

FRAMLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting of
Highways, Rights of Way and Parking (H.R.P) Committee
held on Monday 17th April 2023 at 7pm in the Town Council Meeting Room

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Present

Cllrs. Bennett (Chair), Benbow, Culemann, Dean and Eastwood.

In Attendance

Lydia Kirk (Deputy Town Clerk) Two members of public, one via Zoom.

3. There were no declarations of interest.

4. Cllr. Bennett proposed accepting the draft Minutes of the meeting of 3rd March 2023 as an accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Eastwood with all in favour. (*Ref: HRP-2023-04-17 1*)

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting

The member of public present at the meeting expressed concerns about an application for adverse possession of a strip of land to one edge of the bricked pavement at Queen's Head alleyway. His main concern was that the applicant cannot show they've had possession nor can they show they've exercised complete physical control over the land.

One of the applicants, via Zoom, explained his reasons for trying to claim possession of this land and confirmed that if granted, he would not restrict public access to the area in any way. He also offered to reduce the length of the land in his application or grant a deed of access if this would help to alleviate the objector's concerns.

There was some discussion about this but Councillors agreed that it was a civil matter and not one under the remit of the Town Council.

The Chair reconvened the meeting

6. Clerk's Report

The Town Council's interest in future waves of the Quiet Lanes project has been logged.

The signage stating that the whole Market Hill is closed for the Market on Tuesdays is incorrect. ESC is aware of this and the signage needs changing.

The Market Hill parking bays have been re-marked and chargeable spaces have been painted blue.

The site meeting with Cllr. Burroughes and the Community Liaison Engineer to discuss various highways issues around the town will be on 20th April.

We are awaiting confirmation of a date for our digital meeting with SCC Highways Liaison Officer and Cllr Paul West regarding our chicane traffic-calming proposals.

Officers and Cllr. Eastwood will be meeting ESC Officers regarding the new Traffic Regulation Orders in the town on 16th June.

The road closures at Albert Place, College Road and Mount Pleasant Road have now finished. There were significant problems caused by very limited access to Market Hill. The DTC thanked Cllr. Burroughes for his help in obtaining extra signage stating that access to the Market Hill was allowed. Overnight road closures from 7pm- 5am at Fore Street start tonight until 22nd April.

7. Highways

7.1 Speed Indicator Device (SID)

7.1.1 The latest SID data was considered. The report from the ANPR on Station Road in March is still awaited and the DTC is continuing to chase this.

7.1.2 Hard-copy options for a new SID were considered. As well as the price, other aspects need to be considered including weight, ease of data extraction, length between charges, extra costs such as delivery and installation and reviews from other customers.

ACTION DTC to email the SID options to Councillors to consider in more detail.

Also to explore funding options for a replacement SID.

7.2 Cllr. Bennett proposed the Town Councils applies to SCC for a new grit bin at King's Avenue as requested by a resident. Cllr. Eastwood confirmed that there are no other bins in this area and seconded the proposal. This was carried unanimously.

(Ref: HRP-2023-04-17 2) **ACTION** DTC to complete and submit forms to SCC

8. Lighting

8.1 Cllr. Eastwood has visited Fairfield Crescent at night and seen the problem first-hand. He proposed purchasing a second light for the same lamppost to help offer more light near the ramp. **ACTION** DTC will liaise with the lighting contractor in this regard and report back.

8.2 The street lighting maintenance contract from April 2023 was again considered. However, the Council's new LED lights were only installed in August 2022 and they include a 5-year warranty. The Town Clerk recommended a company called Electric Avenue to carry out maintenance and repairs on a pay-as-you-use basis rather than entering into a more costly contract. **ACTION** DTC will obtain a copy of the council's current contract with SCC to see what maintenance is currently covered.

8.3 A quotation for the street lighting electricity contract from April 2023 onwards is still awaited and electricity usage for individual lights is being provided to UKPN.

9. Correspondence was considered:

1. Emails regarding Queen's Head Alleyway access- this was discussed in the Public Forum.
2. Email regarding a campervan that is parked on Brook Lane hindering visibility of vehicles leaving Mills Crescent. The campervan is not parked illegally as it is over 10 metres from the junction. No accidents have been reported here and no other residents have complained about it. **ACTION** DTC to respond as such to the resident.

3. Emails regarding safety concerns with Pembroke Road pedestrian crossing. Councillors agreed that if the hedge to the right of the crossing on the Mount Pleasant side of the road was lowered, visibility for pedestrians crossing here would be improved.

ACTION DTC to ask Framlingham Medical Practise if they would be willing to lower their hedge and to respond to the residents who have raised concerns. Also, to research the possibility of projecting a warning onto the road surface to warn cars approaching the junction from Pembroke Road of the crossing.

4. Offer of land for charged parking beyond Thomas Mills High School on Saxtead Road. Councillors considered this but this were concerned that if people had to pay to park here, they would not likely use it and would instead park on residential roads closer to the Town Centre.

ACTION DTC to respond with thanks for the offer, but advising that it is thought this land is too far out of town to be used by many people.

5. Email from Library Manager regarding changes to bus routes during the road closures. The DTC has been in contact with Transport Services at Suffolk County Council asking if the Town Council can be notified of any changes to bus routes or bus stops when there are roadworks in the Town. This has been passed to the bus companies and any information the TC receives will be shared online and with the library to try and help bus users in future.

6. Common Seal re Traffic Order on Market Hill – this was noted and will be filed.

10. Items to be Raised at the Next Meeting:

Lighting at The Fens SID quotations

11. **The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 12th June.** There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm.