

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Roads & Transport Sub Committee held at
Ford House, The Green, Grundisburgh on the 17th October, 2017

Present: Messrs. C. Burch, P. Kendall, S.Barnett, Miss.V. Barker, Mrs.J.Bignell

1. Election of Chairman It was agreed that Mr.Kendall be appointed to be the Sub Committee's Chairman.

2. Apologies All committee members attended.

3. Declarations of interest No interests were declared.

4 To Agree and Approve the Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on the 30th August, 2016 and matters arising. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. There were no matters arising.

5. Declarations of Interest No interests were declared.

5. Appointment of representative to SAVID It was agreed that Mr.Robert Crouch should be appointed to be the Parish Council's representative to SAVID. Mr. Crouch had already indicated his willingness to serve. The Chairman will inform him and SAVID's Secretary. It was agreed that membership of this organisation was very important in adding the parish council's voice to a large number of communities in campaigning for safer roads. It would also give access to the use of a SID (Speed Indicator Device) to deter speeding in the village and provide vital data in seeking speed restrictions and safety schemes.

It was acknowledged that in these financially challenging times the parish council had little power on its own and that it was essential that good relationships should be established and maintained with our County Council Councillor and Highway Officers if any progress is to be achieved. Aggressive and bullying behaviour was non-productive.

6. Matters arising from the Council Meeting held on the 11th September, 2017

6.1 Road Safety Schemes The criteria the County Council uses to trigger the installation of road safety schemes, e.g. new speed limits etc, in the past has included "three injury accidents in three years". The Clerk had written to the County Council asking if this is still Council policy and are there any other criteria that the Council uses.

6.2 Reporting Road Problems Councillors and members of the public should be encouraged to use the County Council's Reporting Tool <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/> to report highway problems. The County Council's response is far more likely to be effective if the report is initiated by the person/s affected. These should include a photo of the "problem" if possible.

6.3 Road Safety at Village Green crossroads and Basket Makers Corner Evidence was needed and the criteria for County Council intervention met – see Item 6.1

6.4 Overgrown hedges obscuring road signs and narrowing the highway causing considerable danger to cyclists. Mr.Crouch will be asked to raise this subject with SAVID as this appears to be a county-wide problem. Previous complaints to County Council Highways had not produced any improvement..

6.5 Potential problems caused by the Wind Farm HGV trenching traffic travelling through the villages. Very few contractor's vehicles had been seen so far, The situation will be monitored.

6.6 Meeting Lane Verge No progress has been made.

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6.6 Speeding The use of a SID which has data gathering and analytical capabilities will be essential in providing evidence.

6.7 White lining It was disappointing to learn at the previous council meeting that re-painting of lines is being restricted to resurfaced roads. The A12 Tesco Round-a-bout was cited of a dangerous location where lining had virtually vanished.

7. Other Roads & Transport Issues

7.1 Ipswich Road/Felgate Way junction. The absence of junction road markings was reported to the Highways Authority on the 12th October Report Ref: 00182779. Most of the houses are now occupied. Many vehicles and cyclists, including children, regularly using this junction.

7.2 Chapel Lane. This Lane is an extremely narrow lane with an obscured entrance from Lower Road. Recently vehicles have tried to negotiate the lane and have become stuck notably on the 26th July when an ambulance tried to pick up a patient from 3 Chapel Row. The patient had to be carried some distance in a chair to reach the ambulance. Could strongly worded signs be placed at both ends of this lane please to deter vehicles from trying to enter the lane ? This was reported on the 19th October Report Ref. No: 00178387

A reply was received on 22/08/2017 We have to prioritise everything that we do to make sure that we spend money and effort on the right type of work at the right time.

We have taken into account the severity of the issue that you have reported and how many people this issue may affect. At this time, we do not feel that any action is necessary but appreciate that you were concerned enough to report this matter to us.

We will continue to monitor this location as part of our routine inspections and works will be carried out if required in the future.

7.3 Street Parking It was stressed that Illegal parking should be reported to the police. Photographic evidence should be provided if possible.

8. Future Meetings A decision on the date of the next meeting was deferred.