

Rochford Local Highways Panel Minutes

15th July 2022 at 2pm

Remote Meeting

Chairman: Cllr June Lumley

Vice-chairman: Cllr Mike Steptoe

Panel Members: Cllr Michael Hoy, Cllr Lauren Shaw, Cllr James Newport,
Cllr Ian Ward, Cllr Simon Wootton, Cllr Arthur Williams, Cllr Angelina Marriot,
Cllr Cheryl Roe

Officers: James Drabwell – Highways Liaison Officer

Daniel Maclean – Highways Team Leader

ITEM

1. Chairman welcomed everyone present.
2. Apologies: Cllr Roe
Cllr Hoy
Cllr Marriot
Cllr Wootton
Ian Ward asked to leave as an emergency had arisen, but hope will be back later to engage in the meeting. Prior to leaving Cllr Lumley asked if there were outstanding items he would like to raise, he mentioned Castle Rd crossing.

Dan Maclean and his new child were welcomed into the LHP.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2022 were agreed as correct.
4. Cllr Steptoe offers an apology in respect of Wig Wags in Barling not being replaced, however on his return the Wig Wags were new and in place outside the village hall.
5. Cllr Lumley raises an issue with Daws Heath Road and what the “In Validation” comment means. Dan Maclean answers in full.
6. Cllr Newport asks a question about adding further comments throughout the validation process as at present the process seems very convoluted. Dan Maclean answers that any

further information about a scheme should be directed towards the HLO. Cllr Lumly agreed that too much traffic back and forth would get confusing. Cllr Lumley requests an update regarding the VAS unit on London Rd, Rayleigh and is concerned that it will slip off the LHP reports. HLO agreed it will not slip from the report.

7. Cllr Steptoe wants an update regarding Barrow Hall Lane, HLO confirms that the camera survey is logged within the files and the validating engineer will consult the video footage when completing their validation of the site.
8. Cllr Steptoe Gt Wakering Wig Wags and who's responsible for the maintenance. HLO agrees to chase, and Dan Maclean will work offline to clarify what is happening within the specific department.
9. Cllr Steptoe asks if Southend Road, Gt Wakering should be with the Casualty Reduction Team and not the LHP. HLO confirms that he will contact the Team leader for clarification. Dan Maclean confirms that there may be recommendations from the incident concerned however once they are released we will pass it on.
10. Cllr Lumley raises the Pedestrian crossing on London Road, Rayleigh and the fact that a site visit has been conducted in the first instance.
11. Cllr Steptoe raises Brays Lane, Rochford in that there has been section 106 monies set aside for the scheme, he also mentions that the road is used by school children. He questions the need to carry out a survey. HLO confirms that the survey strips are indeed in place as we speak. Cllr Shaw agreed they were in place.
12. Cllr Ian Ward re-joins the meeting.
13. Cllr Steptoe raises Southend Road crossing point, he would like a meeting with the engineers to discuss his concerns surrounding the crossing. HLO agrees this would be a good idea.
14. Cllr Steptoe raises Junction with Hall Rd/Rectory Rd and that the scheme crosses the election border and shares with Cllr Shaw. Cllr Steptoe asks if a survey has been carried out, HLO isn't sure if one has been carried out and agrees to find out.
15. Cllr Lumley raises the signalised crossing in High Rd, Rayleigh and why it is quoted as quarter 4. Dan Maclean advises that this scheme is a Feasibility study and would naturally be completed in Quarter 4 as all other schemes take priority within the programme.
16. Cllr Lumley raises scheme Little Wheatley Chase asking when this will be delivered. HLO answers that they have been advised they are waiting for programme dates.
17. Cllr Lumley raises Castle Road, Rayleigh which Cllr Ward was referring to and wants to know when they will have the costs for this scheme.
18. Cllr Steptoe raises Poynters Lane and would like to know why it is in validation it seems to be taking a long time. HLO agrees it is taking a long time and that it will be chased up.

19. Cllr Steptoe raises Coronation Close and why not all of the verge was addressed in the scheme. HLO agrees to find out. HLO was due to visit the site however ran out of time to do so, the scheme was inherited by him so only has limited information to go on. A site visit is suggested which Cllr Steptoe agrees to.
20. Cllr Newport/Lumley asked about PROW 71 scheme, there was a report prepared regarding this scheme, do we have such report. HLO confirmed he has looked for it however can't locate it. Dan Maclean agrees to help look for it.
21. High Rd / Brook Rd scheme may have been replicated look to understand what has happened. Is it Implementation or Feasibility.

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22. Cllr Lumley asks why a lot of schemes are showing Quarter 4 for completion. Dan Maclean confirms that Feasibility studies and Designs will always be marked as Q4 as Total schemes and Implementation schemes will take priority.
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23. Cllr Ian Ward queries why we have the same scheme Brook Rd, Rayleigh duplicated with implementation listed. Dan Maclean updates the panel of how our system works.
Cllr Ian Ward questions the cost of £5,500 and is it the Feasibility study that has been funded at present. HLO and Dan Maclean confirm this is correct.
24. Cllr Newport questions Watery Rd / Beeches Rd, Rawreth, is Quarter 3 when we expect the design to be finished. HLO confirms this is correct.

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25. Cllr Shaw confirms a meeting was had to discuss Thorpe Rd, Hockley, it is in fact a private rd. Dan Macleans confirms this is correct. HLO confirms that sat nav companies have been contacted to remove the road from their systems.
26. HLO confirmed to Cllr Shaw that the Lesney Gardens scheme is still in validation.
27. Cllr Steptoe raises Shoebury Rd, Gt Wakering scheme that he is happy for it to be removed.

28. Cllr Lumley confirms the removal of the Castle Terrace scheme. HLO confirms that the hedge of the property border will always be an issue and that enforcement action is the only avenue open to us.
 29. Cllr Steptoe asks for further clarification on schemes Barrow Hall Rd, Little Wakering/Sutton Rd in respect of the camera surveys. HLO confirms that the video footage is placed on file for all visiting departments to view when making their decisions.
 30. Cllr Newport asks for an update on London Rd scheme. HLO confirms no update at present but he has visited the site to understand the issues raised and that he too is waiting for an answer.
 31. Cllr Steptoe raises Hall Rd JW Cherry Orchard Way scheme, what has happened to the scheme it has come to a halt. There is funding in place that we don't want to lose. Dan Maclean confirms that the HLO shall consult with the members of the Traffic team to push the scheme further along.
 32. Cllr Steptoe requests that once the Brays Lane survey has been returned to the HLO can it be sent out to himself and Cllr Shaw. Cllr Williams has noted that there are no warning signs around this location, HLO confirms that all this will be looked at by the validating engineer. Cllr Steptoe has requested Wig Wags to be requested aswell.
 33. Cllr Lumley asks for agreement to fund all green reg items.
 34. Cllr Steptoe raises Iron Well Lane scheme, he has received complaints that the bridge cant be used by disabled persons and can it be looked into please.
 35. Cllr Lumley confirms all schemes raised by Passenger Transport will not be voted forward for inclusion to be funded. Dan Maclean confirms this is acceptable and that the panel can fund whatever they wish. Cllr Steptoe confirms a meeting on 9th August regarding the further issues surrounding the Passenger Transport schemes in Rochford.
 36. Cllr Lumley / Cllr Steptoe reminded the panel that it wasn't for the lack of will to allocate funds, it was the lack of viable schemes being validated that was the issues.
 37. Cllr Shaw and Dan Maclean left the meeting.
 38. Meeting closed.
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