

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee held at 7.15pm on Thursday 5th April 2007 at The Institute. Councillors Chambers, Blessett, Lindfors-Windsor, Pelling, and Wallis attended. No members of the public were present. In the Chairman's absence, Cllr Wallis agreed to Chair the meeting.

17/07 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Warrick (work) Cllr Helyer did not attend. Cllr Lindfors-Windsor left at 8.05pm.

18/07 To receive declarations of interest, if any.

None.

19/07 To adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th November 2006 and consider matters arising not on the agenda.

The Clerk confirmed that the PCSO does not have sufficient powers to issue speed tickets. (Min 13/06 16/11/06) It was also confirmed that the list of Kerb Access Points given to LCC will still be addressed as and when time and money allow. Then the Minutes of 16th November 2006 having previously been circulated were approved as a true and correct record and signed by Cllr Wallis.

20/07 Update on the proposed Spalding Road cycle route.

In a recent meeting with the Area Highways Manager Kevin Brumfield it had been suggested that this scheme could be taken forward with an existing proposal to install a footpath between Frognall and The Goat in 2008-9. He is currently investigating the possibility of s106 monies supporting this project, and will be contacting us in the future to confirm this partnership approach which had been encouraged by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to bring this matter to the Council as soon as confirmation was received.

21/07 To discuss mobile traffic activated road signs.

LCC are currently trialing a new road sign locally and will confirm their intentions when the statistics have been evaluated. It was agreed that we contact the Road Safety Partnership to ask them to consider installing a temporary sign under the Parish Calm Scheme and the Clerk was asked to confirm the time scales. It was also agreed that investigations be made via LALC as to the cost of the M3 DFS 700 as a joint ownership approach and the Clerk was asked to approach Market Deeping Town Council.

22/07 To discuss the ongoing traffic concerns at Linchfield Road.

At a meeting held in December 2003 various actions were agreed to help reduce the ongoing problems. It would appear that most of the actions were activated at the time. However, the car park extension did not go ahead as it was considered a low priority by the funding body. The actions do need to be revisited regularly and the Clerk was asked to confirm this with the Rugby Club and to ask for a list of their events to ensure PCSO cover. The traffic statistics were discussed with the committee and the Clerk was asked to contact the Safety Partnership regarding other figures that may be available for the village. The events list would be circulated to Committee Members who would all monitor the traffic situation and report back to the next meeting. It was confirmed that the continuation of the footpath past the skate park is still in the system.

23/07 To discuss the need for cycle racks at bus stops.

We have been advised to conduct a survey in a forthcoming newsletter and on the web site to justify the need for cycle racks to be installed next to bus stops. It was agreed to ask for the views of the public and also ask for other suggestions to encourage people to use the buses.

24/07 To consider ideas for the proposed road safety campaign and energy

awareness exercise.

It was agreed that Cllr Pelling would write a quarterly article for the newsletter on "Safe Driving Tips" e.g. correct tyre pressures and use of fog lights, avoiding short journeys etc. Cllr Pelling would enquire about the cost of producing awareness stickers and report back at the next meeting. Cllr Pelling would also consult with local garages regarding a free safety check and they would benefit from free publicity. The Clerk was asked to confirm if the Council could purchase a competition prize. The PCSO is to be asked if he would like to be involved with a future safety campaign, and local companies are to be approached for prizes. The Competition would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

25/07 To confirm expenditure for 2006-7 and the budget for 2007-8.

There has been no further expenditure since the last meeting and we are therefore within budget. The budget for 2007-8 was confirmed at £1000 for cleaning and maintenance and £750 for a road safety and energy saving campaign.

26/07 Date of next meeting.

It was agreed to have an additional meeting and the new committee would therefore meet on 21st June at 6.30pm at the Institute.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.15pm