



Minutes of Reydon Parish Council Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 2.30 pm. The Meeting was held at 60 Halesworth Road.

Present: Cllr David Panther (Chair), Cllr Pam Cyprien, Cllr Linda Coe, Brian Bailey, Jo Kerridge (Suffolk Highways).

Clerk: Ann Dobson

1 Apologies for Absence and Welcome

Cllr Michael Ladd sent his apologies as he was at a Cabinet Meeting.

Cllr Panther welcomed Jo Kerridge from Suffolk Highways and Cllr Linda Coe who had joined the Committee.

2 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings and not included on Agenda

To bring Jo up to date, the issue of street lighting was raised along with the overhanging trees which Cllr Pam Cyprien said was affecting telephone wires.

ACTION: Jo Kerridge said she would look into this.

With regard to the continuation of white lines along the Halesworth Road, it had previously been mentioned that as part of the Halesworth Road was to be resurfaced after the gas works had taken place, the white lines could possibly be reviewed and extended but so far this hadn't happened.

3 Quay Lane Update – pictures circulated

With regard to the recent flooding, Jo reported that there was a process in place to get the silt cleared from the verges but that the road was currently still closed. Cllr Panther said that it had been closed for three months last year which had caused great frustration in the community and that the silt would need to be cleared before the really wet season set in. He went on to say that pictures had been circulated that had been taken by one of the Councillors. It was believed that these showed the inoperative outflow of the Quay Lane drain. Jo explained that the outflow from that drain was actually located within the Anglia Water pumping station compound to the west of Quay Lane. The recent contractor's report stated that the system was working. Once the accumulated silt was removed and the gully cleared, the system should drain effectively.

Jo said she was getting more information on all this and that an order was being prepared. She was currently waiting on stats. Cllr Panther asked if there was a timescale and Jo said she would come back to the Council with an update.

ACTION: Jo Kerridge to report back to the Council when she had more information on dates etc.

4 Potters Bridge Update

Cllr Panther gave Jo an overview on what had been happening recently at Potters Bridge and the flooding and frequent road closures there. He explained the challenges with the landowner and the Environment Agency. He said that the local residents had signed a petition and there had been meetings with the previous and current MP to discuss it all. He went on to say that Suffolk Highways had assured the Council that a full structural inspection would be taking place this year to see what to do next, but so far this had not happened and it was now November.

Jo said she would check up on this and report back. Cllr Panther said they were meeting with the current MP on 15th November so anything she could send before that date would be much appreciated.

ACTION: Jo Kerridge to check out the situation with the structural inspection and report back.

5 Progress on new SID pole, Wangford Road

Cllr Panther said that this had been agreed some time ago but nothing had happened since. He asked Ann to check to make sure this had been ordered and whether there was a date for delivery.

ACTION: Ann Dobson to check with Keith Sampson and report back.

6 Progress with additional parking restrictions in Nightingale Avenue

Cllr Panther said that this was more urgent now as a small housing development was starting in the area and the health centre was going to be in greater demand, especially with dentists moving in. This had all been approved over a year ago but still hadn't happened and as time had gone on this route was being used more and more as a 'rat-run'. Jo said she would get a timescale for this to be done.

ACTION: Jo Kerridge to get a timescale for the work to be carried out and report back.

7 Old Hall Visitor Stats

Cllr Panther explained to Jo that the reason this had been included was because of an application previously for a 40mph limit to be in place from just before Wolsey Bridge up to the 30mph limit started near St Felix being turned down with no appeals process in place. The plan was to re-apply at some point soon but to do this and be successful meant getting more evidence of it being necessary. The Old Hall Visitor Stats had shown a huge amount of traffic using this road to go there especially during school holidays and the owners of Old Hall were very keen for it to happen as well as the Council. It had been decided, however, to wait until the permission had gone through for the Anaerobic Digester to be installed at Adnams which would mean more lorries, and then re-apply.

8 Puddle outside Number 70 Halesworth Road

Cllr Cyprien explained that since the new path had been laid there had been a sizeable puddle outside No 70 Halesworth Road which took ages to drain. Cllr Panther asked Jo if re-surfacing would level it out and Jo said it may help but the best way forward was to watch and wait. She said to take pictures of the puddle and then report this on the reporting tool.

ACTION: Councillors to take pictures and then report on the SCC reporting tool.

9 New Construction Management Plan for Copperwheat development

Cllr Panther gave Jo an overview on the previous plan for the construction traffic for the Copperwheat development to use Quay Lane and Mardle Road which were obviously unsuitable, and the subsequent new plan to come off the A12 at Wangford. Cllr Cyprien pointed out that the junction off the A12 was an accident black spot. It was discussed that the Wangford Road did not have the minimum width in places for lorries to pass (especially at the beginning in Wangford itself with parked cars along the road) and it was very dangerous. Cllr Panther explained that a temporary haul road had been asked for by the residents. This would connect directly with the A1095. The ESC Planners had said this was not feasible and would mean a new planning application, and also that biodiversity and hedgerows would need to be taken into account etc. Cllr Panther said that Highways had said 'yes' to the latest plan though, through Wangford, and he asked if anything could be done. Cllr Panther also said that this shouldn't have been a reserved matter, rather it should have been decided before outline permission was granted.

ACTION: Jo Kerridge to see what she could find out and report back.

10 Seaview Road – Lorries turning

Cllr Panther explained that one of the Councillors had raised this at a recent Council meeting as it was very dangerous by Bridgefoot Stores and on to the Lowestoft Road when the delivery lorries were manoeuvring to and from the Lowestoft Road. The difficulty was exacerbated by the number of cars that park inappropriately along the Lowestoft Road where there are double yellow lines. These parking restrictions are rarely enforced. Various options were discussed but it was agreed by the Committee that there was no easy answer. One possibility was to ask for a No Through Road sign to be placed at the beginning of Seaview Road which would at least cut down the amount of traffic using it, especially holidaymakers.

ACTION: Ann Dobson to contact East Suffolk to find out if this would be possible and the costings.

10 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

11 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Tuesday 17th December 2024 at 60 Halesworth Road at 2.30 pm.