

**Report of the Rights of Way, Highways and Lighting Committee meeting held on
Tuesday 19th January 2010 at 10 Riverside at 7.30pm**

1. Apologies:

Present: Ms S Bennell, Mr K Coe, Mr M Ellison-Taylor, Mr D Gray, Mr J Lucas, Mr R Parlone (Chair) and Mrs C Youngs

In Attendance:

Mrs E Coe (Town Clerk)

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Rights of Way

Monthly Sunday Walks

March 28 th – Richard Parlone	
June 27 th -	September 26 th -

To report on December walk:

Mr Parlone reported that 13 people had attended the walk, which ended with the traditional mulled wine and mince pies. No problems reported.

To note any footpath problems reported:

None.

Walk Cards:

Mr Lucas gave information on the design and content, which was unanimously approved. Mr Parlone agreed to provide details of the walk routes and descriptions to Mr Lucas. Front cover designs were agreed.

An email received from Nick Cooper - Rights of Way Officer at SCDC offering assistance, particularly with the recent diversion of paths was noted. It was also noted that he has arranged for a copy of the amended working copy of the definitive map for Framlingham to be sent to the Town Clerk from Suffolk County Council. It was agreed to apply for a licence which is free to Town Councils, for the reproduction of OS maps and Mr Cooper would be contacted to see if he could help with this. Members were requested to proof read the draft when completed.

The Town Clerk was requested to send an official request to Cllr Colin Hart for £2,500 of funding from the Locality Budget, which would be the maximum cost.

4. Highways

Radarlux Speed sign:

Email regarding the Radarlux signs advising that due to Health & Safety considerations only SCC staff or SCC appointed contractors are allowed to erect signs in the highway, including private highway verge, so it is not permitted for parishes and town councils to operate their own signs on a private basis. However, SCC is investigating operating this type of service in the future. Data from the trial will be sent as soon as possible and then options can be discussed. (Correspondence item 8)

It was agreed to discuss the data when received. Following discussion it was agreed for the Town Clerk to respond requesting costs for budget purposes for the provision by SCC (including fitting and movement) of a sign on a regular basis on a number of nominated roads in the town.

Grit bins and recent bad weather:

It was noted that there had been some disagreements about the use of grit bins. There are currently 13 bins provided by the Town Council and it was agreed to put an article in Framfare and on the website, with a view to compiling a list of potential new sites and additional designated grit spreaders.

Sign boards:

The members considered implementing a new policy restricting businesses in the town to one sign board each on the highway outside their premises, which had been recommended to be considered during a recent meeting with the SCC Highways Manager. As it appears only to apply to two premises at the current time, it was agreed to monitor the situation and follow up any complaints before proceeding any further.

Litter bins:

A revised cost for the additional emptying of 15 litter bins on Saturdays and Sundays from April to September had been received from Suffolk Coastal District Council Services. Following discussion it was felt that emptying on a Sunday may not be necessary as they were emptied on a Monday anyway. The Town Clerk was requested to obtain a revised quotation for Saturdays only from April – September which would be discussed further at the next meeting.

5. Correspondence

20. Dr D Peel

Copy of letter sent to Suffolk County Council regarding the management of Pembroke Road during the snowy weather. It was agreed to send a letter supporting Dr Peel's comments and strongly urge Suffolk County Council to consider prioritising Pembroke Road, as there are a huge number of people who use this route to the Medical Practice and it is also a well used route to Thomas Mills High School and Framlingham College. A copy would be sent to Dr Peel for information.

22. Suffolk County Council

Notice of temporary road closure for Riverside from Co-op car park entrance to Albert Place from 8th February – 5th March. It was noted that the road closure is necessary for the installation of new railings along Riverside, which the Town Council is contributing towards.

28. Suffolk County Council

Email with apologies for the short notice but advising of two-way traffic signals of Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd January for urgent resurfacing works to a section of Station Road. The Town Clerk has put the information on the website Notice Board.

6. Lighting

It was noted that the light in Castle Street is still not working. The Town Clerk advised that she had reported this in September, and would contact Customer Service Direct for an update.

7. Matters of report or items for next agenda

To consider items raised at the 5/10 year plan workshop.

New or updated sign needed at the end of Castle Street pointing down Fore Street 'A12 Ipswich'. To be considered during Traffic Regulation Order Review.

It was reported that the Police signs in the car parks are cluttering up the town. The Town Clerk agreed to raise this at the next Safer Neighbourhood Team Tasking Meeting.

8. Next meeting:

Tuesday 16th February at 7.30pm