

## **The Minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

A meeting of the Highways committee was held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 via Zoom at 6.00 pm.

Present: Cllr. N. Randall, Chairman, Cllr. A. Roberts, Vice Chairman, Cllr. B. Hadley, Cllr. L. Wilkins, Cllr. B. Sumner, Cllr. L. Hicks, Cllr. A. Davis and Cllr. B. Wragge.

Observer: Cllr. P. Millett.

Officer: The Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for absence: None.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Minutes of the Highways committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Cllr. B. Hadley proposed to approve the Highways committee minutes dated 14.12.2020.

Cllr. L. Hicks seconded the proposal. A unanimous vote was taken of all in favour of the proposal.

4. Matters Arising : None.

5. ANPR

The configuration of the order for the new ANPR had been finalised. The committee unanimously agreed for the order to be placed.

6. TRO

The installation of the TRO was planned for March 2021 – before the busy period.

7. Additional CEO coverage and costs

The committee agreed for the Clerk to place the order with GCC for additional hours for a CEO to be present in the village as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

8. Main Traffic & Highways

- Rissington Road verge barrier posts – GCC were to obtain a firm quotation for wooden posts to be inserted on the grass verge along the Rissington Road. Between all three tier Council's it was hoped to cover the cost of this project.
- High Street blocked gullies – GCC had planned to look at the problem and report back. The Clerk was to talk to Helen the litter picker and tell her not to empty drains and gullies. The committee noted that Julian Stocker had reported a blocked drain in Station Road. The Clerk was to report blocked drains in Springvale and by the Cricket Club, Rissington Road. A note was to go into the Bourton Browser notifying people to report blocked drains on GCC's web site.

9. Hedge visibility at Lansdowne/Fosse Way

A response was awaited from Dan Tiffney, GCC on this issue.

10. Strategic Flood Protection

The committee considered the flood risk at Clapton Row and other areas in the village. It was noted that The Slaughters had a canvas flood defense system which would require proper installation. The committee agreed that this would not be an alternative for Bourton. The committee agreed sandbags were very effective and agreed that the Parish Council should have 170 sandbags in stock. A further 120 sandbags were required to top up the stock. A new committee was to be formed to work on revising the Flood Plan which was to include looking ahead and being prepared. It was agreed for Cllr. A. Roberts to chair the meeting. Cllr. B. Sumner, Cllr. L. Wilkins and Cllr. A. Davis agreed to be on the committee. The Flood Plan was to include how many sandbags to have in stock, when to distribute them and who would distribute them. The Council's sandbags would be strictly for highways use.

A note was to go into the Bourton Browser three times a year advising the public to prepare for bad weather and floods and if they thought that their property would be at risk then they should think about purchasing their own sandbags in preparation.

12 sandbags were to be stored at the GMCC compound for extreme emergency use.

11. Any Other Business

Pot Holes up The Steeps – GCC had this job on their list to undertake in the next financial year.

A Boards on pavements – Cllr. N. Randall agreed to take this issue up with GCC.

Volunteers – If working on highways volunteers must wear hi-vis jackets and a risk assessment must be undertaken prior to commencing work. No work at all on the A429 Fosseway.

12. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 6.56 pm.