

TORRIDGE HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

13 June 2019

Present:-

Devon County Council:-

Councillors A Eastman (Chair), L Hellyer, B Parsons and A Saywell

Torrige District Council

Councillor R Wiseman

Apologies:-

Councillors J Mckenzie, A Hewitt and T Inch

* **59** **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillor A Eastman be elected Chair and Councillor L Hellyer be elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

* **60** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of Meeting held on 26 February 2019 be signed as a correct record.

* **61** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

* **62** **Doing What Matters**

The Neighbourhood Highways Manager (South and West) reported on the findings of the Planned and Reactive Maintenance: Potholes and Drainage Task Group reporting to the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee (CIRS) recommending a different approach from a largely data led process to a more stream-lined pragmatic system-thinking approach for highways maintenance.

A programme lead and pilot group of officers had been established with an external consultant and involving the Council's contractor covering the two divisions of Hatherleigh and Chagford; and Torrington to test the new approach working with local communities, Parishes, District Councils, local Neighbourhood Officers and Members using their combined knowledge in identifying local priorities and issues. This was an open process and an evidence base would be built up to establish efficacy and best use of limited resources. If successful the pilot would be rolled out to other areas.

The Members commended the approach and the importance of the good working relations with Officers and best use of limited resources with ever increasing demands.

Regular updates on the pilot project would be made to future meetings of the Committee.

* **63** **A39 Bucks Cross Safety Assessment**

The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/19/45) on a request by the Chair of Woolsery Parish Council made at the last meeting of this Committee for (a) a crossing point across the A39 be funded and provided; (b) explanation as to why a crossing point had not been provided when the new

school was built; and (c) the existing 40mph speed limit be extended to cover the entrance to the new school.

A safety assessment had been undertaken by the County Council Officers on 8 March 2019 and copy of the report of that assessment (which also outlined the options available) was attached as Appendix I of the Report. It was intended that both the extension of the speed limit and the provision of a crossing point would be reviewed through the stage 4 (post opening and monitoring) safety audit process for the College.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Saywell and **SECONDED** by Councillor Hellyer and

RESOLVED that a Stage 4 Safety Audit report be brought back to this Committee when available so that Members can determine whether any further action is required.

* **64** **Winkleigh Airfield: Use as a Car Park by HGVs**

In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) Councillor Saywell had asked that the Committee consider the local impact of HGV parking at the Winkleigh Airfield and the need for parking controls and restrictions.

The Neighbourhood Highways Manager (South and West) undertook to arrange a site meeting with the local Member (and other interested parties) to discuss the options available.

* **65** **Correcting Speed Limit Anomalies: Placement of Signage**

In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) Councillor Saywell had asked that the Committee consider this matter where inappropriate speed limits remained following for example new housing developments of which there were examples in Winkleigh.

Officers reported that such matters would ordinarily be addressed via Development Management and planning processes in conjunction with highways officers and acknowledged that anomalies did remain. Issues identified could be addressed via a single Traffic Regulation Order following a SCARF process if necessary and that options would be investigated.

* **66** **Condition of the Road between Moorhead and Littleham Village**

In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) Councillor Hellyer had asked that the Committee consider local concerns about the condition of this Road.

Councillor P Haddrell (Littleham and Landcross Parish Council) attended and spoke to this item at the invitation of the Committee and reported on the increasing use of the road and local concerns about its poor state of repair and that a scheme had been designed but had not been implemented.

Members referred to the lack of communication about the lack of progress on the maintenance of the Road

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hellyer, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eastman and

RESOLVED that the matter be progressed with the Asset Management Team for report to the local Member.

* **67** **Delegated Powers**

The Committee noted the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/19/46) on actions taken under delegated powers since the last meeting.

* **68** **Dates of Meetings**

Tuesday, 8 October 2019 (to be held at the Market Hall, Holsworthy at 10.30 am) and
Tuesday, 24 March 2020.

***DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.56 am