



Minutes of Reydon Parish Council Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 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

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings and not included on Agenda

The issue of street lighting was raised. Ann said that she had reported the lighting and the overhanging trees on the Halesworth Road to Suffolk County Council and had an acknowledgement but it seemed nothing had happened so far. Wayne said he would investigate and see how far this had got.

ACTION: Wayne to investigate.

With regard to the continuation of white lines along the Halesworth Road, Cllr David Panther said that at the recent Cadent Meeting it was mentioned that part of the Halesworth Road was to be resurfaced after the gas work had taken place and he wondered whether the white lines would be reviewed then. It was agreed that this, along with the continuation of the St Felix development, meant that it might be best to wait and see and monitor the situation.

3 Quay Lane Update including possible contact with Landowner

It was reported that Quay Lane had flooded again two weeks ago but it had cleared. Wayne said that the Drainage Team were being asked to make sure the silt on all the banks was taken away. Cllr David Panther said that Cllr Kalvyn Friend had spoken with the landowner and he had in turn spoken with the pig farmer tenant. The landowner had agreed to speak to the tenant about reducing the flow of rainwater and silt onto Quay Lane.

4 Potters Bridge Update

Cllr David Panther asked Wayne again if the promised structural inspection would still be taking place this year and Wayne said that he had checked and was told it would.

5 Progress with additional parking restrictions in Nightingale Avenue

Wayne reported that there was a Council meeting in the middle of September and that this should be officially signed off at this meeting to go ahead.

6 Resident request for dropped kerb at the surgery end of Jubilee Green pathway to aid mobility scooter users to get to the surgery safely without trying to manoeuvre the dropped kerbs at the Nightingale Avenue junction with traffic turning in from two directions and out from the surgery.

This had been looked at by Highways and a Councillor prior to the meeting and it was felt that the best plan, if this dropped kerb was needed, would be to put a crossing in a little further up from the pathway, ie, turning left out of the pathway and going along a little way. This would need to be funded by the Parish Council but could possibly come from CIL money. Before going ahead, however, it was decided that some idea of how many people would use it would need to be established.

ACTION: Ann to send email to Wayne and Cllr Michael Ladd and also to contact the resident and see if she can get some indication from friends and colleagues in the village of whether they would use this if installed.

7 Possible new SID pole locations, Wangford Road

Cllr Panther said that although he had dropped the School Lane site, he had sent in a further email to Keith Sampson regarding the other site which was on a straight part of the Wangford Road. He said that he had included pictures of other similar sites that had been allowed and was waiting to hear. Wayne said he would speak with Keith too.

ACTION: Wayne to speak with Keith Sampson to expedite a decision.

8 Update on Construction Traffic Management Plan for Copperwheat Development

Cllr Pam Cyprien reported that she had received communication from Joe Blackmore in response to an enquiry regarding CIL management, saying that Orbit were still looking to progress their application but there was a lot of work to do on the Construction Traffic Management Plan in response to feedback from the public. He also indicated that there was not likely to be much progress in furthering the application until the latter part of this year at the earliest. Cllr Michael Ladd said he would be following this up.

9 Discussion on business advertising signs on highways

There had been a Parish Council decision some time ago to prevent businesses advertising on the pathways in the village. Only charity signs were allowed and these were always for a finite amount of time. Currently a few businesses had been contacted and asked to remove their signs. It was decided not to pursue this officially at this time but to monitor the situation.

10 Keens Lane and bridleway proposal

An email from a concerned resident had been circulated prior to the Meeting as he had discovered Orbit were planning to make Keens Lane into a bridleway. He expressed concern that horses would frequently use the lane alongside other members of the public and that this could prove dangerous. Turning Keens Lane into a bridleway would be principally so that cyclists could use it. It was a designated public footpath so cycling was currently prohibited. Cllr David Panther who has equine experience explained that there would be no reason for horses to use this route at all as there were plenty of other more suitable routes in and around the village. and if a horse was in a horsebox from the livery it would be far more likely to go in the direction of open countryside rather than down Kings Keens Lane. It

would be most unlikely that horse riders would use Keens Lane as it does not connect with known routes used by horse riders. The equine facility at St Felix School had been disused for several years. However, everyone acknowledged the resident's concerns and the notes would be passed to the local planning authority and the Public Rights of Way Officer. It was reported that the resident had also contacted Orbit himself.

ACTION: Ann to go back to the resident and also to send the notes to the Planning Department and Public Rights of Way Officer at the Council.

11 Any Other Business

Ann said that she had contacted Old Hall Farm for their visitor numbers and was currently awaiting these with regard to making a case for re-consideration of the 40mph limit on the A1095, Halesworth Road. Old Hall were in favour of this happening so Ann said she would chase and also ask for a calendar of events for this year and the future. This item could then be discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION: Ann to chase.

12 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Tuesday 22nd October 2024 at 60 Halesworth Road at 2.30 pm.