

LACKFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, 17 September 2018 at 7:30 PM in Lackford Church

Present Stan Green (Vice-Chairman)
Steve Jones (Chairman)
Colin Smith
Harry Lidster
Roland van Wijk
John F Sadler (Clerk)

In attendance Rebecca Hopfensperger (County Councillor) (part time)
Susan Glossop (Borough Councillor)
Howard Quayle (Chairman of Fornham all Saints Parish Council)
Bernard Grimshaw (Councillor at Fornham All Saints and Traffic Portfolio Holder)

Apologies Jan Betley
Naomi Palmer

Other invitees Invitations will also sent to:
Parish Clerks & Councillors of:
Icklingham
Flempton cum Hengrave
Fornham all Saints

Statutory notices and the Agenda.

The Chairman ascertained that the statutory requirements for holding the meeting had been observed, there was a quorum (minimum 2 for APM and 3 for the Council meeting), and determined if any Councillors wish to declare an interest in any matters on the Agenda.

1. Safety Review of the A1101

1.1. **To consider the proposals and questions, in an email from David Chenery dated 30 July 2018, included in the agenda. Together with his summary of a telephone, discussion with John Sadler also included in the agenda.** - Parish Councillors and other attendees had a full and detailed discussion in order to respond to the questions he asked.

2. To form a consensus view with proposals to put back to David Chenery, from the Parish Councils along the A1101 corridor.

❖ **Following the discussions, Colin Smith made the following proposal:**

The first tranche of the £55,000 available should be put towards the introduction of 50 mile-per-hour speed limits between the villages from Bury St Edmunds to Icklingham. Together with planned action to cut back and maintain permanently, the foliage that is currently obscuring much of the existing signage along the route.

The proposal was seconded by Harry Lidster and approved by all attendees.

Note: this is one of the main conclusions in the report prepared by WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff on the basis that it would have the greatest influence on road users and in reducing the severity and number of PIC's. (Refer to Conclusion 7.1.7 on page 52 of the report)

This proposal was put forward by Guy McGregor when he was the Suffolk County Council portfolio holder in 2012.



Attendees also considered that the funds could be put to good effect by assigning funds to the following:

1. Allocating funds to Parish Councils to purchase additional, or update existing vehicle activated speed signs that are proving to be very effective. This would allow signs to be placed to alert traffic in both directions, or to be set in tandem. This could be considered as "Enhancement to the 30 mile-per-hour speed limits in rural villages" and was a further recommendation in the conclusion to the report. (refer to Conclusion 7.1.7 on page 52 of the report)
2. At Fornham all Saints, extending the 30 mile-per-hour speed limit on the Western boundary by up to 200 m, so that the 30 mph zone includes the entrance to the Mosley Farm industrial development that is on a bend and currently in the de-restricted zone.
3. Provide suitable signage, warning of the following concealed and obscure entrances:
 - a. Mosley Farm industrial development West of Fornham all Saints.
 - b. Entrance and exit from the "Barns" group of houses at the West end of Lackford that has no visibility splay whatsoever.
4. Removing the inconsistent short length of the new 40 mph speed limit between Bury St Edmunds and Fornham all Saints and replacing it with a 30 mile-per-hour speed limit.

Attendees considered that allocating funds to the following would **NOT** be particularly effective or a good use of the limited funds:

1. Community Speed Watch (CSW) schemes, as there were not sufficient volunteers to make the schemes viable.
2. The provision of new or enhanced gateways, although Fornham all Saints believed it could be helpful at the Eastern boundary to the village.
3. "Think Bike" posters were generally considered as, targeting the wrong users, although the sign "DANGER - BIKER CRASH ZONE" as depicted on page 34 of the report was supported by one attendee.
4. Dragon's teeth were considered, but a but to be effective, needed to be included with enhanced village gateways that were generally considered a poor use of funds.
5. Rumble strips in the currently de-restricted stretches of road between villages were not considered effective in reducing speeding cars, but may well reduce speeding motorbikes.

3. To confirm the date and time of the next and future meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting (Meeting No 2) will be as previously proposed:

Monday 08 October 2018 at 7:30pm in Lackford Church.

Proposed dates for future meetings:

- Monday 10 December 2018 (Meeting No 4) - 2nd Monday in March
- Monday 11 March 2019 (Meeting No 4) - 2nd Monday in March
- Monday 13 May 2019 (APM & AGM) - 2nd Monday in May
- Monday 14 October 2019 (Meeting No 2) - 2nd Monday in October
- Monday 19 December 2019 (Meeting No 3) - 2nd Monday in December

The above minutes are confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.

Chairman

Date

