

Notes of meeting with Jack Griffiths Highways Engineer

Friday 4th March 2022. 10.00am

Town Clerk: Richard Bishop

Highways Engineer: Jack Griffiths

Guest: Cllr Judy Anscombe

Minute Taker: Kerry Furnass

COMPLAINTS UPDATE.

1. Nothing outstanding reported.

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE ITEMS.

1. Theatre Street car park signs – Cllr Anscombe informed Mr Griffiths of the issues with four signs. The wording was not as agreed, one sign had not been changed at all, it was still the original one. Mr Griffiths explained that the wording on the signs were correct, there had probably been some misunderstanding at the time on what wording would be used. He would however take a look after the meeting at the height restriction sign that had not been changed.
2. Bus Stop Lynn Road – Mr Griffiths had previously been sent the specs so it should only require a quick visit. He will email the Clerk to confirm the start. He will also check that the transfer of the funding from Bears Lane goes ahead.
3. Parking Bay outside Papworths – Mr Griffiths reported that changing the space would not solve the problem and could make it worse. He will continue to monitor the situation.
4. Meadow House footpath request – Nothing has been heard back from the developers at the moment.
5. Red Lion parking spaces – This license ends September 2022 with a possibility that it could be sooner.
6. Havacre litter – this is BDC
7. Convent hedge – Confirmed that it is to be cut. Mr Griffiths thought it may have been done already. He will check after the meeting.
8. 20mph signs Courtfields – Cllr Anscombe explained the request for the signs to Mr Griffiths. A letter had also been sent to Ed Colman from the Traffic Committee.
9. Footpath from Norwich Road to Schools – Cllr Anscombe again explained the reasoning for this request. New developments were being built but there was no safe route to the schools or into town. Ideas had been discussed at the traffic meeting with

Cllr Colman. Mr Griffiths was asked if Sec106 money could be designated for this purpose? He thought it may be possible, but the Schools would need to be onboard to even consider the option. Another alternative put forward was to use Monks Path. It was at one point going to be used as a cycle/footpath. There again Mr Griffiths said that the schools would need to be involved and that Barratts would need to be contacted in the first instance. The Town Clerk would investigate further.

10. Crossroads sign at junction of Beachwell Road & Cley Road. – The Transport committee were keen to keep this old sign, could it be restored? Mr Griffiths said they were usually replaced with a similar but more modern ones made from fiberglass. He had no problem with it being restored by the Council or a group but suggested that if it needed digging up a 'Line Search Before You Dig' was carried out to check on underground services.
11. Street Signs – Some street signs were in need of a good clean, who is responsible to do this? Breckland were responsible for cleaning the street signs and Norfolk for road signs etc. Mr Griffiths confirmed that the budget was now being set for April. He may be able to look at the town centre.
12. A1065 - Pot holes through the town – Mr Griffiths was asked who checked on these issues and what checks were done to make sure they were completed properly. He replied a Street Scene Inspector would check every 6 weeks, as a drive through inspection. An annual more in-depth inspection would also take place. Metal works were the responsibility of the utilities, and they had a 12 month leeway to do repairs. However any problems could be reported to HW as they could use Sec72 for continuous problems.
13. Entrance Roads – litter – Mr Griffiths would check to see where Highways England and Breckland's responsibilities were for litter picking these entrances.

Date of next meeting – Friday 1st April . 10.00am