

ECC/EFDC LOCAL HIGHWAY PANEL MINUTES

Committee: ECC/EFDC Local Highways Panel **Date:** Thursday, 11 April 2013

Place: Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping **Time:** 7.00 - 8.01 pm

Members Present: **County Councillors:**

J Knapman, G McEwen, V Metcalfe, Mrs E Webster and
Mrs J H Whitehouse

District Councillors:

R Bassett, K Chana, T Church, P Keska, Mrs J Lea, L Leonard and
Ms S Watson

Other Councillors: G Waller

Apologies: Councillor P Channer

Officers Present: K Durrani (Assistant Director (Technical)), S G Hill (Senior Democratic Services Officer), J Leither (Democratic Services Assistant), J Simmons (Highways Liaison Officer, ECC) and D Sprunt (Principal Transportation Co-Ordinator - ECC)

68. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

No substitute members had been appointed to the meeting.

69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct.

70. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 February 2013 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

71. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

72. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business brought forward at the meeting.

73. SCHEME LIST FOR 2013/14

(1) The Chairman advised Members that all Schemes for the current year had to be submitted by 25 April 2013 so they could be initially validated before the next meeting on 6 June 2013.

(2) County Officers explained if a feasibility study came back and advised not to go ahead with the scheme then the monies put aside for that scheme would be lost.

(3) County Officers reported that the budget for 2014/15 would not be available until Autumn 2013.

(4) The Chairman advised the County Officers that a detailed monitoring report of all the new schemes that had been brought forward should be available at the next meeting.

74. SCHEMES 2012 - 2013 - PROGRAMME MONITORING

Members expressed concerns regarding the general lack of progress of the Schemes that had been put forward in September 2012.

It was agreed that the Chairman of the Panel would request that a meeting be arranged between all LHP Chairmen and the County Cabinet Member to be held as soon as possible after the elections.

75. SECTION 106 UPDATE

Members expressed concerns that there were no answers from County as to whether the S106 monies could be used for other schemes in the area, particularly the Buckhurst Hill area.

The Chairman agreed to write to the ECC Cabinet Member about concerns of the speed of delivery of schemes.

Members advised County Officers that they would expect a report at the next meeting to include detailed delivery dates of each scheme with an explanation of why the scheme had not been carried out.

County Officers suggested inviting S106 Officers to the next meeting to discuss the use of S106 monies.

76. HIGHWAYS RANGERS - FORWARD PROGRAMME

The current programme of rangers works was noted.

(1) The Chairman suggested that Parish Councils should become more involved with the Highway Rangers and that County Officers should write again to Parish Councils to advise them of what the Highway Rangers could do for the district.

77. DIRECTION AND SIGN PROBLEMS

Members were advised of signage problems within the district.

(1) Councillor Bassett advised the Panel that the sign for the weight restriction in Dobb's Weir Road, Nazeing was wrong. This had been noticed approximately 2 years ago and to date had not been changed.

It was agreed that County Officers would contact Hertfordshire Highways and report back at the next meeting.

(2) Councillor Lea advised the Panel that the sign on the Crooked Mile Roundabout indicated that the M25 Motorway would be the 2nd turning on the left. This was not correct the 2nd turning on the left was Monkswood Avenue which was a cul-de-sac. Daily HGV lorries turn into Monkswood Avenue and when they had realised it was a cul-de-sac and they could not turn around they would then have to reverse back down the road onto a very busy junction.

It was agreed that County Officers would investigate and report back at the next meeting.

(3) The Chairman asked Highways Officers to circulate a contact list of County Officers sharing the new organisational structure to aid liaison.

78. FUTURE PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 6 June 2013 at 7pm in Committee Room 2 at the Civic Offices.

CHAIRMAN