



Coleford Town Council

Highways Committee Tuesday 19 January 2021 Minutes

**Attendees: Cllrs Penny, Elsmore, Allaway-Martin, M Cox, S Cox, Barnham and Beard
Brian Watkins, GCC Highways**

1. To elect a Chair

Cllr. Penny proposed Cllr. Barnham as Chair, which was seconded by Cllr. M Cox, and unanimously agreed.

2. Apologies received from Cllr. Johnson, and Chris Haine, Assistant Clerk was having difficulties accessing via Zoom. In turn, Cllr. Penny took notes.

3. There were no declarations of interest.

4. There were no dispensation requests.

5. There were no members of the public present.

6. The minutes of the inaugural meeting of 20 October were noted, and agreed

7. To have an update from GCC re planned works in the Parish: short, medium, longer term

Cllr. Barnham welcomed Brian Watkins, GCC Highways, who gave a summary update, referring to his email, already submitted. After further discussion, about specific issues, Cllr. Barnham thanked Brian Watkins for his report, and it was agreed that this was a good way forward to have reports in advance of Committee meetings, to more effectively inform council business and where necessary, to take action.

7.43 pm Chris Haine, Assistant Clerk joined the meeting

8. To make recommendation re additional grit bins in the parish

Cllr, M Cox summarised, and sought clarification from Brian Watkins on criteria, referring to specific areas of the parish, and Brian Watkins agreed to consider some of the locations mentioned further, and a visit to the parish, to clarify, was also agreed. After further discussion it was proposed that:

Recommendation

Subject to further discussion, and clarification from GCC Highways, the town council would consider identifying locations, with specific needs and to potentially provide additional grit bins where GCC Highways do not deem provision appropriate

9. To make recommendation re flooded roads within the Parish

Cllr. Penny summarised, and sought clarification from Brian Watkins re: rationale on gully clearing programme, across the parish, as the flooding had noticeably increased, in recent times, particular in respect of Perrygrove Road. Brian Watkins explained the rationalised gully cleaning programme, and that areas were assessed and prioritised, agreeing that Perrygrove could be reconsidered and it was agreed that:

Recommendation

The Town Council would formally write to GCC Highways, seeking a resolution to address flooding re: Perrygrove

10. To make recommendation re concerns of dangerous parking on Sparrow Hill



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Cllr. Penny summarised, having had concerns raised with him by local residents re: Sparrow Hill, and Brian Watkins explained the options available, to address such parking issues. After further discussion it was proposed that was proposed that:

Recommendation:

The Town Council would work with key stakeholders including residents, GCC Highways, and local police, through their PCSOs, to explore options to resolve car parking issues on Sparrow Hill

8.25pm Cllr. M Cox requested a ten minute extension

11. To make recommendation re recent works to traffic lights at Old Station Way / Arthur Cooper Way / Tufthorn Ave / High Nash

Cllr. Penny summarised, raising concerns, and questions, in respect of rationale applied by GCC Highways re: traffic light upgrades, citing examples where the Town Council have requested traffic light upgrades, on specific junctions, which have been overlooked, at the expense of less pedestrianised junctions, having been upgraded. Brian Watkins explained and, after further discussion it was proposed that:

Recommendations:

The Town Council would formally write to GCC Highways, to seek clarification re: rationale for traffic light upgrades

7.56 pm Cllr. Beard left the meeting

12. To make recommendation re priority road schemes for the Parish e.g. Coleford Town Centre, North / South Road Broadwell

Cllr. N Penny summarised, and sought clarification from Brian Watkins re: priorities, and what mechanisms were in place, with GCC Highways, to inform Coleford's needs, and priorities; citing Coleford Town Centre, and North / South Road, Broadwell as examples. Brian Watkins responded, noting the concerns raised. It was proposed that:

Recommendations:

- 1. GCC Highway's reports would be sent to all Highway Committee members, and any other correspondence, to increase accountability, and to further inform discussion/decisions at committee meetings**
- 2. The Town Council will raise issues with GCC Highways, as they are identified, to be addressed through correspondence with Brian Watkins, GCC Highways, who will submit summary reports to CTC, in advance of Highway's Committee meetings**

8.42pm Cllr. M Cox requested an 8 minute extension, and it was agreed.

13. To receive an update from GCC Highways, on the principle of licensing land to CTC for gateway enhancement, such as in Old Station Way.

Cllr. M Cox summarised re: trees on gateways, and Brian Watkins stated that the Town Council already had authority, explaining responsibilities re: citing of trees, liability, and maintenance, which was noted,

Meeting ended at 8.47pm