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**DUNMOW LOCAL ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE held at 8.00 pm
on 4 DECEMBER 2000 at COUNCIL OFFICES, HIGH STREET, GREAT
DUNMOW**

Present:- In the Chair – Councillor Mrs S Flack – Uttlesford District Council
Mr K Farrow – Felsted Parish Council
Mr D Prail – Great Easton Parish Council
Mr A Townsend – Great Hallingbury Parish Council
Mr G Murray – Little Easton Parish Council
Mr D Howland – Stebbing Parish Council
Mr P Hardy – Area Manager, Essex County Council
Transportation and Operational Services
Inspector Mark Harman
and Sergeant J Sones – Essex Police Traffic Management Unit
Rose Johnson - Uttlesford District Council Road Safety Officer.

DRS65 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Chaplin, Mr D Leeder and Mr P Fuller Lewis.

DRS66 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2000 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the insertion of the word “some” in the seventh sentence of Minute DRS61, so as to read “all fatal and some serious injury accident sites”.

DRS67 BUSINESS ARISING

(i) Minute DRS60 – Safer Journeys to School

The representative for Great Hallingbury asked about flooding in Rosemary Lane, Great Dunmow and the Area Manager undertook to investigate this.

(ii) Minutes DRS60 – Speed Cameras

The representative for Little Easton asked about the legal standing of mobile cameras and Inspector Harman explained and strongly endorsed the use of mobile cameras.

DRS68 SECRETARY'S REPORT**(i) Cameras to combat speeding - publicity**

Members agreed to review this matter at the next meeting when the casualty reduction unit would have a more developed strategy for publicity.

(ii) Roadside Trees, shrubs and foliage

A copy of the Essex County Council Transportation and Operational Services Division TOPS practice note on trees and hedges causing a danger or nuisance to the highway user was distributed at the meeting.

DRS69 ROAD SAFETY REPORT

The Road Safety Officer explained that there were nine schools in the safer journeys to schools project and that one school now had a complete scheme. The Area Manager had details of the engineering work for other schools.

Publicity leaflets about the mobile cameras and about the drive safe/cycle safe and the drinking and driving campaign were distributed at the meeting. The anti drink/driving campaign and drive safe/cycle safe leaflets had been placed in cycles shops and newsagents and had been handed out to the public at Audley End for two hours that afternoon.

DRS70 POLICE REPORT

Inspector Harman informed the meeting that the general total of deaths was down by 10% on the previous year but that there had been an increase in serious injury collision figures. The figures to date for serious injury were 128 for the year 2000 as against 94 for a similar period in the year 1999.

He added that police manpower from Braintree would be used to ease the workload of the Newport Traffic Division.

DRS71 AREA MANAGER'S REPORT**Accident Remedial Sites**

There had been no further accident remedial sites reported to the department since the last meeting.

A scheme design was currently being completed for the following accident remedial sites:

- B1383 Stansted Road junction with Birchanger Lane, Stansted.
- A1060 Little Hallingbury (Greenstead Lane – M11 Bridge)

Financial authorisation had been requested for A130 Dunmow Bypass/Chelmsford Road, Dunmow and A130 Chelmsford Road junction with High Easter Road, Barnston.

Safer Journeys to School

(i) Hatfield Heath Primary School

The construction of the new footway within the school grounds was virtually completed. It was hoped to have the remainder of the scheme (lighting/fencing) completed by the middle of December.

(ii) Dunmow Infants School

A scheme had been completed for the proposed "School Zone". The scheme was currently undergoing a safety audit. In addition to the above, that school had requested the provision of a zebra crossing for North Street, in the vicinity of the Library. Investigations were currently under way for this proposal and a further meeting with the school had been arranged for 7 December 2000.

(iii) Dunmow Junior School

Public consultation had just started.

Other items

(i) Hatfield Heath signs

A meeting had been held with the Parish Council regarding the boundary signs and a design and location plan had been sent regarding the preferred locations.

(ii) Takeley Four Ashes Junction

This was to be the subject of a meeting between Area officers and the Parish Council on 18 December.

The Area Manager added that two speed cameras had been installed at Takeley and mobile cameras were now in operation in Uttlesford generally.

In answer to a question from the representative for Great Hallingbury about the policing of the waiting restriction and new 40 mph limit through the village, Sergeant Sones and the Area Manager explained that the areas would be policed so far as manpower permitted and that this would be reinforced with mobile cameras. The representative of Great Hallingbury drew to Members attention hazardous driving conditions encountered when driving onto the A120 and turning to Great Hallingbury off that road at the same junction just off the main roundabout.

DRS72 CHELMSFORD ROAD FELSTED

The representative for Felsted asked for consideration of yellow lines either side of driveways on this road and the Area Manager agreed to investigate the situation. Mr Farrow explained that it was dangerous for cars exiting from driveways on the road.

DRS73 GREAT EASTON SCHOOL

The representative for Great Easton expressed concern about the speed of traffic outside the school, which was on the main Thaxted to Dunmow road, and the problem of parents parking cars on that road. He requested a 20 or 30 mph limit. Sergeant Sones explained that at a site meeting it had been suggested that the school's car park should be enlarged if funding permitted. The Road Safety Officer emphasised that if the school were willing, the area could be made into a school zone. The Chairman added that in this event wig-wag school flashing lights could be installed to highlight the presence of the school. Sergeant Sones explained the difficulties involved in attempting to reduce the speed limits.

DRS74 SEASONAL WISHES

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting and wished them a happy Christmas.

It was noted that the next meeting would be on 19 February 2001.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm