

Minutes of the 35th Highway Authority Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 16th July 2020 @ 09:00am.

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| Present: | Hon. Cruyff G Buckley | - | Chairman |
| | Hon. Dr Corinda Essex | - | Deputy Chairperson |
| | Hon. Russell K Yon | - | Member |
| | Hon. Gavin G Ellick | - | Member |
| | Hon. Cyril K Leo | - | Member |
| | Mr Derek Henry | - | Director of Infrastructure & Transport |
| | Mr Deon Robbertse | - | Roads Manager |
| | Mr Darren Francis | - | Roads Inspector |
| | Chief Inspector David Price | - | Police Representative |
| | Inspector Julianne Stevens | - | Police Representative |
| | Mr Nicky Lawrence | - | Secretary |

Welcome

The incoming Chairman Cruyff G Buckley welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting.

35.1 Declarations of Interest.

No one declared an interest.

35.2 Matters arising from minutes of 18th June 2020.

Parking at disused Quarry.

The former Chairman Russell Yon, reported that he will meet with Senior Staff of the Health Directorate soon to determine if all staff are happy to use the Quarry area for parking during working hours.

The Chief Planning Officer is happy with the access and has given approval for the area to be used for parking.

Action: Cllr R Yon.

Deadwood Junction.

The Roads Manager has drawn up some designs for a Road Junction near Foxy's Garage. Cllr Yon will circulate these to members.

Action: Cllr R Yon

Sunnyside Road.

Cllr Yon will meet with the resident of this road soon to identify the area where water is entering the property and see what measures can be put in place to prevent this.

Action: Cllr R Yon

Access at Fire Station, Ladder Hill.

A member spoke of the urgency to have the 'box hatching' installed outside the gate, having witnessed the congestion in the area when traffic came to a complete stop. The Chief Inspector of Police supported the members concern and agreed that the matter should be addressed urgently.

This area has the potential to cause congestion and delay access or egress for Emergency Vehicles. Residents and workers within the Complex also use the same access. Hatching is mainly used to maintain distancing between vehicles at crossing points on dual carriageways and motorways, allowing traffic to flow freely.

Members supported this request and recommended that there should be public awareness before any works take place. This is proposed to be done via the Police 'Fuzz Buzz' radio programme and an illustrated SHG Press Release.

Action: Roads Manager/Police Inspector

Speeding on Knollcombe's Road.

The Chief Inspector reported that the Police 'Fuzz Buzz' radio programme will recommence soon and the issues of signage and speeding in this area will be addressed.

Solar Lights.

The former Chairman said he has circulated an email concerning the ongoing issue with street lights and the Roads Manager has requested a meeting to discuss lighting in Jamestown.

A member reported that positive feedback has been received about the double lights in Napoleon Street, but there are still problems in Market Street. Another member said he received a complaint about lack of light at the entrance to Barracks Square and Botanical Gardens. The Roads Manager spoke of the costs involved in changing lights. The hire of the 'Cherry Picker' costs £240:00 per day or part thereof which will not be value for money to change a single light.

Lighting in Castle Gardens was discussed and it was pointed out that solar lights are ineffective in the Gardens due to the tree canopy. Lights also need to be Dark Skies Compliant and the source of light should not be visible. Lack of light contributes to social behaviour issues causing more problems. Some members have reservations about the heritage type lanterns being dark skies compliant. The Roads Manager will circulate papers showing acceptable/unacceptable lighting fixtures.

The Chairman will meet with the Roads Manager to discuss lighting issues.

Action: Chairman

Jamestown Parking Review.

It was reported that the proposed park on the street outside Coleman House will be removed. The Chief Inspector spoke of the implementation of Fixed Penalty Notices for traffic offences. However, he stressed the importance of educating the public and making them aware of how Fixed Penalty Notices work before they are introduced. Members gave their support for the introduction of fixed Penalty Notices.

A meeting with the Roads Manager is planned to discuss the proposed parking.

Action: Chairman

Scaffolding at Salvation Army.

A letter has been sent to the Captain of the Salvation Army advising of the procedure for erecting scaffolding.

Disabled Parking sign at Ladder Hill.

A disabled parking sign has been installed outside the residence of Mr Justin Peters.

Access for resident of Longwood.

A member said that a site visit had taken place and it was felt that the access already created is very dangerous. It was stated that the original plan was for a combined access on the opposite side to serve two house plots. This matter will be addressed with the Crown Estates and Planning Sections of the Infrastructure & Transport Directorate.

Action: Cllr Yon.

35.3 Roads Works Programme.

The Roads Inspector circulated a new Roads Works Programme for July/August to members. The Programme continues with verge cleaning, road patching and drainage upgrades.

35.4 Any other urgent business.

Use of Herbicides.

A member said that he has received many complaints about the use of Herbicides for verge clearing. He has done some research and suggested an alternative mixture which can be made locally using vinegar and salt.

The Roads Inspector has been asked to trial the mixture.

Action: Roads Inspector

Thompson's Wood Road.

A resident of Thompson's Wood has complained about the overgrowth of 'everlastings' on the road verges. The Roads Inspector was asked to address the matter.

Action: Roads Inspector.

Departure of Police Representative.

Members were informed that PC Gary Balme is nearing the end of his tour of duty and will be leaving St Helena soon. Members agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to him for his professional and valued contributions to Highway Authority meetings together with goodwill wishes for the future.

Secretary will send a letter to this effect.

Action: Secretary

Proposal from 'Wicked Wahoo'.

An application was received from Julian Thomas of '*Wicked Wahoo*' to sell fish meals from his Food Bus near the Honeymoon Chair on Friday afternoons from 4pm until approximately 8pm.

Mr Thomas has the necessary licence from Environmental Health to prepare and sell food. The Highway Authority had no objection for Mr Thomas to use the area requested for a period of six months on condition that the vehicle is removed on completion of business and that the area is left clean and tidy.

Secretary will send a letter to this effect.

Action: Secretary

Safety Signage.

In the interests of public safety the Committee of the St Helena Golf Club sought permission to erect signage to make motorists and pedestrians aware of their safety whilst driving, passing or walking along the Golf Course.

Members considered the proposal and confirmed that erection of signage on the Golf Course does not need Highway Authority permission. Signage on the Highway does need approval from the Highway Authority, therefore approval was given for the erection of three signs as follows:-

- Outside the Club House
- At the junction on the 3rd fairway
- At the 14th tee box.

Secretary will send a letter to this effect.

Action: Secretary

Maldivia Road.

A Police Officer reported that parked cars are causing an obstruction to residents and other vehicles travelling on Maldivia Road.

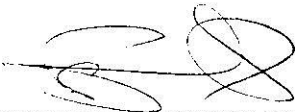
The Highway Authority is aware of this problem and had planned to excavate an area on Maldivia Road to widen the road and allow traffic to move freely. However, due to equipment breakdown this could not happen.

This matter will be addressed as soon as suitable equipment is available.

Action: Roads Manager

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:00hrs.

The next Highway Authority meeting will be held @ 09:00am on Thursday 20th August 2020 in the Council Chamber.

Confirmed..........Date.....11/08/20.....

