

Minutes of the 19th Highway Authority Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 21st March 2019 @ 09:00am.

Present:	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
	Tutor Constable Gary Balme	-	Police Representative
	Mr Nicky Lawrence	-	Secretary

Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and introductions were made to Police Representative Gary Balme before opening the meeting.

19.1 Matters arising from minutes of 21st February 2019.

Parks behind Canister.

The Roads Inspector still has to produce signage to define 24 hour taxi parks from short term parks.

A member spoke of witnessing a disabled park being taken up by an abled bodied person. The Police Rep said these issues should be reported even if the perpetrator has left, the matter will be dealt with later. It was also reported that the Bus Stop outside the Malabar is being abused regularly. The Chairman spoke of the need for more publicity. At a previous meeting discussion took place around reviving the 'Police Five' radio programme which can address issues such as these.

Action: Roads Inspector/Police Rep.

Henry's Car Park.

The Technical Team will draw up a plan to enable the car parks to be demarcated. The Chairman and Roads Inspector will meet Solomon's Operations Manager with regards to access for Greenland's.

Action: Chairman/Roads Inspector.

Disabled park at General Hospital.

Councillor Buckley told members that it was agreed in a Health Committee meeting that the disabled park should be outside the gate at the Hospital. Members disagreed to this proposal as they felt that disabled persons would

have difficulty walking up the steep incline to the outpatient Clinic, especially if they are using crutches or other walking aids.

The Chairman said he would write to the Health Committee concerning the matter.

Action: Chairman

Water run-off at Woodland's West.

The Roads inspector told members that work has been done to rectify the water run off onto private property, however rain is needed to check its effectiveness.

Action: Roads Inspector

Sign at Bates Branch.

Members discussed the correct position for the sign at Bates Branch. It was decided to have a site visit with a Police presence to determine the precise position.

Action: Committee

Police presence in Lower Jamestown.

The Chairman spoke of the need for Police presence in lower Jamestown to address traffic and parking issues. There is persistent illegal parking in Market Street opposite the former Duke of Edinburgh Playground although the Police have placed 'No Parking' signs there. The 2 hour parks are being abused and cars are being parked in Castle Gardens which is not permitted.

Action: Police Representative.

Process for Road Closures.

The Chairman said he would like a special meeting with the emergency planning team and a Police representative to discuss the process for road closures. He felt there should be a 2 week forewarning for road closures and also for diversions during cruise ship visits.

Action: Chairman

Congestion, signage and widening of Ladder Hill Road.

The Chairman had circulated a document outlining plans for the realignment of Ladder Hill Road. The proposed project has not been undertaken.

The Police Rep suggested that parking bays should be marked with yellow and black signs which would be more visible to drivers.

Replacement of speed bumps near Pilling School.

The Roads Manager informed members of the preferred type and cost of replacement speed bumps. He will place an order for the speed bumps.

Action: Roads Manager

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

A site visit was made to the area and some safety measures were put in place. At the last meeting it was said that Committee will encourage applicants to construct their own barriers.

Jamestown 'Run'.

It was reported that work to clear the 'Run' of debris and other waste has been completed.

Request for 'Little Chef'.

The Chairman reported that Connect St Helena Ltd still has to install a power point to enable Mr Richards to operate his catering business.

19.2 Speed limit sign near HTH Salvation Army Hall.

A resident of the area felt the speed limit of 30mph is too fast and maybe should be reduced to 20 mph, especially since her driveway leads onto the road and because it is on the bend it is difficult for her to see speeding drivers. The resident feels that a traffic mirror at the end of her driveway would assist her to enter the road safely.

Members agreed for the member to purchase her own mirror to be placed at the end of her driveway.

Action: Chairman

19.3 Request for safety barrier in Levelwood.

Recently returned residents of Levelwood have requested a safety barrier behind their home which is situated below a steep incline. During their absence a road was built above their home and they are concerned about their safety and that of their property.

After discussion and various suggestions members agreed that traffic calming measures with signage to reduce speed should be placed on the steep section of the road.

Action: Roads Manager

Any other urgent business.**Disabled park on Grand Parade.**

A member said that concerns have been raised by persons with mobility issues about the distance of the disabled park from Mantis Hotel. Members discussed other parks that could be used and suggested a park near Castle Gardens Gate.

Action: Roads Manager

Request for disabled parking space.

A disabled taxi driver who resides at Old Boy's School has asked the Highway Authority to consider a disabled park in front of his home.

There is no disabled park in this area and it was suggested that one could be situated in the China Lane or Little Italy area.

The Chairman suggested that a medical assessment of the extent of his disability should be provided to the Highway Authority before any further action is taken.

Action: Chairman.

Request for permanent access to house site.

In November last year a resident of Half Tree Hollow was granted temporary access to his house site to remove spoil from excavation. He has now requested that the temporary access become a permanent access.

Members decided that they should await the outcome of his planning application before a decision is made.

Action: Chairman.

Cruise Ship visits and landing in Rupert's.

A member asked about how traffic is managed in Rupert's when visitors from Cruise Ships are landed there. He was told that Tourism has radio contact to monitor traffic on Field Road and can call Police if difficulties arise. The Chairman said he will raise the issue with the Tourist Office.

Action: Chairman

Roads Works Programme.

The Roads Inspector circulated a Roads Works Programme and said there will be road closures for certain works.

Action: Roads Inspector.

Milling machine.

The Roads Manager was asked when will the milling machine be used again. He indicated that the machine needs to be used in cool weather.

Under land drains.

A member asked for under land drains and manholes to be cleared before the rainy season.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:30am.

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

Confirmed..... Date...12 April 2019.....