Saunders said this would cost approximately £1,200 per post and sign and he could meet Cllr David Panther on site to see if this was possible.

**Lowestoft Road**

Cllr Michael Ladd reported that the Payback Team were being asked to return to the Lowestoft Road to finish off the job they had started and Michael said he was chasing this.

**11 Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting should be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30 pm.