

Swaffham Town Council

Minutes of the **Transport, Access & Environment Committee** meeting held on **Tuesday 1st December 2020** at **4.00pm** via virtual media link.

Councillors: Mrs J Anscombe, Mrs L Beech, Mr L Scott, Mrs J Skinner.

Committee members: Mrs K Gordon (In the Chair), Mr P Bray, Mr S Sole, Mr J Zielinski.

Town Clerk: Mr R Bishop

Office Administrator: Mrs H Duggan

1. Apologies and reasons for absence.

D Jacklin – work commitments

2. Declarations of interest

No declarations.

3. Traffic, Access or Environmental issues from non-Members and Councillors

There were no issues raised.

4. Minutes

Mr Bray raised a question on item 5.1 and asked that it be noted in the minutes that the issue of the Footpath from London St to Campingland was an ongoing issue that had been raised on previous occasions.

With this agreed amendment the minutes of the meeting on 6th October 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate account.

5. Outstanding actions agreed at previous meetings

Most items were on the current agenda.

Cllr Scott provided a brief update confirming a response was now waited from Breckland on the topic of the Governments White Paper Re-Planning.

6. Strategic Priorities

6.1. Swaffham Network Improvement Strategy – response from Ian Parkes (NCC), note from the Chair.

It was discussed and acknowledged that members were disappointed that matters were not proceeding.

6.2. Review of strategic priorities in the light of 6.1

After discussion it was proposed by the Chairman that there were now three options to consider:

1 – accept that the proposal is fruitless and remove it from future agendas and debate

2 – carry on and push forward

3 – make a last effort to raise support to drive it forward.

After discussion it was proposed to proceed with option 3 and the Chairman to contact an elected member of Breckland to organise a meeting with Cllrs Skinner and Anscombe to ask the question why they won't participate in the strategic planning.

It was unanimously agreed the Committee Chairman would contact an elected member of Breckland to organise a meeting to be attending by the Chairman and Cllrs Skinner and Anscombe to ask why they would not participate in the strategic priorities plan.

6.3. Progress on greener/cleaner strategy.

Cllr Anscombe provided a brief update. The topic of planting trees was now being progressed by the Recreation Committee. The topic of recycling facilities had been broached with the new

Barratts Developers however they had raised a question about who would maintain the collections. This was something that would be raised with Andy Grant, NCC next year. Cllr Scott also suggested engaging the Swaffham Climate Action Group to help with a potential feasibility study.

It was agreed Cllr Scott would email Mr Sole to ask the Swaffham Climate Action Group to help with a possible feasibility study.

7. Walking and Cycling

- 7.1. Review progress on walking and cycling strategy, including contacts with Breckland Council.
Cllr Scott confirmed the strategy had been submitted to Breckland with no response as yet. NCC are looking to appoint an Officer and team and it was suggested to ask local cyclists to get involved when the time comes.
- 7.2. Footpath issues – route from London Street to Campingland.
Cllr Skinner confirmed she had spoken with the owner of the bungalow and whilst some cutting back had been done it was noted the resident would not be willing to do anymore. The situation was discussed, and it was acknowledged the Council had now exhausted all efforts and it was proposed to now hand it over to NCC Highways to take further action.

It was unanimously agreed to ask NCC Highways to take over the issue regarding the pathway from London St to Campingland as all efforts by the Council were now exhausted.

- 7.3. Bears Lane improvements and possible cycle route from Filby Road.
The Town Clerk confirmed the Bears Lane and Theatre St proposals were being put forward for a Parish Partnership Scheme grant, this would be confirmed by March 2021.

8. Traffic, Parking, Infrastructure

- 8.1. Theatre Street Car Park – progress with Parish Partnership funding bid.
It was noted the bid had been submitted and a response would be received by Mar 2021.
- 8.2. Whitecross Road issues – transport to biomass plant, SAM 2 installation.
A letter had been issued to the Biomass company and it was noted that no more lorries had been seen since.
The Town Clerk advised the SAM2 had been ordered via NCC Highways and was awaiting delivery.
An additional speed camera was planned for New Sporle Road and the Redlands Estate. Once received Highways would confirm exactly where the cameras could be positioned.
- 8.3. Station Street Car/Lorry park.
Cllr Anscombe confirmed the issue was still with Breckland and she was trying to find out who exactly was involved so further correspondence could be directed specifically to help progress things.
- 8.4. Request from member of the public to reduce speed along Lynn Road.
The request was noted, and it was suggested a speed camera might be an option to consider.

9. Heritage Action Zone – progress report

Cllr Anscombe advised that Breckland was still in the process of recruiting a Project Officer and until this was complete no further action would be possible.

10. Next Meeting

Tues 2nd February 2021 at 4pm