

TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Highways, Street Lighting and Footpaths Committee took place on Monday 5th August 2019 at 8.05pm in the Meeting Room, Community Centre, Caxton Close

Present Cllrs: N Mattinson (Chairman) R Smithson (Vice Chairman)
 Mrs S Allen-Shepherd C Bigg
 Mrs B Wood

Also in attendance – The Passenger Transport Representative Mr G Whybrow, Essex County Councillor J Jowers, one member of the public, the Clerk of the Council and the Deputy Clerk of the Council

166/19 Apologies for Absence – There were no apologies for absence as all the committee members were present.

167/19 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

168/19 Chairman's Announcements
There were no announcements to make under this item.

169/19 Public Questions

Cllr Jowers provided an update for the Church Road/Station Road/Chapel Road/Factory Hill junction. The installation of traffic lights would cost in excess of £400,000 and one option would be the creation of a filter lane, however a 4-way roundabout is not considered an urban option. Latest update from LHP recommends junction is not changed but advance warning signs are installed and the road markings refreshed.

A 40-mph limit to Braxted junction from the 30-mph limit when leaving Tiptree on the Maldon Road has been funded and actioned.

Report of speeding in Newbridge Road – Councillors were unaware of the extent of 30-mph restriction.

Cllr J Jowers is now attending LHP meetings.

Good news in terms of libraries remaining open however advisable to try and maximise their community use.

Modified Colchester Borough Council Local Plan to be re-submitted to Inspector.

Essex County Council recycles IT equipment via company in Coggeshall. The LHP has very little money to spend on schemes and Colchester Borough Council has said that it will put up some match funding available for some projects.

First phase of expansion of A12 to 3 lanes will be from Boreham to Colchester. This has funding but is waiting for confirmation

Cllr J Bunney enquired about the possibility of having a designated cycle path on the pavement of Church Road through the centre of Tiptree due to the volume of large vehicles passing through and the parking of vehicles on the road. The Clerk to obtain information from Essex County Council.

170/19 Minutes of Meeting – 3rd June 2019
The minutes of the meeting on 3rd June 2019, having previously been approved

by the Council, were signed by the Chairman Cllr N Mattinson.

171/19 Transport Representative Report

Mr Whybrow reported that the meeting with Arrow Taxis on 10th June 2019 had been unsuccessful, additionally it appears that no developers wish to contribute to improving the bus services. He wondered if the Parish Council would consider sponsoring some buses.

Cllr R Smithson reported that a meeting had been arranged with Community 360 on Wednesday 7th August 2019 to discuss the evening bus service for Tiptree.

The bus stop opposite Tiptree Heath School is covered by overgrown hedges. Cllr Mrs B Wood to ascertain who owns the land. The Clerk to report to Essex County Council Highways.

Cllr R Smithson reported that there is an overgrown hedge at the junction of West End Road and Maldon Road. Cllr C Bigg offered to speak to landowner.

172/19 Footpath Representative

No further action had taken place.

173/19 Streetlights

The LED light upgrading in Chapel Road and part of New Road has now been completed.

174/19 Highways Matters

1. Village Speeding Issues – There still has only been one enquiry about the Speedwatch Group. Further advertising to be placed on Facebook (Cllr N Mattinson), Tiptree Community website (Cllr Mrs S Allen-Shepherd) and the Parish Council website (Clerk).
2. Trucam Enforcement – No further action had taken place.
3. Junction Church Road/Station Road/Chapel Road/Factory Hill – Discussion took place regarding options provided by Cllr J Jowers. The possibility of a traffic survey was considered. It was agreed to wait and see the effect of the advance warning signs/refreshed road markings as detailed on LHP Projects Update – August 2019.
4. Church Road – Cllr N Mattinson circulated photographs of the damaged road surfaces and damage to pavements caused by parked vehicles. Both items to be reported to Essex County Council Highways.
5. Grove Road steps in bank – Cllr N Mattinson to provide photographs for reporting to Highways by Cllr Mrs B Wood and the Clerk.
6. Wooden Signposts at junction of Grange Road and Priory Road and two other locations – Cllr R Smithson to send site details to Clerk for reporting to Highways.

175/19 Community Transport

As noted previously, Cllrs R Smithson and N Mattinson and Passenger Transport Representative Mr Whybrow will attend a meeting with representatives of Community 360 on Wednesday 7th August 2019.

176/19 Local Highways Panel

It was noted that some road markings had been made next to the Ship. The next LHP meeting is scheduled for 11th September 2019.

177/19 Financial Comparison

The Clerk explained that the contingency fund figure requires amendment following expenditure for the lighting upgrade. The report was noted.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.01pm

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