

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Roads & Transport Committee held at
Ceanchor House, Otley Road, Grundisburgh on the 25th June, 2014

Present: Mrs.J.Bignell, Messrs. D.Higgins, G Hartfall, D. Crowe (in the chair)

1. Apologies All members attended.

2. Declarations of interest No interests were declared.

3. Issues The committee worked through a list of highway problems listed below.

3.1 Reporting The Chairman urged members to either report highway problems to the County Council's Customer Services Direct (CSD) or to the Clerk immediately and not to wait until the next Council meeting.

3.2 Stoney Road (C365) Several requests have been made in the past to move the 30mph speed limit around the bend further towards the junction with Gull Lane. The County Council's Area Highway Engineer reported in 2012 that as there had been no recorded injury accidents within the last two years, there is insufficient road side development and the road geometry will reduce speeds already a speed limit extension would not have County Council Officer support. The cost of extending the limit approximately 700m from Ablitts Meadow to Gull Lane would be in the region of £2,500 to £3,000.

3.3 Woodbridge Road footpath. Due to the physical restrictions and cost, in 2010 £100,000, a footpath is not feasible.

3.4 Meeting Lane. A resident has repeatedly asked for a priority scheme for the narrow section opposite his house.. The County Council will not install a scheme where the start and finish are not visible to each other.

3.5 Entrance to Forecourt of Olde Forge Stores and Dog Inn. The Clerk suggested to the Area Engineer that a concealed warning sign be erected on the duck warning post. which read. *! Caution Vehicles emerging from concealed entrance.*

This sign can be purchased "on line". <http://www.signsofsaltford.co.uk/building/building15.htm>

The Engineer replied that this sign is not permitted for use within the highway and the County Council can not approve or provide it. The Highway Authority is only permitted to use signs within the Traffic Sign Regulations 2004 otherwise the signs would be illegal which may result in liability issues or likewise against the County Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should continue to pursue this matter.

3.6 Gull Lane Bridge/Culvert A fence protecting a drop to the stream bed was reported as being broken and ineffective. There have been concerns expressed about the gaps either side of the bridge and whether there should be fencing to ensure that pedestrians cannot fall down into stream.

County Council Highways Officers have visited the site. From a structures point of view they don't have any immediate concerns with regards to the safety for road users and pedestrians. However they intend to repair the damage and are keen to assist with the traffic management within this area to prevent accidents and repeated visits to repair the culvert. They will contact the area highways office to look at traffic safety at the site before undertaking the repairs.

3.7 C365 White House Farm & junction with Gull Lane. It appears that work has been carried out to reduce flooding at this junction.

- 3.8 The Green Crossroads.** More potholes have appeared and will be reported. These appear on a regular basis suggesting that sub structure is deficient but budgetary restrictions limit repairs to simple fill and roll down. This has been pointed out to the County Council on numerous occasions.
- 3.9 Speeding** Week long surveys were carried out on Ipswich Road and Lower Road in 2012 which showed that there was no significant speeding which required traffic calming measures.
- 3.10 Orchard End/Bakers Pasture Road Sign.** The sign is damaged and needs replacing. The Clerk will contact CSD.
- 3.11 Post Mill Gardens.** Cracks across the width of the road in several places have been reported to CSD and are now on the Highways Authority work schedule. It was pointed out that these work as very effective speed bumps.
- 3.12 Olde Forge Stores/Dog Inn.** The East Area Highways Manager is contacting the owner of the Olde Forge Stores to see whether a more permanent repair can be made on the section of the forecourt adjacent to the road. Potholes appear on a regular basis. In the past the County Council have taken responsibility for repairs on this area but now decline any liability
- 3.13 The Spinney, Meeting Lane.** Verge. The Clerk has informed the East Area Highway Manager that work has now finished on the two houses so work on the restoration of the verge can now commence.
- 3.14 White lining** Lines throughout the Grundisburgh needed repainting. The Clerk will report to Customer Services Direct.
- 3.15 Hedges** The problem of hedges overgrowing into the carriage way is a district wide problem.
- 3.16 Unauthorised road side advertisements.** The Clerk will write to the East Area Highways Manager regarding the proliferation of road side advertisements and asking what was the highways authorities policy in dealing with them. .