

FRAMLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting of
Highways, Rights of Way and Parking (H.R.P) Committee
held on Monday 12th June 2023 at 7pm in the Town Council Meeting Room

1. **Cllr. Bennett proposed himself as Chair of the Committee.** This was seconded by Cllr. Culemann and carried unanimously. **(Ref: HRP-2023-06-12 1)**
2. **There were no apologies for absence.**
3. **Present**
Cllrs. Bennett (Chair), Culemann, Dean and Eastwood.
In attendance
Lydia Kirk (Deputy Town Clerk)
4. **There were no declarations of interest.**
5. **Cllr. Bennett proposed accepting the draft Minutes of the meeting of 17th April 2023 as an accurate record of the meeting.** This was seconded by Cllr. Eastwood with all in favour. **(Ref: HRP-2023-06-12 2)**
6. **Public Forum** There were no members of public in attendance or online.
7. **Highways**
 - 7.1 **Speed Indicator Device (SID)**
 - 7.1.1 The latest SID data for Station Road was considered alongside the data received from the ANPR visit in March. The SID data did not suggest that speeding was an issue along this road, but the ANPR camera caught 1,964 motorists speeding during its five-day visit, equal to 42% of all drivers.
 - 7.1.2 Quotations for a replacement SID were considered. Cllr. Bennett proposed putting to the full Town Council the recommendation to purchase an Evolvix Vision from Elancity at a cost of £2,807.99. This was seconded by Cllr. Culemann with all in favour. **(Ref: HRP-2023-06-12 3)**
It was noted that there is £4,500 in Ear Marked Reserve 338 for this purpose. Cllr. Culemann suggested that the Strategy Committee should consider whether the EMR or CIL funds are used for this purchase.
 - 7.2 Correspondence from Thomas Mills High School to Suffolk County Council regarding extending the 30pmh limit on Saxtead Road was considered. Cllr. Bennett proposed supporting this extension or a buffer zone if this is not possible. This was seconded by Cllr. Dean with all in favour. **(Ref: HRP-2023-06-12 4)**
 - 7.3 **Visual Chicane proposals**
 - 7.3.1 The Chair, Cllr. Eastwood and the DTC met with SCC Officers to discuss these proposals in May. This project is in the very early stages and funding has not yet been discussed. The Town Council has been asked to identify possibly trial sites in the town for the visual chicanes. After written consultation with all Town Councillors, the following sites were proposed by Cllr. Bennett:
 1. Junction of Victoria Mill Road and Station Road
 2. Saxmundham Road between the fire station and the petrol station
 3. Outside number 10 College Road where the road bottlenecks up to the junction of Mount Pleasant
 4. Junction of Saxtead Road and Pembroke RoadThese sites were seconded by Cllr. Culemann with all in favour. **(Ref: HRP-2023-04-17 5)**
 - 7.3.2 The Chair suggested sharing the visual chicane proposals with Parish Councils at Blythburgh and Thetford after recent fatalities there due to speeding. This was seconded by Cllr. Dean with all in favour. **(Ref: HRP-2023-04-17 6)**
 - 7.4 There was some discussion on using a laser to project warning messages on roads urging drivers to slow down if speeding, but with the purchase of the new SID it was agreed not to pursue this presently.

8. Lighting

8.1 A quotation for adding extra lamps to two posts at Fairfield Crescent was considered. Cllr. Eastwood thinks that two lamps might not be needed.

ACTION He will carry out a night-time site visit before the next meeting and report back for further consideration.

8.2 The ground-level lighting at Pigs Meadow and vandalism of the protective domes was discussed. The Town Council was not allowed to install higher level lighting on posts or trees here so had to install ground level lighting, but this is then obscured by soil and leaves. The current plastic domes were deliberately damaged but it was agreed that these were not sufficiently robust.

ACTION DTC to research alternative protection for the lights.

The DTC has continued to chase the lighting contractor regarding installation of the light at The Fens which should have been completed by the end of February. Cllr. Eastwood proposed cancelling these works and obtaining quotations from alternative providers who can complete the installation in a timely manner. This was seconded by Cllr. Bennett with all in favour. **(Ref: HRP-2023-04-17 7)**

8. Correspondence was considered:

A resident has asked for pedestrian safety measures at the junction of Mount Pleasant and College Road to be introduced. Currently children walking to and from the primary school and high school can struggle to cross the road here safely and the pavement is also very narrow in places. Cllr. Eastwood reported that the Council has already tried to get a pedestrian crossing here but this was not possible.

ACTION DTC to contact SCC’s Liaison Engineer to ask what could be done to make this area safer and establish if pedestrian safety railings would be allowed here. If Highways agrees to some pedestrian safety measures, local residents will then be consulted.

A letter from a resident on Fairfield Road highlighting the increased need for residents’ parking permits after car parks in the town have started charging was noted. This issue is being discussed with ESC’s Parking Services team on Friday 16th June.

10. Items to be Raised at the Next Meeting:

Additional lighting at Fairfield Crescent

11. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 10th July.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.02pm.

Signed
Chair

Date