

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee held at 6.30pm on Thursday 23rd August 2007 at The Institute. Councillors Blessett, Helyar, Lindfors-Windsor, Pelling, and Wallis attended. No members of the public were present.

12/07 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

13/07 To receive declarations of interest, if any.

None.

14/07 To adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st July 2007 and consider matters arising not on the agenda.

The minutes of the last meeting were duly signed.

15/07 Update on the proposed Spalding Road cycle route.

The Area Highways Manager had confirmed that he met with the developers on 20.08.07. It has been agreed verbally that a footpath/cycleway will be built under a S106 agreement between the concrete site and The Goat this year. It was suggested that a scheme for the continuation of the route to the school be put forward for next year, and the Parish Council precept accordingly. It was noted that this scheme would be considered with others in the normal way. Written clarification is required regarding the proposal.

16/07 To discuss mobile traffic activated road signs and permissions required.

Further contact was made with the Road Safety Partnership, LALC and LCC to clarify if mobile signs can be purchased. It was clarified by LCC that permission would not be given to place signs on highway land until after the results of the Godsey Lane trial was reported at the end of the year. Any decision would be governed by these results and if activated, signs would cost £4000 each with a 50% partnership contribution welcomed. LALC had confirmed that many other councils were using the 3M mobile signs and placing them on private land. The signs already in use are put in position by two people wearing hi-visual jackets, and are then left unattended. It was confirmed that a meeting would take place on Tuesday 4th September at 11am with a demonstration of the equipment and then a presentation at Cranwell Village Hall. A ballpark figure of £3000 had been mentioned. The Clerk will attend and consideration will be given to possible purchase in partnership with another parish. Options for the two schemes will be kept open until more details are known and the committee will precept accordingly.

17/07 To consider the safety/energy campaign proposals which are attached at Appendix 1.

All the proposals were agreed and It was **recommended** to the Council to purchase 100 Slap Wraps at 98p each for Bike Wise and other appropriate road safety initiatives. Cllr Pelling to consider an alternative slogan to "Be Safe Be Seen".

Further investigations are to be made regarding an Awareness Campaign with "Brake" targeting young drivers and contact would be made with the Police.

It was agreed that all editorial for the Newsletter would be ready by 07.09.07 for distribution in good time prior to the "Pride in our Community Campaign" week beginning 23rd September.

18/07 To discuss forthcoming events at the Linchfield Road site.

Fixture lists and events from the rugby and hockey clubs are not yet available. Support was received from the police at the recent Boot Fair event and it was noted that vehicles were ticketed for parking offences. It was suggested that this was also mentioned in the newsletter asking for more consideration by drivers.

19/07 To confirm the budget and expenditure for 2007-8.

The budget still stands at £1000 for cleaning and maintenance and £750 for a safety/energy campaign. It was agreed that Castle Cleaners would clean the roofs of the bus shelters for an additional cost of £8 per shelter (£80). This would be included in the community cleaning budget for 2008-9 at a cost £880.00.

Further expenditure this year will be for the distribution of the "Tips for Greener Motoring" leaflet and the "Brake" Campaign.

20/07 To consider expenditure for 2008-9

Expenditure for the financial year 2008-9 was considered by the committee, and it was agreed to put forward a budget proposal of £ 12,700.00 being:

Bicycle Racks in the village/bus shelter £200

Mobile Visually Activated Sign - £2000

Maintenance and Cleaning £500

Cycle path £10,000.00

11/07 Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th November at 6.30

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.10pm