

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Highway's Authority held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 19th October, 2017 @ 09.10am.

Present:	Hon. Russell K Yon	-	Chairman
	Hon. Gavin G Ellick	-	Member
	Hon. Cyril K Leo	-	Member
	Hon. Cruyff G Buckley	-	Member
	Mr Derek Henry	-	Director of ENRD
	Mr Deon Robbertse	-	Roads Manager
	Mr Darren Francis	-	Roads Inspector
	PC Jonathon Clark	-	Police Representative
	Mr Nicky Lawrence	-	Secretary
Invited:	Mr David Goodrick	-	Chief Engineer
Apology:	Hon. Dr. Corinda Essex	-	Deputy Chairman (Leave)

Open Agenda.

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and prepared to open the meeting when it was realised that a Police Representative was not in attendance. The Secretary called the Police Office for an explanation and PC Jonathon Clark arrived soon after. The Chairman proceeded with the meeting.

2.1 Matters arising from minutes of 21st September, 2017.

The 'Entry', New Ground.

The Roads Manager reported that this matter has been addressed which will allow storm water to be diverted away from residential areas.

Road in Sapper Way.

Members were told that the problem will be resolved when the road will be closed to enable Connect Saint Helena Ltd to re-position existing manholes, and for the Roads Section to resurface the area around the manholes.

Removal of material from Lower Sandy Bay.

This work will be carried out in conjunction with Enterprise St Helena (ESH) when reinstating the Lower Sandy Bay road. Permission has been granted to dispose of the material on private land which has no productive potential.

Action: Roads Manager.

Road at Upper Cow Path.

The Chairman informed members that the contractor working in the area has agreed to fill and level stretches of this road to make it safer.

Parking at A&D Mini Mart.

The Chairman reported that he has been working with the owner of the Shop, to encourage shoppers to use the adjacent car park and not park on the highway. The situation has improved but still needs to be monitored.

Action: Chairman/Police Representative

Traffic calming at the Flag, Levelwood.

The Roads Manager suggested that the Police monitor this area at more frequent intervals and address speeding issues with the community during their Beat Surgeries. Shop and Bar owners should also be encouraged to report any offenders.

Action: Police Representative.

2.2 Request from resident of Upper Jamestown.

A resident of Upper Jamestown had requested that double yellow lines or reflective traffic guards be installed outside his entrance to enable safe entry and exit to his home, which is currently impeded by vehicles being parked directly in front of his entrance.

Members felt this was not a practical solution but agreed that a 'No Parking' sign should be placed in a prominent position, preferably on the wall of the property. A letter will be sent to the resident requesting permission to erect a sign on the wall of his property.

Action: Secretary/Roads Manager

2.3 Any other urgent business.

Rural Retreat.

Following concerns raised by a resident of Rural Retreat regarding stability of a bank behind a residence; the Roads Manager visited the area and provided photographic evidence that movement of heavy vehicles has no effect on the embankment. The roadway shows no form of deflection or movement and the crumbling of the slope has nothing to do with traffic on the roadway above. The Chief Engineer agreed with the outcome of the Roads Manager's investigation.

Parking in non-parking areas.

The Roads Section has received reports about 3 or 4 times per week concerning vehicles being parked in non-parking areas namely behind the Consulate Hotel and in Barracks Square.

Members agreed that this is a policing issue and details should be forwarded to the Police Representative for his attention. He was also asked to notify his staff that these issues are for the Police to investigate and not to call on the Roads Section.

Action: Police Representative.

Parking at Willow Bank and Alarm Hill.

The Roads Manager (RM) reported that the Roads Section has received requests for Double Yellow Lines (DYL's) to be placed at Willow Bank and at Alarm Hill. Visitor's to Diana's Peak park in these areas and cause congestion on the road. The Roads Manager's opinion was that DYL's would exacerbate the problem because people would then park at the end of the lines where the road is narrower and would increase the risk of accidents. The RM said he will bring any future requests for DYL's to the Highway Authority.

The Chairman asked the RM to forward details via email to the Highway Authority.

Action: Roads Manager

Ladder Hill Road.

The Roads Manager informed members that an area of wall at the top of Ladder Hill Road is showing signs of movement. This area is now being monitored regularly. If further movement is detected there will need to be a road closure to remedy the problem at short notice. It would take a minimum of three days to carry out the works. However, during the closure other essential maintenance works will be performed on the entire length of the road. The Chief Engineer supports this proposal.

Members suggested that a group led by the Emergency Planning Manager should be formed to undertake a risk assessment and a plan of action agreed to take necessary action should the need arise.

Discussion took place on the cause of the problem which is believed to be overweight trucks using the road. With no weighbridge available on island to check vehicle weights the Roads Manager estimated that fully laden trucks of 50? gross tonnes are being used on the roads. The maximum weight for a laden truck is 14 tonnes. Most trucks on island weigh 14 tonnes unladen and members agreed that contractors and businesses should be made aware of this.

The Chief Engineer gave an overview of the R1 project costing £5million and said that works carried out are now difficult to be seen.

The Chairman said that all relevant parties should be brought to the table and all issues relating to roads be discussed.

Action: Chairman/Roads Manager

