

LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

Date: 6th April 2016

Present: County Councillor Anne Brown (Chairman), County Councillor Kevin Bentley, County Councillor Dave Harris, County Councillor Sue Lissimore, County Councillor Julie Young and Parish Council Rep John Gili-Ross.

Apologies: Borough Councillor Dennis Willets.

Other Attendees: Sonia Church - SC (Highways Liaison Manager), Joe Hazelton - JH (Highways Liaison Officer), Bradley Blackwell (Highways Liaison Apprentice) and Jasmine Wiles (Highways Liaison Apprentice)

Item:	Action	Action Owner
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Cllr Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest/ Election of Chairman and vice Chairman</p> <p>There were none. Panel were happy to proceed without electing a new chairman and vice chairman at this meeting. Deferred to June</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of Meeting held on 2ND February 2016</p> <p>Cllr Brown led the panel through the minutes.</p> <p>Page 5 – Alan Lindsey was not at this meeting due to him being on leave, Panel would like him to attend the next LHP meeting with an update on major schemes and cycling strategy. <i>Action – JH to email Alan Lindsay</i></p> <p>Cllr Young – Raised that Colchester LHP should have sight of the Colchester Cycling Strategy and for them to give consideration on the schemes to be developed. <i>Sonia will feed this back to Alan in readiness for next meeting.</i></p> <p>Cllr Lissimore highlighted that the Westland’s Estate has a bus route therefore understands that a 20mph may not be suitable for this road. <i>The scheme is to be removed from the list.</i></p> <p>Cllr Bentley addressed JH on High Street Rowhedge as ECC do not own the land nor have highway rights over it, it’s understood that the Parish Council has ownership of the land. <i>Cllr Bentley agreed to negotiate with the Parish and report back.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SC</p>

	<p>Cllr Lissimore mentioned Spring Lane Roundabout. SC states that a crossing there would be too dangerous and had been rejected due to safety reasons.</p>	
4.	<p>Colchester LHP panel budget update</p> <p>SC explained the current situations regarding the budgets and told the panel they have £500,000. She also explained that the funds have been redirected into maintenance of local roads and footways, the list for the first quarter of the year can be found on the ECC website now.</p> <p>Cllr Bentley raised that resurfacing the roads raises levels to the kerb line and this is causing flooding problems in the area, a few of the panel members agreed. <i>SC will report these concerns back to the capital maintenance department and provide a response at the next meeting.</i></p> <p>Cllr Young questioned whether we would get reports on what the money is being spent on. <i>Joe to send everyone an email with details as they are available.</i></p> <p>SC explained to the panel that she wants them to allocate over £500,000 to keep a rolling programme developing in 17/18 financial year this also will help give some flexibility into the programme.</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>JH</p>
5.	<p>Potential Scheme for consideration of Panel in 2016/17</p> <p>SC explained how the colour scheme works on the Potential Schemes List.</p> <p>Cllr Julie Young mentioned how she submitted a request 6 months ago and they're not on the potential scheme list. <i>Joe to investigate and email Cllr Young directly.</i></p> <p>SAFER ROADS</p> <p>SC explained to the panel that safer road schemes are based on statistics of accidents. The panel should agree the safer road schemes and if there is any questions they'd be happy to answer them.</p> <p><i>LCOL151001 – (CR Scheme) B1026 Layer Road j/w Layer Breton, Gt Wigborough.</i></p> <p>Cllr Bentley highlighted that the pavement outside number 10 tails off into nothing. He explained that the whole junction at Maldon Road needs looking at. SC explained that the panel could fund a design but not the works. <i>The panel agreed to look into the design for this location. Sonia asked for an initial £5,000 to conduct surveys to look into this. Panel all agreed.</i></p>	<p>JH</p>

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

LCOL142132 – Mill Road – outside number 331 opp the rugby club
SC states that bollards would not be a recommendation from officers but that the County Member and Borough Members support this. Cllr Bentley mentions that it's not illegal to park on grass verges as it happens everywhere, also we would be setting a president.

Panel agreed to remove scheme from PS list.

No code – Circular Road North, Colchester

SC explained why the scheme is amber. There is an existing request for a Tiger Crossing on Circular Road North. It was agreed that we would continue with the implementation of the first Tiger Crossing and keep a close eye on how it progresses before commissioning a second crossing.

Scheme changed to Amber, to leave on the PS list until the first Tiger Crossing is reviewed.

LCOL152134 – Various Roads, Stanway

Cllr Young believe this may have been historical.

Panel agreed to remove this off the potential schemes list.

LCOL152003 – Dedham Road, Boxted

SC explained that something we could look at is SLOW markings and some other form of traffic calming and this £3,000 would be for a feasibility/ basic design.

Panel agreed to fund £3,000 for the Feasibility Study.

LCOL152140 – Hesper Road

JH explained doing this will push the problem to another area.

Panel agreed to remove this off the potential schemes list.

LCOL152155 – Maldon Road B1022

Cllr Bentley asked who put forward the request. Sonia responded that the Parish council had sent in the request.

Panel agreed to leave scheme on the potential list for this year but not to fund it as yet.

SC explained that we do not have a contract with Damback anymore so we cannot pay them to fix an existing VAS sign. The parish may be able to pay for the sign to be fixed.

LCOL152143 - Tuffnel Way / Littlewood Mews junction

SC explained that this is to stop vehicles from driving over grass verges and this is a maintenance issue. She believes the panel might want to return to these issues at a later date.

Panel agree to change all grass verge requests to Amber to return at a later date.

JH

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LCOL152025 - Berechurch Road J/W Pownall Crescent

JH explained that the location is situated at a busy cross roads. He also explained that this has been looked at by a validation officer to which he recommended not to proceed any further with this request.

SC added that the business is using customer parking spaces to sell/store vehicles.

Cllr Harris explained that there are two garages and one garage bought the car park rights, leaving the other garage without spaces. SC commented that this is not apparent on site.

Panel agreed not to fund the scheme and to remove from the potential schemes list.

LCOL152133 – Dropped Kerbs

SC explained that we would like to have a pot of money for drop kerbs across the district.

Panel agreed to fund £20,000.

LCOL152015 – Heath Road, Gymes Dyke Way

Cllr Bentley commented on the Cabinet Member decision.

Heath Road is a narrow lane where cars park on either side and people have to dodge the cars either side of the road.

Panel decision not to fund this scheme.

LCOL152147 – Fernlea/Stonecrop

SC explained that this money will cover the Feasibility Study only.

Cllr Lissimore explained that this road is changing from a Cull-de - sac to an exit for a primary school so we need to get something in there quickly. Cllr Gili-Ross agreed but at the same time he would like a traffic safety plan this would benefit the school. Cllr Lissimore responded with this would only work when the school opens.

Cllr Lissimore explained that there are two options:

- A 20mph in place for when the school opens.
- We wait for the new school to open and see what the traffic will be like.

She also expressed that we need to get something in place as soon as possible. SC explained that we need to up it to £5,000 to get a traffic regulation order and design completed.

Panel agreed to change this from £3,000 - £5,000 for the design and feasibility study.

LCOL152018 - Lower Road/ St Ives Road

Cllr Bentley asked roughly when the sign will be implemented.
JH states that the officer's recommendation was not to proceed with this scheme as it would ruin the aesthetic appeal of the area but from an engineering perspective, the Vas sign can go in.
Cllr Bentley states that he has already told the Parish Council that the sign will go in.

JH mentions to Cllr Bentley that the sign will have little effect over time.

Cllr Bentley mentioned that the sign needs to go in where the village green starts.

Cllr Gili-Ross and Cllr Bentley to talk to the Parish council about where to place the VAS sign.

SC changes the budget of the scheme to £8,500 for the implementation of a VAS, the panel agree.

LCOL152154 – Maldon Road, Tiptree

Panel agreed £2,500 to fund this Total Scheme.

LCOL152132 – Shepherd Drive, Hakewill Way, Colchester

Panel agreed to keep on the Potential Schemes list, change to Amber and revisit at a later date.

LCOL152133 – NAR near junction Wallace Road, Colchester

Panel agreed £8,000 to fund this Feasibility Study including additional PV2 surveys.

LCOL152009 – Raven Way off Mill Road / Grass verge on Raven Way adjacent to Myland School

Panel agreed to keep on the Potential Schemes list, change to Amber and revisit at a later date.

No code – Mill Road – implementation, Mile End

Panel agreed to keep on the PS list awaiting completed Feasibility Report.

LCOL142083 - Dyers Road/Warren Lane, Colchester

Cllr Bentley explained that he is happy for this to go ahead but he wants to know if the land is protected.

Panel agreed to change the funding from £5,000 to £3,000 to fund this Total Scheme.

LCOL152139 – Wethersfield Road

Panel agreed to keep on the Potential Scheme list, change to Amber and revisit at a later date.

LCOL152141 - Bolsin Drive

Panel agreed to keep on the Potential Schemes list, change to Amber and revisit at a later date.

LCOL152144 – James Parnell Drive

Panel agreed to remove from PS list.

LCOL142102 – Prettygate Road, Prettygate, Colchester

Panel agreed to remove from Potential Schemes list.

LCOL152148 – Warren Lane, Stanway
Panel agreed to remove from Potential Schemes list

LCOL152157 – Brook Road, Great Tey
Panel agreed £3,000 to fund this Total Scheme.

LCOL152029 – Westlands, Prettygate, Colchester
 Cllr Lissimore understands that the scheme should be removed.
Panel agreed to remove from Potential Schemes list.

LCOL142131 – Salisbury Avenue, Maldon Road, Colchester
Panel agreed £4,000 to fund this Feasibility Study.

LCOL152120 – Thaxted Walk, Maypole, Colchester
Panel agreed to remove from Potential Scheme list due to extra funds needed to relocate a lighting column.

LCOL142026 – Meyrick Crescent, Maypole
Panel agreed to remove from Potential Scheme list.

LCOL142006 – Scythe Way, King Harold Road, Prettygate/Regency Green off King Road, Prettygate
Panel agreed to join these two requests together as one Scheme.

LCOL142005 – Birch Glen Estate, Maypole
 A petition from residents backing the 20mph zone proposal.
Panel agreed to keep this Amber until we have received the completed Options Study.

LCOL142024 – The Willows Estate, Maypole
Panel agreed £10,000 to fund the Implementation.

LCOL152001 – Mill Road, Mile End
Panel agreed £14,840 to fund the Implementation.

LCOL152085 – Riverside Estate 20mph, Parsons Heath
Panel agreed to keep this Amber until we have received the completed Feasibility Study.

LCOL152101 – Firs Chase, Mersea
 SC explains to the panel that this scheme should not go forward as it is not feasible.
Panel agreed to remove from Potential Schemes list.

LCOL152106 - High Street, High Street North, Barfield Road
 JH states that he put the highest budget down however there were 4 different options to consider.
 Cllr Bentley states that they should ask the town's council to see what they'd prefer however he stated they shouldn't give them the mini roundabout choice but let them choose from the 3 other potential options.
Panel agreed to leave this on the Potential Schemes list until a preferred option is decided.

LCOL152019 - Victoria Esplanade, West Mersea
JH states that this scheme should be Amber to remain on the list, awaiting funding.

Panel agreed to keep this Amber until we have received the completed Feasibility Study.

LCOL152009 - Church Lane, Marks Tey

Panel agreed to remove from PS List.

LCOL152010 - Station Road, Marks Tey

Cllr Brown states that she would rather fund scheme LCOL152010 than fund LCOL152009. JH agrees to take LCOL152009 off of the PS list.

Panel Agreed.

LCOL152012 - Monkwick Avenue, School Road, Colchester

SC states this is for a Feasibility Study.

Panel agreed £4,000 to fund this Feasibility Study.

LCOL152016 - High Street, Dedham

Cllr Gili-Ross mentioned an issue with what they would prefer.

Panel agreed £16,000 to fund this Feasibility Study.

LCOL152017 – Roundabout at St. Botolphs Circus, Colchester

Panel agreed to remove from Potential Schemes list as Major Projects are already looking into this.

LCOL152149 - Damask Road, Sweet Briar Road and Rugosa Close

Cllr Bentley states that he does not remember the email from Cllr Brown but if happy to accept officer's recommendations.

Panel agreed to remove from Potential Schemes list.

PROW

Cllr Bentley suggests getting them all done as they're only a small amount of the budget.

Panel agree to all PROW schemes, excluding LCOL158002 – Braiswick Lane, Myland FP41.

Cycling

LCOL154004 - Blackberry Road/ Holly Road

Cllr Bentley is happy to go back to the parish council as he is unsure if there is already a cycle path in place.

Panel agreed to change this to Amber.

LCOL154001 - Monkwick Estate Cycle Improvements

It was suggested that Monkwick Estate cycle improvements were to be broken down into sections.

We are to look at a small section of cycleway from Thomas Lord Audley School down to Gurdon Road.

Panel agreed £10,000 for the Design of the section between Thomas Lord Audley School and Gurdon Road.

*LCOL154002 - Rowhedge Road Cycleway Widening
Panel agreed £5,000 to secure land negotiations.*

Passenger Transport

Cllr Bentley states that he is unsure of where most of these schemes are and questions other panel members if they know about any of them.

Cllr Brown mentions that Bures Hamlet is actually in Braintree. However she also indicates that the Colchester Zoo ones need doing. The bus shelter there is disgusting.

Passenger Transport to attend the next meeting to provide more information to enable them to consider funding the stops.

Panel agreed £11,000 for two lots of raised and dropped kerbing at Colchester Zoo.

Walking

*LCOL142011 – Mill Road jw Brinkley Grove Road
Panel agreed to leave this as Amber as more investigation is needed.*

*LCOL152150 – Millers Lane, Stanway
Cllr Bentley to check that there was a footpath there in the first place. SC explains that they need more information.
Panel agreed to leave this as Amber as more investigation is needed.*

*LCOL152017 – Stanway Western Bypass, Stanway
SC explains that the scheme is currently amber as it didn't meet the PV2 requirements however in time they will need a crossing.
Panel agreed to leave this as Amber as more investigation is needed.*

*LCOL142043 - Hawthorn Avenue, St Andrews
SC states that the safety audit states that the road needs resurfacing.
Panel agreed £13,000 for the required TOP UP.*

*LCOL153004 - High Street, Rowhedge
Panel agreed £5,000 to secure land negotiations.*

*LCOL153001 – Maldon Road, Tiptree
Panel agreed £20,000 to secure land negotiations.*

*LCOL153010 - Bergholt Road, Colchester
Cllr Brown mentioned that the scheme is amber.
SC states that the panel could look at a Feasibility if that's what they want to do.
Cllr Gili-Ross mentions that it's a fairly long stretch of road.
SC explains that it was built poorly.
Cllr Brown states that they cannot do anything with it at the moment.
Panel agreed to leave this on the PS list to await funding.*

	<p>LCOL153011 – Fieldview Close to Brinkley East, Pathway connection, Colchester <i>Panel agreed not to fund as we do not own the land.</i></p> <p>LCOL153012 - Phillip Morant Field to Norman Way, Colchester JH states that we do not own the land. <i>Panel agreed not to fund as we do not own the land.</i></p> <p>LCOL152158 – A133 Cymbeline Way at Spring Lane roundabout <i>Panel agreed to remove from PS List.</i></p> <p>LCOL153003 - Plume Avenue, Pettygate Cllr Lissimore states that it's actually on the commons and addresses JH to make sure he gets the correct location. <i>Panel agreed to leave on the PS list until the correct location has been established.</i></p> <p>LCOL153002 - Creffield Road/Oxford Road <i>Panel agreed £25,000 to fund this Total Scheme.</i></p>	
6.	<p>Approved Scheme List</p> <p>No issues raised. County, Borough and Parish Councillor are able to contact the Highways Liaison Officer directly about any questions.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Cllr Brown mentions discussing rangers and bringing it to the next meeting.</p>	
8.	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The panel agreed the date of the next Colchester Local Highways Panel will be the 21st June 2016 in CR4.</p>	