

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Highway's Authority held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 14th December, 2017 @ 09.05am.

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 David Goodrick	-	Acting Director of ENRD
	Mr Darren Francis	-	Roads Inspector
	Inspector Julianne Benjamin	-	Police Representative
	Mr Nicky Lawrence	-	Secretary
Apology:	Mr Derek Henry	-	Director of ENRD (Leave)
	Mr Deon Robbertse	-	Roads Manager (Leave)

Open Agenda.

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting. The Director of ENRD is on leave, whilst the Roads Manager Mr Deon Robbertse is on overseas leave. There was a member of the public and the Media in attendance.

4.1 Matters arising from the minutes of 16th November 2017.

Horse Pasture Road.

The Roads Inspector reported that works are progressing and is expected to be completed by the 22nd December 2017.

Disabled Car Park near Longwood Supermarket.

The Chairman reported that he has spoken to the Proprietor of the Longwood Supermarket concerning a disabled car park, and will arrange a site visit with him and the Roads Manager in the New Year.

Action: Chairman

Cleaning of the Run in Rupert's.

The Chairman said that he has approached Basil Read for assistance to help with the cleaning of the Run in Rupert's. They are willing to help, but at this time most of the workforce is on leave.

Members felt that this work should be negotiated in one contract to clean both the Run in Jamestown and the Run in Rupert's. It was agreed that a business case be put forward and that assistance be sought from Enterprise St Helena through their tourism programme.

Action: Chairman

Bus Shelter in Sandy Bay.

There is currently no funding available to provide a Bus Shelter in this area.

Action: Chairman

Wall at Drummond Hay Square.

The Acting Director reported that the wall poses no immediate danger to the public and funding needs to be found to repair the wall.

Action: Chairman

4.2 Disabled car parking in Jamestown.

Following concerns raised with the Tourist Office from a disabled person regarding disabled parking; the Chairman reported that he has met with staff of the Equality & Human Rights Office who have also received complaints concerning car parking for the disabled. Members agreed that the location of disabled car parks and adequate access to vehicles should be incorporated into the Jamestown Parking Review.

There was also discussion around the parks occupied during the Greenland's renovation project. It was realised that the timeframe has elapsed and Solomon's should be asked to reopen the car parks at Henry's site and behind the Canister as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the taxi parks on the Stand and in front of the Canister should remain until the new year. The taxi signs behind the Canister will be covered or removed and will temporarily become normal car parks with one disabled car park.

A letter will be sent to Solomon's requesting the parks be returned to normal use following the removal of the crane.

Action: Secretary

4.3 Any other urgent business.

Access to residence in Upper Jamestown.

The Chairman said he will speak to the resident concerned and request that he obtain a medical certificate confirming that there is a family member with mobility difficulties living in his home. This will justify placing a 'Keep Clear' sign outside the entrance to his home.

Action: Chairman.

Traffic calming at New Ground.

A member expressed concern about vehicles speeding through New Ground, especially near the children's play area; and asked if the Highway Authority could look into traffic calming measures. The Chairman said the Highway Authority can assess the situation and look at ways to address the issue. He mentioned there are other areas around the island needing similar attention.

Action: Chairman

Pilling School.

A member stressed the need for a pedestrian crossing outside Pilling School and asked that this be implemented as soon as possible. The Roads Inspector will address this in the New Year.

Action: Roads Inspector

St. John's Parking Proposal.

The Acting Director reported that the land earmarked for car parking in the St John's area belongs to the Diocese of St Helena; and they will not release this land. The Chairman said he will pursue the matter with the Diocese.

Action: Chairman

Ball Alley Car Park.

Following concerns raised by a member regarding usage of the Ball Alley car park the following information was provided by the Crown Estates Officer:-

The car park is to remain as a Crown asset, but will be utilised by patrons of Rosie's Taste4Life, the Police Club and members of the public for parking, and also to accommodate the park and ride scheme. In view of this it was therefore decided best to keep the land as a Crown Asset, with no leases in place.

Rosie's contractors repaired the damage that was caused to the parking area, but the condition of the area was not in a good condition to be begun with.

Access to Willow Bank.

The Roads Inspector told members vehicles are being parked in an area which obstructs access to Willow Bank. Members suggested that double yellow lines be painted on either side of the entrance, similar to those at Seales's Corner.

Action: Roads Inspector.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 09:45am.

The next meeting of the Highway Authority will be held @ **09:00am on Thursday 18th January 2018 in the Council Chamber.**

Confirmed... *Ben* Date *09 JAN 2018*