

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Highways Sub-Committee Meeting held in the Pavilion
Woollards Lane, Great Shelford at 1900 on 14 June 2016.

Present: Cllrs Nettleton MN (Chair), Ashurst BA.

Meeting also attended by 13 members of the public.

1. Apologies received from Cllr Milson.
2. No declarations of interest.

The Meeting was then suspended for a public discussion.

- *The Chair updated the public on progress over the last 12mths*
- *Action had now been taken by SCDC and CCC on gutter and gully cleaning*
- *By the end of May SCDC had cleaned all the gutters*
- *CCC had the cleaning of gullies in hand (part complete)*
- *CCC had committed to annual gully cleaning after the leaf fall, but had advised that once in a 5yr cycle it would not be done due to budget cuts.*
- *A member of the public indicated that some gullies were still not clear, the chair advised that work was ongoing.*
- *The chair indicated that the PC had paid £1500 for collection of clippings from first grass cut of the year*
- *The Chair listed the proposed highways works in the village*

20mph speed limit

Zebra crossing

HGV parking bay

Parking / yellow lines in the village

- *All the proposals had been submitted to CCC, but there was a backlog of work due to staff shortages*
- *In March CCC had indicated that the work would be done in October*
- *Deliveries to businesses in Woollards Lane had been retimed and although not 100% compliant there had been an improvement in traffic flow. Once the new crossing had been constructed it will force vehicles to use the HGV bay.*
- *The PC was still awaiting final costings of the highways works but the initial indications were that they were in line with expectations except for the widening of the pavement outside properties 41-45 which was more than expected.*
- *The Chair reported that the PC had paid £1000 for 42hrs of PCSO's time for traffic patrols, this had resulted in 26 tickets being issued and numerous "warnings". The scheme is under review by the Police and the PC casting doubts on it continuing. Only one other village had used the scheme. The Chair had been disappointed that the PCSO's were not always available at our requested times. The Chair explained that we have the option to make approaches to SCDC to de-criminalise parking so that Wardens could be employed (as in Cambridge City), this would allow the "fines" to be used to help fund the*

system, at present with the PCSO system "fine revenue" goes directly to Central Government.

- A question was raised regarding parking near Barclays which had been raised at the APM, the Chair responded that no action had been taken.
- A question was raised "why not a one-way system", the Chair responded that the issue had been debated many times but the PC had decided that it would in fact increase traffic flows in the High Street and Woollards Lane.
- A question was raised regarding "raised kerbs" as it could be a danger to pedestrians as they stepped down, the Chair explained that the raised kerbs (and bollards) were being put in to prevent vehicles using the pavements.
- The Chair explained that "priority signs" would be placed in Woollards Lane to encourage car drivers to act responsibly.
- The Chair indicated that some future priorities may be (all of which could be partially funded by a LHI grant from CCC of up to £10,000):

Scotsdales crossing .

Widening of pavements in Woollards Lane

Davey Crescent crossing.

- The Chair confirmed that there would be a designated "disabled space" in the PO/High Green area, it would not be prudent to do this a "separate" piece of work as it would need an individual TRO to be raised at a cost of £1500 – it will be incorporated in a single TRO covering all the changes in the village.
- The Chair indicated that the PC would probably review the impact of all the changes next summer.
- Flashing Speed Signs / 30mph roundel – the sign had been purchased and delivered, we were awaiting CCC to mount the 6 poles required this will be progressed shortly, the other work was only expected to be complete in October.
- In response to a "speedwatch question" the Chair indicated that there was no other group in the Village apart from Hinton Way.
- There was a long discussion regarding parking, key points were:

The PC was removing the parking restriction in Ashen Green on one side of the road which would provide an additional 6-8 spaces.

The Playscape scheme may provide an additional 7/8 spaces on the Rec.

Long term if the PC was able to purchase Grange Field additional parking could be provided there.

It was not thought "Rayments field" was an option to purchase.

The issue of commuter vehicles parking in Shelford Park Ave since the Railway Tavern had been fenced off was raised – apart from the inconvenience to residents there was an issue of "emergency vehicle access". Residents parking / timed parking was discussed but both dismissed at this stage as they couldn't be enforced. It was suggested the "white lines" could be painted in front of driveways, the PC will discuss this as it is a low cost effective option.

- It was suggested that the "crossing lights" near the PO maybe faulty as there were long periods when vehicles stopped at the crossing when no-one was actually crossing – PC to investigate as it was noted a fault had occurred in the past.

- *At the Tunwell Lane lights it was suggested that there are many “jumping the lights” issues (especially in the mornings) which could lead to a dangerous occurrence. PC will bring to the attention of the Police.*
- *It was noted that Church Street still caused problems in particular at “school times” as vehicles could not get to passing places.*

At this point the Chair closed the public session.

As there were only two councillors present (not quorate) the Chair closed the meeting at 20.00hrs

Signed:

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