

MINUTES OF HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT, CYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23rd JANUARY 2025, 7.30PM, WILBRAHAMS MEMORIAL HALL.

Present: Chris Page (Chair), Claire Daunton, Andy Martin, David Richer, Robert McCubbin

Minutes taken by Sam Chambers-Turner

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Hilary Burton

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising, not covered by the current meeting agenda.

3. LHI UPDATE INCLUDING FUNDING

Great Wilbraham Parish Council had submitted a Local Highways Improvement (LHI) application to improve the safety of the crossing at the school. This was a board spectrum application and no specific recommendations had been made. It was hoped that Highways will provide expertise and assistance to guide the Parish Council as to what would be suitable for the location, whilst adhering to all the current legislation. Due to the nature of the request the Parish Council had submitted a 'complex' scheme application, which would be handled differently to 'non-complex' scheme applications. The Parish Council await the outcome of the first stage of the application.

4. THE MILL ROAD/HIGH STREET TRIANGLE

A meeting had taken place with a representative of the Highways Department to discuss the safety of the junction of Mill Road and the High Street. The Highways Officer had noted the issues and suggested that a survey be carried out to see what could be done to improve the safety of the junction. It had been suggested however that the triangle only be removed as a last resort as it was aesthetically pleasing. The Parish Council had previously tried to tackle the issue of parking near the junction; this had had some impact, however there were still cars that frequently park on or close to the junction. It was suggested that the community policing team be involved. Andy Martin agreed to contact the team. In addition, an invitation would be extended to the local PSCO to attend a welcome morning at the Memorial Hall.

5. QUARTELY HIGHWAYS MEETING OF FULBOURN DIVISION PARISH COUNCILS

A report was received of the latest meeting of the Fulbourn Division parish councils, which had focussed on HGV's and drainage issues. Parishes appeared to be keen to work collaboratively to reduce problems caused by HGV traffic. Haddenham was cited as a parish that had taken steps to improve road safety with the use of HGV covenants from hauliers that regularly use their roads. It was suggested that information would need to be gathered of the frequent HGV users, the location as to where they are traveling to and from and potential hazards caused by this type of vehicle. Councillor Page reported that during the data collection for the school crossing 134 lorries came past the school. Councillor Daunton reported that Fulbourn Parish Council did not appear to have reported many problems about HGV's accessing the Mill/Queens Farm.

Councillor Daunton also reported that during the investigatory works on the drainage in Great Wilbraham, some problems had been identified and that remedial work had been carried out in Little Wilbraham and Fulbourn. A detailed report would be received in due course.

6. 20MPH SPEED LIMIT – UPDATE

The Temporary Traffic Restriction Order was awaited before any works can start on the implementation of the 20mph scheme. It was expected that work would commence before the end of the financial year.

7. SCHOOL CROSSING TRAFFIC SURVEY

During the recent LHI application process a survey had been undertaken to gather information about the types and frequency of vehicles at different times of the day. It was reported that between the hours of 7.30 and 9.30am, on average 769 vehicles passed through the road narrowing in front of the school. The LHI application had contained a broad request that improvements be made to the crossing, rather than any specific demands, as the issue was complex and would be subject to various regulations. That information would need to be obtained from Highways. The survey data would be shared with the school and a meeting arranged to discuss potential options.

8. MVAS UPDATE

It was noted that some of the current MVAS poles were in the wrong location. This would be addressed during the installation of the 20mph limit.

9. HGVS

At a recent meeting with S&B Herba, a contribution to the cost of establishing a pedestrian crossing outside the school has been pledged by the company. The next meeting would address the need for an HGV covenant. It was suggested that a decision would need to be made about whether Great Wilbraham would apply for a covenant separately, or as part of the larger divisional group.

10. BUSES UPDATE

Reports had been received that the company allocated the new bus route had withdrawn and that the appointment process had had to start again. It was now expected that the route will not commence until at least May 2025. Councillor Daunton was able to provide more information relating to the bus franchising, which is currently out for public consultation.

Specific questions were raised about the shopper bus that services both Great and Little Wilbraham weekly. The service is subsidised, however that funding agreement was due to end on 31st March 2025. Councillor Daunton would contact District Councillor Williams to find out whether the funding will continue.

11. CYCLEWAYS

Councillor Daunton reported that some progress was being made with regard to cycleways. A new pavement had been installed between the High Street and Bell Road along the A1303, which now reduces the gap between the Wilbrahams and Bottisham, which will allow for better access to greenways once installed. Councillor Daunton suggested that feasibility studies had been conducted on the three proposed routes and a report was expected later this month. It was felt that there was a good collaboration between the Parish Councils and that had been effective for sharing information and instrumental in the development of a combined community opinion. The three routes proposed were Bottisham Airfield Road, Short Drove towards Quy, and between Fulbourn and Great Wilbraham. It had been suggested that there could be two sources of funding available, as both the County Council and the Government had put money aside for active travel.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm on 3rd April 2025 at Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall.

The Meeting closed at 8.55pm