



Minutes of Reydon Parish Council Highways Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 12th February 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, SC Cllr Michael Ladd. Jo Kerridge – Suffolk Highways.

Clerk: Ann Dobson

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings and not included on Agenda

Cllr Linda Coe was asked if she had heard from the concerned resident following the discussion at the last meeting about crossing the road between Keens Lane and Jermyns Road. Cllr Coe was going to contact her regarding visiting the school to see if they had received concerns from other parents and, if so, whether a School Crossing Patrol would be a feasible solution. Cllr Coe said that she had contacted the resident twice but, so far, had received no reply.

ACTION: Cllr Coe to contact the concerned resident one more time.

3 Quay Lane Update

The recent flooding had cleared naturally and Jo Kerridge said that this should continue to be the case as long as the landowner's tenant farmers were able to stop the silt coming on to the road. Cllr David Panther said that bales of straw had been placed on the edge of the pig field which seemed to be helping, but it was pointed out that large lorries going up the bank also resulted in a lot of mud etc going down the gulleys.

4 Potters Bridge Update

Jo Kerridge said that she had nothing new to report on this and that cost estimates for the full inspection were still being prepared with no fixed date for this to take place yet. The water level had been reasonably good this winter though.

5 Signage at Access Point to Playground at Cox's Lane

It had been established that there was no longer any sign in place and a discussion took place to decide what sort of sign/s should be installed and where. It was decided that more research was needed and Cllr David Panther said he would liaise with Cllr Mike Medland so they could visit the site together.

ACTION: Cllr Panther to follow this up.

6 The Firs – Parking and Abuse

Cllr Pam Cyprien said that one of the community gardeners lived in The Firs and had said that at school pick up time people parked their cars all along the road including across driveways and that if the residents said anything they had received verbal abuse from the car owners. Most importantly, this was also blocking the road for emergency vehicles and carers visiting their patients. Various ways of dealing with this were discussed, including writing a formal letter to the school, asking the Police Safety Team to attend at pick up time, seeing if

residents were prepared to pay for H marks outside their drive etc, but it was agreed that in the first instance this should be added to the Agenda for the RPC Meeting on 20th Feb.

ACTION: Clerk to add to RPC Agenda.

7 Holme Oaks and Street Lights at Hill's Development Site

The Clerk reported that she had heard back from Hill's regarding the trees covering the street lights and the 30 mph repeater signs on the Halesworth Road along with potentially damaging the phone lines. They had said they were in contact with Cllr Pam Cyprien and sent the Clerk the email trail. They also said there was a planning application going through for five of the trees although it was not known exactly which five trees this was for. Jo Kerridge and Cllr Michael Ladd said they would take this forward from an SCC point of view as it was a safety issue, and the Clerk was asked to write again to Hill's for more information.

ACTION: To be followed up by Jo Kerridge, Cllr Michael Ladd and the Clerk

8 Transport Statement for the Planning Application for Reydon Anaerobic Digester

Cllr David Panther began by saying that although the Parish Council were not totally against this proposal, there did seem to have been some selective reporting in terms of the numbers of vehicles that would be using the new Anaerobic Digester – these had come to light in the Transport Statement. It was also mentioned that a covered cycle store was included in the plans, presumably to encourage cycling, but that the A1095 was a dangerous road for cyclists without a cycle lane in place. It was thought that these new concerns should be voiced by the Council and as the closing date for comments was 14th February, the Clerk was asked to contact the Planning Officer at SCC to ask for an extension due to this further information coming to light.

ACTION: Clerk to ask for extension to allow for more consultation concerns to be voiced.

9 Pedestrian Access to the Fountain Way Industrial Estate

A Reydon resident had sent in an email to Cllr Michael Ladd at SCC and had copied in Cllr David Panther regarding the absence of proper pedestrian access from the Fountain Way industrial estate in Reydon to the rest of Reydon, specifically the footway which extended from the estate to Cox's Lane, with Stedman Terrace on the far side. He said the footway at Stedman Terrace connected to Moyse Avenue and currently people walking to the industrial estate from Moyse Avenue had to squeeze through a gap in this roadside vegetation. It was discussed that this was in fact the responsibility of ESC and not SCC, and it was thought that Cllr David Beavan may be able to help.

ACTION: Clerk to let resident know the subject had been discussed at the Highways Meeting and that it had been referred to Cllr David Beavan.

10 Traffic Calming Measures linked to Copperwheat Development

Another Reydon resident had been communicating with Joe Blackmore at East Suffolk Planning regarding the traffic calming measures that were planned for the Copperwheat Development and a meeting with Suffolk Highways was being planned to discuss this. He was keeping the Council informed of developments.

ACTION: Clerk asked to chase this with Joe Blackmore too.

11 Extension of Centre Lines on the Halesworth Road

This request had been turned down by the Suffolk County Council Safety and Speed Management Team who assured the Council that it had been measured previously and was found to be adequate. Jo Kerridge agreed that certain criteria did have to be met for this to happen but she did say she would look at the crash map data to see if that showed anything relevant. It was also said that there had been a full report on the A1095 some six years ago and Jo said she would look at that too. Jo said, in addition, that she had noticed the white lines were very faded and that this should be reported as a first step.

ACTION: Clerk to report the faded white lines on the Reporting Tool.

12 Footpath Update

Cllr David Panther said that a RPC Footpath Working Group had been set up. Cllr Michael Ladd offered to provide contact details for the SCC PROW Officer and Cllr Panther said that it would be a good idea to ask to meet with the PROW Officer once the Group had their inaugural meeting on 24th February, which was when the Chairman and Key Agenda items would be decided.

ACTION: Cllr Michael Ladd to give contact details of the PROW Officer to Cllr David Panther so that one of the Footpath Working Group could contact the PROW Officer after their first meeting.

The Clerk advised that the Payback Team had gone to clear the footpath leading from the Lowestoft Road to Easton Bavents but this had already been actioned by the Council. She also said that the co-ordinator had said they would be very happy to take on any other footpath projects as long as toilet facilities were available. Cllr Michael Ladd said that a portable toilet had been hired for them in another parish and this could be something to bear in mind for the future.

13 Any Other Business

Cllr Pam Cyprien asked if there had been any update on the Nightingale Avenue parking restrictions. Jo Kerridge said that she would follow up but was hopeful that this would be in place by Easter.

ACTION: Jo Kerridge to follow up and report back.

Cllr Linda Coe said that she had been approached by a lady who lived in Winston Road. Apparently at the top of this lady's road, 2 or 3 cars and a motor bike were usually parked on a piece of land. This lady had parked there once and was told that she was not to park there. This resident who said this to her didn't actually live in Winston Road but through the walkway. None of the Councillors could offer any advice as Winston Road was a private road and it was thought the only way of checking would be on Land Registry to see if this resident had bought the piece of land for his own use.

ACTION: Cllr Linda Coe to inform the resident that they could check on Land Registry.

Cllr David Panther said that an email had come in from Orbit Homes regarding Street Names and offering a few suggestions. These were not thought to be ideal and Cllr Panther had come up with a list of names of flowers found locally. These were going to be put to all the Councillors at the next RPC Meeting for approval.

12 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Highways Committee Meeting would be on Tuesday 18th March at 2.30 pm at 60 Halesworth Road, Reydon.