

Minutes of the 23rd Highway Authority Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 18th July 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
	Mr Derek Henry	-	Acting Director of I&T
	Mr Darren Francis	-	Roads Inspector
	Mr Nicky Lawrence	-	Secretary
Apology:	Hon. Cruyff G Buckley	-	Member
	Tutor Constable Gary Balme	-	Police Representative
	Mr Deon Robbertse	-	Roads Manager

Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting. A Police Representative could not attend and the Chairman was asked to inform His Excellency the Governor about the difficulties in having Police attendance at Highway Authority meetings.

The Chairman also thanked members for their attendance at the walkthrough of Jamestown as part of the Jamestown Parking Review. Starting at New Bridge the walkthrough went as far as Barracks Square. This exercise will continue at a later date to cover all of Jamestown.

Action: Secretary/JTPR team.

23.1 Matters arising from Highway Authority minutes of 20th June 2019.

Park for disabled drivers at General Hospital.

The Chairman had circulated a response from the Health Directorate to members when it was suggested that the *'Highway Authority might like to demarcate disabled parking spaces outside of the complex gate'*.

Action: Roads Inspector.

Water run-off at Woodlands West.

The Chairman still has to address this issue with the resident and with Solomon's.

Action: Chairman.

Sign at Bates Branch.

Placement of the 'Give Way' at Bates Branch is on the Roads Section programme of works.

Action: Roads Inspector.

Police presence in lower Jamestown.

Due to no Police representation at this meeting the matter could not be addressed.

Process for road closures.

The Chairman still has to meet with the Emergency Planning and Sea Rescue teams.

Action: Chairman.

Disabled park at Grand Parade.

This matter is still to be addressed during the walkthrough of Jamestown by the Jamestown Parking Review team.

Action: JTPR team.

Request for disabled parking space for disabled driver.

The Jamestown Parking Review team has identified a parking space near the Roman Catholic Church in Upper Jamestown.

Action: Roads Inspector.

Cruise ship visits and landing at Rupert's.

This matter is being addressed by the Tourist Office.

Road Traffic Ordinance and next steps.

The Chairman is currently working with Attorney General's Chambers to progress the Road Traffic Ordinance and Regulations.

Action: Chairman.

Signage for Haul Road.

The Roads Inspector will liaise with the sign maker to have the necessary signs fabricated.

Action: Roads Inspector.

Bottom Woods Roads.

A letter has been sent to the concerned resident of Bottom Woods and Connect St Helena Ltd will place the manhole correctly.

Protection for residence near General Hospital.

During the walkthrough of Jamestown it was suggested that the residence in question can be protected using concrete kerbs.

Action: Roads Inspector.

Safe cycling on St Helena.

Approval has been granted to the St Helena National Trust (SHNT) to go ahead with their L2M charity cycle ride on two assigned routes.

Give Way sign on Maldivia Road.

The Senior Management Team of the Health Directorate were made aware of the parking problem in St John's Church and Maldivia Road areas. They were requested to advise their staff that this is not a parking area.

The Civil Engineer has requested a space in this vicinity for a lay down area whilst works are undertaken on the Old Hospital.

Parking at disused Quarry.

The Chairman reported that the Chartered Civil Engineer and the Head of Planning had raised concerns about egress from the Quarry site. The intended purpose of this parking area is to allow Hospital staff to park their vehicles during the work day. Traffic will only exit the parking area at the end of the working day.

The Chairman will speak to the Head of Planning concerning this.

Action: Chairman.

23.2

Matters for Police Radio Programme.

Speeding near Church Ground Point.

A resident of the area raised concerns with his Councillor about vehicular traffic speeding past or through the road junction at Church Ground Point. Parents are concerned about the safety of their children on their way to attend St Paul's Primary School. It was reported that the appropriate signage is in place, although the 'Children Crossing' signs could be moved to more conspicuous positions. A member suggested to paint 'SLOW' in the road.

Action: Roads Inspector.

Obstruction near Half Tree Hollow Community Centre.

A report was received that a tree was causing an obstruction to School buses in the area of Half Tree Hollow Community Centre. It was established that the tree is on private land and the owner has arranged to have it trimmed.

Deadwood Junction.

It was reported that drivers are confused about who has right of way when approaching the junction leading onto the Haul Road from Deadwood, due to their vision being obstructed by vehicles being parked outside the nearby garage. It was suggested to have a site visit with staff from the Roads Section and Police in attendance. A member proposed that the area be adapted for one way traffic.

Action: Chairman/Roads Manager/Police Rep.

23.3

Any other urgent business.

Police reports on Facebook.

A member voiced concern that Police crime reports are being published on Facebook. This could be detrimental to those who are promoting St Helena as a Tourist destination. The member was told that the matter is not for this forum and advised that he email the relevant Police Officers with his concerns.

Action: Member

Misuse of disabled parks.

A member reported that disabled parks are being misused by able bodied persons. It was agreed that the public should be informed via the Police Radio Programme to refrain from using these parks.

Action: Police Representative.

Vendors in Grand Parade.

The Chairman informed members that the Ice Cream Vendors have agreed to relocate to the area near the Public Library. 'Little Chef' will move to the area next to the ex PWSD Store. Saint Sizzler has not operated for some time as the owner has been working part time elsewhere, but is expected to return soon.

A request from Mylyn Walton to operate a mobile catering service in the Grand Parade could not be entertained at this time. The Chairman is still trying to identify other areas where people can operate catering services. He is also investigating the possibility of obtaining some financial support from Enterprise St Helena (ESH) to provide catering stalls etc in other areas.

Action: Chairman

Obstruction in Ladder Hill Corner.

A report was made of vehicles parking in the roadway between the Rose & Crown and Victoria shops. This could create an obstacle should an emergency occur. The matter will be addressed directly with the offender(s) and also via the Police Radio Programme.

Action: Chairman/Police Representative.

Overhanging Vegetation at Blue Hill

A request for removal of vegetation in Blue Hill is on the Roads Inspector's programme of works.

Action: Roads Inspector.

Acknowledgement to Roads Inspector.

A member acknowledged the work of the Roads Inspector and his teams.

Update on slurry trials.

The Roads Inspector told members that the Slurry trials on Knollcombe's and the 'W' Road have proven successful. Slurry is now being used to repair Field Road. He said an order has been placed for more of the material.

The Chairman told members that a Business Case is being prepared in an endeavour to procure a Slurry Spreading Machine. It was suggested that the Transport Manager set up a Trading Account for its operation.

Action: Chairman.

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

The next meeting of the Highway Authority will be held on **Thursday 15th August, 2019 @ 09:00am in the Council Chamber.**

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