

EYE TOWN COUNCIL –COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

Name of Sub-committee	Environment Committee Special Highways meeting
Date and time of meeting	1 March 2016 Town Hall 7.30pm
Councillors present	Alan Cooper Jane Hudson Mike Smith Mick Robbins Colin Ribchester Simon Hooton Mayor Maria Ford Later
Apologies	None received
Members Declarations of Interests and Consideration of Requests for Dispensations	None Declared
Others present (continue overleaf if necessary)	David Stiff Highways Dept SCC Guy McGregor County Councillor Charlie Flatman District Councillor PCSO Abigail Durrant The Clerk 49 residents of Eye

These are my notes Roz.

The County Councillor introduced subject 20s zone and said that the scheme was being introduced as a result of the 20 plenty's campaign and referred to the support for the petition. He was pleased to report that the the street car parking fund will fund the works to provide a 20 mph zone in Eye. The current proposed scheme is fully funded and no contribution will be requested from ETC unless the Town would like to add other street improvements.

David Stiff explained the work which will be carried out to establish a 20mph zone in Eye. In summary the changes will be

- It will include coloured road surface as you enter the zone and the road will be narrowed on entering the zone to slow speeds the idea being to give motorists a clear indication that they must slow down. This is proposed for the entrance to the zone from Lambseth Street, Hoxne Rd, Church Rd and Wellington Street, and Magdalen Street
- There will be no narrowing of the road at the Rookery/ Lowgate St because the road is already narrow.
- Courtesy crossings will be enhanced to make them more prominent.

The meeting then open for opened for questions.

Topic – Road Crossing

- Helen Handford requested a pedestrian crossing in the centre of town as she was concerned about the risk of a traffic accident involving elderly people.
- Harriet Thistlethorpe backed this proposal as did Peter Hawkins who was particularly concerned about the crossing by the Handyman shop.
- Anne Hopewell Smith said she would like to see a crossing in Lambseth Street.
- C Flatman would like to see 2 crossings in Eye.

David Stiff explained that there have been no injuries to pedestrians on the informal courtesy crossings in Eye that public money is scarce and that he has to allocate crossing money to situations where there is a history of accidents. He felt that the best use of limited funds was to slow the traffic throughout the whole of Eye rather that stop it at one crossing point.

Topic 2 – Zone or limit

- Robin knight thought the scheme a good one and asked why SCC decided on a 20 mph zone not a speed limit. David Stiff explained that 20 mph limits are most appropriate for roads where average speeds are already low, and the guidance suggests below 24 mph. The evidence shows that in Eye traffic is travelling above the 24 mph. He also explained that the benefit of a 20 mph zone, are they include the traffic calming measures which are introduced along with the change in the speed limit. Road narrowing, coloured tarmac would be typically used typically used to both physically and visually reinforce the shared nature of the road.

Topic 2 – Support for the Zone

- Bridget Bloom said she was really pleased to see the traffic slowed at the entry points and congratulated the County Council on a great scheme
- Singeon Perry said the 20 mile zone was a fantastic plan with the traffic being slowed down throughout the Town and will bring about fewer accidents.
- Shirley Little was pleased to see a sensible scheme that was a good solution for the towns problems with traffic.

Topic 3 – Wellington Rd Dove Lane

- Ruby Moor, Colin Hale, Susan Robinson, and Cllr Maria Ford gave their views on the current restrictions in Wellington Rd and Dove Lane. Colin Hale said that the existing restriction protects children walking to school on a road. They also raised the following issues That Wellington run is a rat run as some times of the day. That many elderly pedestrians/children use the road as and there are no pavements at some stretches. The majority of residents want a sign saying access only – No through Rd / Through Traffic Prohibited. Mrs Moor also raised that the signs lead to crazy situations where delivery vans had to turn around in a very narrow street.
- Sue Hooton asked that the needs of residents of Dove Lane be taken into account.
- PCSO Durrant supported extending the restriction so the road is access only as enforcement of the current restriction is problematic.

David Stiff listened to the different views about traffic in Wellington Rd and the different views of the solutions. David Stiff promised to look at Wellington Rd and do a traffic survey to see how bad problem is.

Topic 4 – Other issues

- Mrs Robinson asked why there was no 20 mph in Castleton Way because of school and hospital in that road. David Stiff explained Castleton Way is outside the zone but will have twenties plenty warning signs in the high school vicinity.
- Bridget bloom asked about pollution and was informed this was a task for the District council
- Cllr Cooper asked about Ash drive barrier – David Stiff has said a solution is being considered and plans will be forwarded to ETC.

Conclusion

Cllr McGregor asked for a show of hands if people supported the scheme and nearly all the attendees voted for the 20mph zone as set out in the plans described by D Stiff. He also said that they County Council was considering how to improve the street scape of the Town as part of the introduction of the zone.

Cllr McGregor and Cllr Cooper that David Stiff for his work on the plans for the zone and asked residents to forward any further comment to the clerk. Townclerk@eyesuffolk.org.

Resolutions to take to full Council:

- Town Council to consider proposals for 20 mile an hours zone

Meeting Closed: hrs | Signed:

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