

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Highway's Authority held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 21st September, 2017 @ 09.00am.

Present:	Hon. Russell K Yon	-	Chairman
	Hon. Dr. Corinda Essex	-	Deputy 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
	Sergeant Anthony Clingham	-	Police Representative
	Mr Nicky Lawrence	-	Secretary
Invited:	Mr Mike Durnford	-	ERM, Item 3
	Mr Merrill Joshua	-	ESH Project Manager, Item 4
	Mrs Michelle Yon	-	ESH, Item 4

Open Agenda.

Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and opened the first Highway Authority meeting with the newly elected Committee.

1.1 Welcome to Roads Manager.

The Chairman welcomed the Roads Manager, Mr Deon Robbertse to his first Highway Authority meeting and wished him well in his new post which he took up in July this year.

1.2 Matters arising from minutes of 18th May 2017.

Removal of material from Lower Sandy Bay.

The Roads Inspector reported that the material has not been moved but he will revisit the area next week to assess the situation.

Action: Roads Inspector.

Duke of Edinburgh Playground.

Following an Appeal against the Land Development Control Authority's (LDCA) decision not to grant planning permission for a temporary car park in the Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) Playground, a Tribunal sat on the 20th September 2017 to hear the Appeal. There was representation from the LDCA, Heritage Society, Police, Roads Section and members of the public. The result of the Tribunal is now awaited and the Highway Authority will be informed.

Action: Director.

Lemon Tree Gut Gate Jambs.

The Roads Inspector reported that the Gate Jambs have now been re-instated.

Access – 1, 2, & 3 Main Street.

The Roads Inspector reported that he had made a site visit to the area with the previous Chair of the Highway Authority (HA) and it appeared that AGMAC were not observing the terms agreed with the HA. Permission had been granted to cordon off one car park only for a two week period. It was observed that a larger area was being cordoned off. Also a new application would have to be submitted for any further closure of the car parks and it appeared this was not being done.

Enterprise St Helena (ESH) have also applied for closure of parks in the same area to enable Lime Brite Builders to carry out paving works.

The Chairman offered to visit the area and speak to those concerned.

Action: Chairman

The ‘Entry’, New Ground.

The Roads Inspector said a ‘Berm’ will be installed at the top of the road when funding and resources are available. This will help to divert storm water away from residential areas.

Action: Roads Inspector.

Parking at A&D Mini Mart.

It was reported that although publicity via a Press Release and Police monitoring, drivers were still parking on the roadside near the Mini Mart in Half Tree Hollow. The shop owner had been spoken to by Police Community Beat Officers and he agreed to encourage shoppers to use the adjacent car park. A sign to this effect has been placed in the shop. It was suggested that appropriate signage should be placed in prominent areas or as a last resort double yellow ‘No Parking’ lines will have to be painted on the roadside. The Chairman said he will visit the shop owner again in an effort to resolve the issue before these measures have to be taken.

Action: Chairman.

Greenland’s and Nosegay Lane.

It was reported that Nosegay Lane has been opened but a further closure could be expected in October for a short period.

Merchant 'No Parking' signs.

The previous Highway Authority had withdrawn permission for a Merchant to use the Merchant 'No Parking' sign on the Stand in Main Street, following reports of the sign remaining on a park beyond the allocated time.

The Merchant has applied to the new Highway Authority asking for permission to have the sign re-instated. Members discussed this request at a special meeting on the 11th September 2017; when it was agreed that use of the Merchant 'No Parking' sign will be re-instated for a maximum of two hours only at any one time for a period of four months in the first instance. After this period, if the Highway Authority is satisfied that the sign is not being mis-used an extension to this time will be considered. Failure to adhere to these conditions will result in the permission being withdrawn permanently.

Action: Secretary

Two hour parks on Main Street.

The Police Representative reported that due to staffing shortages these parks are only being monitored on weekends. Reminder notes have not been placed on offenders windscreens. However, the Police will be embarking on a Parking Campaign soon and the Highway Authority will be updated thereafter.

Action: Police Representative.

Parking outside the Star, New Porteous House and the Consulate Hotel.

The Director told members that the yellow lines will be considered as part of the Jamestown Parking Review. A survey is to be undertaken when the Committee will do a walkthrough of Jamestown to look at all traffic lines and potential parking areas.

A Police Officer has acknowledged that these areas are pinch points and will be addressed along with any other issues during the Parking Campaign to be launched in October.

Action: Police Representative.

Letter from resident of Upper Cow Path.

A member updated the Chairman by referring to HA minute of 20 April 2017 under AOB where it was requested that estimates be prepared to undertake works on the upper Cow Path road, covering of the gutter in upper Jamestown, upgrade of a road serving residents near Alan Hudson in Half Tree Hollow and installing a walkway near Harford School. The estimate exceeded the funding available at that time.

