

## **Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Highway Authority Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 @ 09:05am.**

<b>Present:</b>	Hon. Russell K Yon	-	Chairman
	Hon. Dr Corinda Essex	-	Deputy Chairperson
	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
	Mr Nicky Lawrence	-	Secretary
<b>Apology:</b>	Police Representative		

### **Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting. He reported that a Police Representative was not able to attend due to staff training. The Deputy Chairperson has to attend another meeting and will arrive later.

### **18.1 Matters arising from Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

#### **Parks behind Canister.**

A Police Representative was not available to update members. This item will be deferred for the next HA meeting.

**Action: Police Representative.**

#### **Henry's Car Park.**

The Chairman reported that the Fire Service has given him measurements for a disabled access. He will now undertake a site visit with the Roads Inspector and Solomon's Operations Manager.

**Action: Chairman.**

#### **Disabled Park at General Hospital.**

Members suggested that there be two parks within the Hospital grounds, one for '*drop off and pick up*' and the other will be a *permanent disabled park*. Councillor Buckley was asked to address this proposal with the Health Committee.

**Action: Cllr Buckley.**

#### **Bus Shelters.**

Approval has been given to erect a bus shelter at Ladder Hill. Land has to be identified for a shelter at Alarm Forest and land has been agreed for a shelter at Levelwood.

**Bottom Woods Speed Limit.**

Committee agreed that the speed limit for Bottom Woods will be 20mph which will be included in the Road Traffic Regulations.

**Water run-off onto private land at Woodlands West.**

This Roads Inspector said this matter will be addressed when the Roads Team are working in the area.

**Action: Roads Inspector**

**Light in Bus Shelter at Head O' Wain.**

The Roads Inspector told members that he is awaiting Connect St Helena Ltd to install a light in the bus shelter.

**Sign at Bates Branch.**

The sign has now been moved to the middle of the junction and a member said that it is still confusing. The Roads Manager explained that drivers on a secondary road should give way to a major road, therefore the sign must be on the left. The Chairman will check the traffic law.

**Action: Chairman.**

**Sign at HTH Clinic.**

Following concerns about the safety of children getting off the Bus near Half Tree Hollow Supermarket, '*Children Crossing*' signs have been placed in this area.

**Power Supply from Greenland's.**

The Chairman reported that Connect St Helena Ltd has agreed to install power points for food vendors near Greenland's, outside Castle Gardens near the Public Library and near the ex PWSD Store. This work is nearing completion.

**Request for signage at Mole Spider Hill.**

Following a request from the Airport Contracts Manager to erect signage near Mole Spider Hill members had no objections and the Manager was informed that he should now seek planning permission.

**Police presence in Lower Jamestown.**

The Chairman reported that patrols in lower Jamestown are not as frequent as he would like and he will follow this up with the Police Directorate.

**Action: Chairman**

### **Request from 'Little Chef'.**

The Chairman reported that an area near the ex PWSD Store has been identified for Mr Richards to operate his catering business after Connect St Helena Ltd agreed to install a power point there.

### **18.2 Process for Road Closures.**

The process for requesting and approving road closures was discussed. The Committee agreed that all requests should be submitted at least seven days prior to the planned closure date, unless it is an emergency. The policy will be circulated to all parties that regularly request road closures and published for public information.

**Action: Roads Inspector.**

### **18.3 Congestion, signage and widening on Ladder Hill Road.**

The safe use of Ladder Hill Road was deliberated, with some members feeling that not enough information is being published to advise motorists of road conditions, safe use of roads, and road courtesy. The replacement of signs identifying passing bays was suggested and additional signage addressing safe and courteous use of our roads will be looked at. The feasibility of making Ladder Hill Road safer in certain areas was also discussed.

The Chairman told members a survey has been made of Ladder Hill Road in the past and he will circulate the report to members.

**Action: Chairman.**

### **18.4 Replacement of speed bumps near Pilling School.**

A member had reported that the speed bumps near Pilling School are deteriorating and need replacing. The Roads Manager said he would check on types of speed bumps available and their costs. He will then circulate this information to the Highway Authority.

**Action: Roads Manager**

### **18.5 Any other urgent business.**

#### **Request from residents of Captain Wright's Turning, Seaview.**

New homeowners in Seaview inquired into the possibility of installing a form of crash barrier behind their residence after witnessing regular reckless driving in this area. They also submitted photographic evidence of a recent near miss behind their home. The applicants Decision Notice did not specify the need for a safety barrier. There have been similar requests of this nature in the past from

residents of Seaview, therefore members asked to check for the relevant correspondence and circulate.

The Chairman said that legal assistance should be sought.

**Action: Chairman/Secretary.**

**Jamestown 'Run'.**

The Roads Manager told members that he and the Roads Inspector have been inspecting the 'Run' which urgently needs cleaning. Despite the obvious issue of non-biodegradable waste, such as plastics, reaching the ocean, there is also a problem of waste washing downstream and collecting at the mouth of the Run, near Donny's Bar. This accumulation of waste is causing an unpleasant odour, especially during the current hot weather we are experiencing on St Helena. A request will be made to the public to refrain from disposing of waste in 'The Run', advise on the Health & Safety issues and the effect on residents. It was suggested to engage the Fire Service to assist in flushing the 'Run'.

**Action: Roads Manager.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:15am.

The next meeting of the Highway Authority will be held @ 09:00am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in the Council Chamber.

Confirmed.....*Ben*.....Date.....13 MARCH 2019.....