

## Highways Engineer meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019

### Attendees:

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| Richard Bishop | (RB) |
| Philip Bray    | (PB) |
| Stan Sole      | (SS) |

Highways Engine David Jacklin (DJ) did not attend today's meeting. The notes will be forwarded to him for his feedback

RB gave a brief report on the notes from the Traffic Group meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July. This report will go to the next council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> August.

The 3 main points for consideration are:

1. The Town Council are asked to support the principle of a North South Relief Road and to press for a full Feasibility Study to be undertaken.
2. The Town Council are asked to support further investigations into the introduction of a HGV ban in Station Street (except for access) and a separate scheme for a longer distance advisory routing arrangement for HGV's to encourage them to avoid Swaffham.
3. BDC to be requested to supply the DEFRA response to the AQAP, to provide on-going pollution data and to be advised of the next steps.

Beech Close – A residents meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> July. Comments from this would be taken to the council meeting 14<sup>th</sup> August. An email had been circulated about the unsatisfactory filling of potholes.

Parish Partnership – A pedestrian refuse was asked for on the Norwich Road. A plan and costing would be required to take the proposal forward to DJ.

Church Lighting scheme – This is in hand, awaiting quote.

Greening of the town centre- The email received from James Dean would be forwarded to DJ.

Request for cutting budget of footpaths – NCC used to schedule in two cuttings per year but now only about 20% of footpaths are being cut. It may be a possibility that NCC will no longer offer this service and it is passed down to Parish & Town Councils. Cllr Scott has asked for details of the costs involved and will bring his findings to Council.

### Topics Discussed:

#### 1) War memorial

This item would now go to the August Council meeting. Cllr's would be asked if they wished to apply for a land transfer from Breckland to take on management of the area., including trees etc.

#### 2) Car Parking Meters

We are awaiting the ticket machine signs to be installed.

#### 3) Bus Stop hard standing opposite Highfield Avenue

No feedback received as yet.

4) Pightle No Through Road Sign – DJ had put a request through to BDC to add a No Through sign to the new street sign. No response had been received so far.

#### 5) Overgrown hedges / trees

Numerous letters had been sent out to residents asking for shrubs, hedges and trees to be cut back. Some of these had since been passed on to NCC as instructed.

6) Public Right of Way (PROW)

The Town Council had received the cutting list from DJ as requested. This issue was previously addressed earlier in the meeting.

7) SS commented that the height of road signs at some junctions caused poor visibility and wondered what the regulations were for the height of these signs.

**Next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019, 4.00pm**