**Highways and Public Safety Minutes**

**Tuesday 22 June 2021**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Cllrs M Cox, C Elsmore, C Allaway-Martin, N Penny, Mr B Watkins Gloucestershire Highways

1. **To elect a Chair:**

Cllr Penny stated he had had an expression of interest from Cllr Holloway to chair this committee.

**Proposed**: Cllr. Penny **Seconded:** Cllr. M Cox

On being put to the vote, it was unanimously agreed

**Cllr Penny then asked Cllr M Cox to take temporary Chair for this meeting.**

**2. To note apologies:**

Apologies were noted from Cllr N Holloway and Mr C Haine, Assistant Clerk. (Cllr Penny had agreed to take minutes in his absence).

**3. There were no declarations of interest.**

**4. There were no new dispensation requests.**

**5. To agree minutes of 20th April Highways Committee**

 The minutes of 20th April 21 were unanimously agreed.

**6. Matters arising from 20th April Highways Committee**

Cllr M Cox sought clarification regarding installation of grit bins on Thurstans Rise. Mr Watkins stated that the junction with the B4228 had been adopted and GCC Highways would install a bin near to the junction. Mr B Watkins was asked to clarify if adoption was likely before Winter 2021 in order that we could ensure that grit bins were in place.

Cllr M Cox also sought feedback regarding outstanding questions relating to the Old Station Way traffic light upgrade. Mr B Watkins reported that following a six-monthly inspection the works were deemed necessary. Mr B Watkins also stated that the lights on the crossroads by the Police Station were deemed to be satisfactory. Cllr Cox further challenged this, and Mr Watkins agreed to undertake further investigation with the traffic signals team.

Cllr N Penny asked for an update regarding dangerous parking on pavements and in particular the issues at Sparrow Hill. Mr B Watkins responded that for consistency the residents should be asked to pay for the white ‘H’ marking. Cllr Penny challenged this as GCC Highways has stated that a visibility splay must be maintained for access. Mr B Watkins understood our frustration but reiterated that for consistency the resident(s) should pay for any ‘H’ marking. Cllr Penny challenged County Councillor Allaway-Martin as to whether she had any budget for this.

Cllr M Cox raised the long-standing issue of the damaged Town Centre railings. Mr Watkins stated that a commission had been made for replacement railings to be installed. During installation works repairs to the wider railings would be carried out. Mr Watkins agreed to share details of timescales once known.

Cllr M Cox queried the status of the dropped kerb between Oakfields and Thurstans Rise. Mr Watkins said the issue was between David Wilson Homes and Two Rivers Housing.

Cllr M Cox asked for an update regarding the ’20 is plenty’ signs for Angel Vale. Mr Watkins agreed to supply more signage.

**7. To agree minutes of the 18th May Public Safety Committee**

The minutes of 18th May were unanimously agreed.

**8. Matters arising from 18th May Public Safety Committee**

Cllr M Cox reported of further updates to the Community Resilience Plan. It has not been formally closed down at this time but volume of enquiries is very low.

**9. There were no members of the public present**

**10. To make recommendation re Committee remit**

This item was not taken as the latest copies of the individual remits were not available at the meeting. **Deferred to next meeting.**

**11. To make recommendations re Highways matters**

**To review upcoming works in the Parish**

Cllr M Cox queried the planned closure for Lords Hill Coleford which has not happened. There is no further information available currently.

Mr B Watkins updated members on upcoming works. There had been further CCTV investigation work in the Town Centre with a further phased planned for Newland Street. The condition report is expected later this year. Resurfacing works are planned at Robin Hood Junction funded by Gloucestershire Highways (September).

Cllr Penny queried whether works were planning for North Road / South Road (Mile End and Broadwell). South Road currently planned for next financial year, but no plans yet have been made for North Road Mile End. Cllr M Cox reminded Mr Watkins that there was a planned development at North Road.

Cllr M Cox informed the committee of the planned Infrastructure meeting of the 22nd July which will be hosted by Coleford Town Council. Mr Watkins will forward the invitation to the Development Management team.

Cllr Elsmore requested an update regarding the costings of the planned cycle links to Perrygrove Railway and Puzzlewood. Mr Watkins agreed to share the costings. Cllr Elsmore requested a further breakdown to include the link from the current cycleway to the traffic lights. Clarity was sought regarding the link to the Old Railway line.

1. **To make recommendation re Parish walks with County Councillor Allaway-Martin**

Councillor Allaway-Martin agreed to provide a series of dates for short walks around the Parish for members to join. It was suggested that these walks be structured around Parish Ward boundaries.

**Recommendation: that these walks should look at ongoing issues relating to pavements and roads**

1. **To make recommendation re traffic concerns in Bowens Hill Road and Victoria Road**

Cllr M Cox informed members that this related to volume of parked vehicles in the vicinity of the junction with Victoria Road and Bowens Hill Road. Mr Watkins agreed to visit the site to assess the situation and report back at the next meeting

**Mr B Watkins left the meeting at 7:55pm.**

**12. Public Safety**

1. **To make recommendation re meetings with Gloucestershire Police**

Cllr Penny updated members of his invitation by the new Superintendent of the four Chairs of the Town Councils on the 15th July.

**Recommendation:** that a meeting be requested for late afternoon ahead of this date with Sgt Parry and Cllrs Elsmore, M Cox and Penny.

1. **To make recommendation re: Annual Risk Assessment**

It was reported that this item is ongoing.

**The meeting closed at 20:04**