

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee held at 6.00pm on Thursday 2nd October 2008 at the Institute. Councillors Blessett, Pelling, Lindfors-Windsor and Wallis attended with the Clerk Mrs S Kostyrka.

- 10.08 To receive apologies for absence.**
Cllr Helyar did not attend. Cllr Lindfors-Windsor arrived with apologies at 6.25pm.
- 11.08 To receive declarations of interest, if any.**
None.
- 12.08 To adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th August 2008 and consider matters arising not on the agenda.**
The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record by Cllrs Blessett and Pelling, and Cllr Wallis signed them. The Car Club Working Party had been reported to Council. **It was recommended that this should in future be reported through the Transport Committee.** The area engineer had confirmed that the Linchfield Road cycle/footpath extension would be requested under a future S106 agreement. It is intended that the Spalding Road cycle/foot path is completed within this financial year. The Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership is considering putting their own speed activated sign in Linchfield Road due to speeding problems. The Clerk was asked to confirm the reasons for this, and also to ask if it was possible to extend the period in the village by also making provision for the sign to be placed in the Spalding Road to address the complaints and ongoing speeding problems.
- 13.08 To consider the proposed Audit of Accessibility for non-powered wheelchair users/prams, pushchair users. (referred from 14.08.08 Min 4.08 - Cllr Wallis)**
Cllr Wallis provided a plan of the inadequate dropped kerbs in the shop area of Ryecroft Avenue and it is **recommended to Council that this is taken up with the Highways Engineer.**
- 14.08 To report on the £200 provision for cycle racks.**
The cycle blocks at Manor Court had been vandalised, and the SK project manager had agreed to organise a replacement within the current refurbishment scheme subject to committee approval. **It was therefore recommended to Council that this be taken forward.**
- 15.08 To report on the progress of the Bus Shop Audit report as submitted by Rev Mark Warrick.**
The maintenance operative had painted the posts and trimmed the foliage. A contractor was asked to remove a large branch that had fallen onto the roof of the Ermine Way shelter. Repairs to the damaged panels by the maintenance operative were now complete. Quotes had been received from Autocross for the repairs to the roof, the new seats, and also for two new shelters. An additional quote had also been received from a second contractor. The Clerk was asked to obtain a third quote for the hard standings. A request had been made to LCC for additional raised kerbs, and road markings, which had been acknowledged, and also forwarded to the Passenger Transport section for their consideration should funds permit. **It was recommended to Council that consideration be given to approach the local bus companies for sponsorship towards the cost of the shelters, and to offer some form of advertising. If agreed this would be considered at the next committee meeting.**
- 16.08 To report on the request for 30mph signs and repeater signs on the Spalding Road.**

It was confirmed by the area engineer that the highway code regulations do not permit 30mph repeater signs to be displayed in areas where there are lamp posts, as this in itself is an indicator of a 30mph speed limit. Cllr Blessett disputed this, and agreed to take pictures of existing 30mph signs on lamp posts in other locations. **It was recommended to Council that LCC Highways be approached regarding a “Slow School” and 20mph signs be placed in the Spalding Road and Park Road.**

17.08 To consider the Policy for Deployment of Reactive Signs.

It had also been recently confirmed by LCC that due to the increasing energy costs, a one off payment of £2,500 for a contribution towards maintenance and electricity would now be requested if the project went ahead. A 50% contribution towards the cost of the sign would also be requested, and the total cost was currently approx £4,000. **As this was the second year the trial was being considered, and a decision was not yet forthcoming, it was recommended to Council that due to the increased costs, this project will not now be taken forward until confirmation is received.**

18.08 To consider the current budget and budget and expenditure for 2008-9 and make recommendations to Council for the forthcoming Estimates.

It was noted that the Transport budget of £12,700 would be fully spent this year when the cycle/footpath project was complete.

At the August meeting a provision of £2,500 had been agreed under a general item of Highways/Shelters/Road Safety to allow for vehicle activated signs if LCC were to take this forward. This would now be reduced to £500 as the vehicle activated sign project was not going ahead at this time.

A figure of £2000 had also been agreed for Insurance excess due to the two recent claims, however, after further discussion, **it was recommended to Council that an amount be considered under Special Projects which would included all insurance claims.** Consideration had also been given to providing two new bus shelters near Frognall. Due to the £10,000 cost, **it was recommended to Council that this item be revisited when the housing developments in Frognell were complete, the bus routes confirmed, and sponsorship had been considered.**

It was therefore recommended to Council that a budget of £4,100 be put forward by the Transport Committee for the 2009-10 precept:

Highways/shelters/road safety	£ 500
4 Hard standings at bus stops	£ 2,400
2 seats in shelters	£1,200
TOTAL	£4,100

19.08 Date of next meeting.

4th December 2008 at 6pm in the Meeting Room.