

## REDBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting with Hertfordshire Highways on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 1.30pm in the Conference Room, Redbourn Parish Centre

**PRESENT:** Redbourn Parish Council - Cllrs D Mitchell (Chair) C O'Donovan, V Mead  
Clerk to Council – Chris Kenny  
HCC – Cllr Annie Brewster  
Herts Highways – P King

Members of the Public:  
Resident of Crown Street

#### 1 **APOLOGIES**

PK informed the meeting that Eralp from Ringways is leaving the company and therefore not attending today's meeting.

#### 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The meeting noted the content of the minutes of the last meeting.

#### 3 **Public Participation**

A resident of Crown Street addressed the meeting regarding his concerns over the triangle of land that is on Crown Street. He explained that a lamp post had been removed and relocated some while ago and yellow lines had been installed. The triangle of land makes a very difficult junction and felt that it should be removed. The meeting discussed various options but felt the best solution would be to remove the kerb stones and make a proper T-junction with road markings. PK reported that Ringways have been to site and done some preparatory work on the area previously but had then felt it was not a priority.

Initial costing suggests a cost of £2K - £2,700 for this work.

**ACTION:** PK to take advise on how the junction could best work and report back to the Clerk

#### 4 **Highways Locality Budget**

**4.1 Current schemes** – PK manages the budgets which runs up to April 2019. Current schemes are:

- Footpath reconstruction – Lamb Lane, Lybury Lane
- Removal of bund and replace with bird beak fencing – Redbourn Lane
- Footway reconstruction – Redbourn Road (A5183)

**4.2 Future Schemes for 2018/19 financial year-** the meeting discussed various ideas and felt the following would be priority as below:

- Additional SID to be located in Hemel Hempstead Road. Cllr Brewster would fund 50% of the cost and RPC would contribute 50%. Cost to RPC is £2,255.00 as there is already a socket in place.
- To install a 'beware children crossing' sign by East Common Play Area/Car park to warn motorists.  
**ACTION:** PK to assess the feasibility and cost of this.
- Dropped kerbs at either end of pavement along from Cricketers Pub to Chequer Lane. Indicative cost is £2,700.00
- Dropped kerbs at Ben Austins and Flamsteadbury Lane.  
**ACTION:** PK to assess the feasibility and cost of this

A request from a resident to install a salt bin somewhere along Flamsteadbury Lane. Cllr Brewster informed the meeting that whilst Herts County Council can supply salt bins, any new bins installed will not be refilled by them. Felt it would be more cost effective if the resident requested it from the PC (who have a store anyway) as and when it is required.

**ACTION:** Add to Full Council agenda. Cllr Bigham to ask the Care Group for them to identify any areas that need salting.

**4.3 Future Schemes for 2019/20 financial year** – the following areas are due to have work completed on them:

- Pathways at Hawkes Drive to Crouch Hall Lane
- Pathway along Lybury Lane

PK has identified 5 other areas that could benefit from pathway works:

- Lybury Lane – Tassell Hall junctions
- Hemel Hempstead Road opposite church
- Harpenden Lane opposite fire station
- Beechfield Close
- Mansdale Road

Cllr Bigham asked if it would be possible to integrate the work on the pathway opposite Fire Station with the building work on the site.

**ACTION:** Cllr Brewster and PK to find out.

**ACTION:** Clerk to email Cllrs to asking them to do a site visit to decide which areas they feel are priority.

Add to Full Council agenda for discussion and to decide which areas are priority. Feedback to PK

## 5 **New Library Update**

Cllr Brewster reported that the expected date to hand over the building to HCC is April 2019.

**ACTION:** Clerk to advise Redbourn in Bloom not to do any work around this area until work is finished.

Cllr Brewster will confirm the opening date.

During discussion, RPC offered the use of one of the rooms at the Parish Centre if PK was in the area and needed access to an office. PK to liaise with the Clerk.

## 6 **Sight Lines**

Cherry Tree Lane/Three Cherry Tree Lane junction – Cllr Mitchell asked for an update to this area as no work has been done. PK had asked for an update from his counter part at Dacorum Council and was told work had been completed. PK will investigate further.

## 7 **Gully Cleaning**

PK talked meeting through gully cleaning information sheet. Some areas are cleaned every 6 months whilst other are on an 18-month program. The only problem that had been flagged up was at Lybury Lane/North Common junction which is being investigated.

The Clerk asked about the area outside of the Crown Pharmacy and showed photographic evidence of the issues.

**ACTION:** PK to investigate further

**8 Nickey Line Car Park**

It has been agreed that HCC will widen the entrance to the car park on Harpenden Road to 2.35m. This is the widest they will open it up too as this width deters bigger vans from fly tipping. Work to be completed at end of April.

**9 Maintenance of footpaths/roads**

Beechfield Close - whilst PK recognized that it could benefit from some work, it is not a priority as it is not viewed as dangerous.

A5183 – All footpaths along this road have now been sided out and all gullies have been loosened and swept. Cllr Brewster said the longer aim would be to reduce the width of the road and make a cycle lane however, this requires a lot of investment. Cllr Bigham reported that a farmer had cut his hedging and left debris on the path and road.

**ACTION:** PK to ask SADC to clear up

Asset management had been to site to check that all areas along this road had been cut as per the schedule and found some areas had been missed off, so this has now been amended.

PK to cost pathway repairs along this section and suggested we try and apply to the Police and Crime Commission for a grant as it will encourage cyclists.

Triangle of land at Crown Street – item brought forward to Public Participation

Crouch Hall Lane - this area had been repaired however part of the surface is coming away but not enough to warrant repairing.

**10 Tree at Bettespool Meadow and Crouch Hall Gardens**

The Clerk reported that a resident was particularly concerned about the size of this tree and was worried that the branches posed a danger to his house/garden.

**ACTION:** PK to speak with Eralp for an update.

**11 Chequer Lane ditch**

The Clerk explained that the ditch was completely overgrown and that this area has not had any maintenance work for some time.

**ACTION:** PK to speak with Ringways to flag up as maintenance

**12 AOB**

20mph signs at East Common – the amendment works have been scheduled. Cllr Brewster will speak To SADC planning department to see if there are any other options available other than the current big Signs.

PK reported that Ringways are looking at a decluttering of signs programme as there are a lot obsolete Signs around the County.

**12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

To be advised

Meeting closed at 3.10pm

*Signed* ..... *Date* .....