



Minutes of Reydon Parish Council Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 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 Recent Flooding, July 24

It was noted that Quay Lane had flooded again recently. Wayne said that it was being cleared but what was needed was to know whether this was being caused purely by silt or by the system itself. The hope was that it was just the silt which would be easier to deal with periodically. He was waiting on a report on the findings and this would then be passed back to RPC Highways Committee. It was agreed that a long-term solution would still have to be sought though.

4 Potters Bridge – progress with multi-agency plans and highways works. Progress with structural inspection

With regard to Potters Bridge, Cllr Panther asked if the promised structural inspection would still be taking place this year and Wayne said that as far as he knew it would be.

Cllr Ladd said that he would be attending the Scrutiny Meeting next week which was focussing on the state of Suffolk's roads and then later in the year a further meeting was being held on flooding and drainage systems. He said he would report back after the first of these meetings.

Cllr Panther said that residents were still concerned that Potters Bridge would be abandoned and that there was still a need to reassure the community that there were no plans to permanently close this road. Due to the position of the bridge relative to sea level it was, however, inevitable that the road would be periodically closed due to flooding.

Cllr Ladd said that he felt that with the measures being put in place things would be better than previously thought.

It was not known whether the electronic signs proposed by Cllr Beavan at either end of the road would be going ahead.

5 Progress with additional parking restrictions in Nightingale Avenue

Cllr Ladd said he had received an email yesterday asking for a support statement for the new parking restrictions and he replied to this straight away and it would be going ahead. Wayne said that realistically it could take between 9 and 18 months for this to actually happen.

6 Possible new SID locations, Wangford Road. Response from Community Speed & Safety Engineer

Cllr Panther reported that the response to the siting of a possible two new SID poles had not been received favourably by the Community & Safety Engineer at Suffolk County Council who had reservations with both sites. Cllr Panther said he would take another walk to investigate possible alternative sites. A member of the community would be invited to accompany him. He intended to appeal against the decision. Wayne suggested that other examples of similar situations would be good, but said that he would also speak with the Community & Safety Engineer himself. Wayne did also say that a Speed Survey could be requested as this would then give actual stats and it was possible that there was a perception of speeding when it wasn't happening that often. The cost for this was greater than that of installing SID poles so if a satisfactory location could be found it could be a better value option.

It was decided that the response from the Community & Safety Engineer would be challenged, another possible location would be sought and a speed survey would be considered.

7 Update on Copperwheat Development Construction Management Plan

It was reported that due to a lot of pressure from residents, a local landowner had been approached by the Parish Council with regard to leasing a strip of land to the developers for a temporary road. This had, however, been immediately vetoed by East Suffolk Planning as it would involve more major planning applications and significant cost, even if it could happen.

Everyone was now awaiting a further proposal on the Construction Management Issue.

8 Query regarding parking for the dental surgery for patients with limited mobility following revisions to parking restrictions in Nightingale Avenue

Cllr Panther said that the Dental Surgery were concerned that the extra parking restrictions would make it difficult for their less mobile patients to park but it was agreed that as this was a private business they would need to look into this themselves and anyway, in reality, only two parking spaces would be lost.

9 Street Lights

Brian said there were a number of lights in the Halesworth Road that had not been upgraded to LED - some had and some hadn't – and some were even tied up with tape.

Some lights were owned by Suffolk County Council and others were owned by East Suffolk Council. Wayne said that although they dealt with the maintenance of all lights, East Suffolk were responsible for replacing lights that were in their ownership. In order to determine ownership of lights Reydon Parish Council should contact Suffolk County Council to ask for a list of street lights owned by Suffolk County Council. When the list was obtained, Reydon

Parish Council would be able to identify those owned by East Suffolk Council by a process of elimination.

The trees close to the new St Felix development were now engulfed by the Holm Oaks. They needed trimming back and it was not known if this would be Suffolk County Council or Hills Development.

ACTION: Clerk to report the street lights on the Suffolk Report It Tool. Clerk to also contact SCC Highways to ask for a list of street lights in the Parish of Reydon that are owned by Suffolk County Council.

10 Any Other Business

Re the A1095, as things were changing, it was considered that it might be worth re-submitting an application for the 40mph limit on the Halesworth Road and, as a first step, the Clerk was asked to ask the Maize Maze for their visitor numbers. It was thought it would also be of benefit to them to have the speed reduced so that people could read their signage.

ACTION: Clerk to approach the owners of Maize Maze to see if they had stats.

Cllr Ladd said he had been told that he had been approached by Cadent regarding a site for toilets etc for a long-term gas project taking place in Reydon and he asked if anyone knew about this project. No-one present did, so the Clerk was asked to investigate and report back as this could potentially cause a lot of disruption in the village. Cllr Ladd said he would also speak with his contact to see what else he could find out.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Cadent to see what was planned.

Cllr Cyprien asked Wayne if he would it would be possible to have more signage for the St Felix development indicating access but Wayne said that SCC wouldn't do this as it was a private development and without data to prove it wasn't working as it was, this wouldn't normally be considered.

11 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 60 Halesworth Road.