



HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Highways, Street Lighting and Footpaths Committee took place on Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7.40 pm in the Meeting Room, Community Centre, Caxton Close, Tiptree

Present Cllrs: S Allen-Shepherd (Chair) S Gulleford
 A Girling B Wood

Also, in attendance –Deputy Clerk to the Council

144/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Redgewell and M Woodcraft

145/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

146/22 Chair's Announcements

- I. The Chair advised the committee that there is a consultation for proposed changes to the A12, particular the removal of the segregated left turn from the B1023. The consultation is due to close before the next highways committee.
- II. There are a number of road closures for dressing works around Tiptree starting from 21st April.

147/22 Public Questions

There were no questions from the public.

148/22 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2023 were proposed, seconded and unanimously **resolved** as a correct record and duly signed.

149/22 Transport and Footpath Representatives Report

No reports were given.

150/22 Deputy Clerk's Report

With regards to the planned closures as announced by the Chair at 146/22 (II), the Deputy Clerk stated that Essex Highways had been engaged regarding the overlapping dates of the closures, and the issues raised by residents and businesses of how they will access their premises.

A response was still awaited.

With regards to the A12 consultation the closing date of the 14th May was advised.

151/22 Resident request for support for an electrified crossing

The committee discussed the existing zebra crossings that are within Tiptree, and taking into the consideration the cost of an electrified crossing and the previous resolution (008/22 May 2022) thought that requesting that the Local Highways Panel looked at the existing zebra crossing and improved the markings, signage and current belisha beacons would be the preferred option.

It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** to make an application to the Local Highways Plan to improve the current Zebra crossings within Tiptree.

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- 152/22 **Letter to CCC regarding Zebra Crossing at Nine Acres**
After discussion is proposed, seconded and **Resolved** that a letter of support for the crossing as set out in the section 106 agreement would be sent to Colchester City Council.
- 153/22 **Schedule of street light replacement**
The committee discussed the call out charge that is levied to the council when a Tiptree Parish Council owned street light needs repairing. The Deputy Clerk has suggested that a schedule of replacement be agreed so that we can maximise the use of charge to include other lights for replacement at the same time as lights are repaired.
It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** that the through roads would be priority for replacement, once these have been replaced it would then be at the Deputy Clerks discretion.
- 154/22 **20's Plenty**
Committee discussed the scheme again along with the merits and disadvantages to Tiptree. The committee discussed if they would like to rescind the decision minuted in February (minute ref 126/22) however at this meeting there were not the required number of councillors present.
- 155/22 **Spring Road Finger post**
Tiptree Parish Council are waiting to hear back from Historic Colchester with regards to the sign post. Essex Highways have advised that Tiptree Parish Council can apply for a licence to take over the maintenance of the fingerpost.
It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** that should there be no unforeseen cost to the application for the licence and that the Grounds team are able to undertake an initial clean up of the site that the licence be applied for.
- 156/22 **Projects Update**
Updates were provided on the project list, including the addition to the Local Highways Panel with agreement to reassess the need for a crossing near Asda.
The asset tags for the village lights were also discussed and the Deputy Clerk considered the options sourced were not adequate.
It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** that other options for asset tags be sourced and costed.
- 157/22 **Highways Matters and Reportable Issues**
Item number 2 (Maldon Road / West End Road junction street light not working) was noted as the enforcement issue is yet to be resolved.
Item number 29 (Grange Road / Vine Road unfinished pavements) was discussed as there had been an update that a contractor had been appointed for the works but no permit has been issues as yet.
Item number 55 (Crossing at Ketleys Place) the original issues on the Essex Highways portal for the pavement defect had been closed however the issue of the dropped crossing and disabled access remains, this has been reported again on the portal.
- 158/22 **Financial Comparison**
The information detailing highways budget vs expenditure was **received** and **noted**.
- 159/22 **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 in the meeting room of the community centre.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.36 pm.

Signature.....*Susan J. Shepherd*.....

Date.....*23. 05. 2023*.....