

**HIGHWAYS SUB-COMMITTEE held at 7.30 pm at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 22 MARCH 2000**

Present:- Councillor R P Chambers - Vice-Chairman in the Chair  
Councillors M L Foley, M A Gayler, R D Green, D W Gregory,  
P G F Lewis, Mrs J E Menell, R J O'Neill, R W L Stone and  
P A Wilcock.

Officers in attendance:- A Farrow, Mrs S Nicholas, Mrs R Johnson and  
Mrs C Roberts (Uttlesford District Council), B Goodwin and  
W J Rose (Essex County Council), and Sergeant J Sones (Essex  
Police TMO Chelmsford).

**I. ROAD SAFETY OFFICER**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Rose Johnson, the new Road Safety Officer, to her first Sub-Committee meeting.

**I. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R C Smith.

**I. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2000 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the insertion of the word "not" as the 5th word in line 10 of Minute HW34.

**I. BUSINESS ARISING**

**(i) Minute HW29 - Weak Bridges, Railtrack Assessment**

In answer to a question from Councillor Mrs J E Menell the District Transportation Manager informed the meeting that the County Council assessment had been made at 17 tonnes and Railtrack had confirmed this. The restriction at the Howe Wood Road Bridge Littlebury was accordingly being revised to 17 tonnes. This would allow fire engines, buses and refuse vehicles to cross it, but would exclude some of the grain lorries. The new restriction would be implemented as soon as it could be resourced.

**(ii) HW30 - Park Road Stansted**

The Assistant to the Chief Executive informed the meeting that the Head of Legal Services was endeavouring to arrange mediation in this case. It was hoped to arrange a first meeting as soon as possible but practical problems were posed by the large number of people involved.

**I. LOCALLY DETERMINED BUDGET PROGRAMME 2000/01**

*(Councillor R P Chambers declared an interest in so far as he was a Member of the Essex County Council).*

The Sub-Committee was advised of the probable allocation of funds for the Locally Determined Budget for the Uttlesford District 2000/01 and was asked to establish the priorities of programmes for schemes to be implemented during the year ending March 2001. The Sub-Committee then considered the detailed Locally Determined Budget 2000/01. The suggested apportionment of funds was as follows:

|                                |       | £       | £ |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|---|
| <b>Speed Reduction</b>         |       |         |   |
| Speed Reduction                | 85000 | (80324) |   |
| Speed Reduction - Intervention |       |         |   |

|   |                                 |               |                 |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Measures for Village Speed Limits                           | 25000                           | (24395)       |                 |
| <b>Road Safety Education, Training and Publicity</b>        |                                 |               |                 |
|   |                                 | 6000          | (6000)          |
| <b>Other Revenue Items</b>                                  |                                 |               |                 |
| Traffic Management Programme:                               |                                 |               |                 |
|   | Traffic Management Schemes      | 13000         | (15728)         |
|   | Traffic Regulation Orders       | 6000          | (2000)          |
|   | Miscellaneous Minor Items       | 8000          | (8000)          |
|   | Locally Determined Maintenance  | 10000         | (5000)          |
| <b>Capital Items</b> (NB No capital allocation for 2000/01) |                                 |               |                 |
|   | New footways                    | 26000         | (36000)         |
|   | New Social Pedestrian Crossings | 11000         | (12000)         |
|   | New Street Lighting             | Nil           | Nil             |
|   | <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>190000</b> | <b>(189447)</b> |

Members were given details of the proposed schemes under the various budget heads.

In answer to a question the District Transportation Manager explained that provision of school crossings under the Safer Journeys to School Scheme would receive funding from a different budget. As regards speed reduction, he explained that the first four schemes were likely to be implemented this year. He set out the reasons for the proposed ranking of the speed reduction schemes and answered Members' questions about treatment of particular areas.

In considering the traffic management schemes, Members drew attention to possible traffic problems arising from the new housing on the site of the former Raynhams Garage in Saffron Walden and Councillor M L Foley drew attention to concern in Thaxted about proliferation of signs.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1 the budget apportionment summarised at Appendix 4.1 in the report be approved.
- 2 the proposals as recommended and detailed under the respective headings in Appendix 4.2 to the report be approved for funding from the Locally Determined Budget for implementation within the 2000/01 programme of work.
- 3 officers report on funding availability to the July meeting and the programme be then amended as appropriate.

#### I. **LAND ACQUISITION FOR FOOTWAYS SCHEMES**

The Sub-Committee received a report on a proposal to acquire land by compulsory purchase for the purposes of constructing footways at Hall Road, Elsenham and The Street, Manuden. In the first case inquiries had failed to identify the owner of the land and in the second negotiations with the various owners had continued for 18 months without prospect of a settlement.

RESOLVED that the Sub-Committee supports the proposal to seek a compulsory purchase order for the acquisition of land necessary to permit the provision of footways at Hall Road, Elsenham and The Street, Manuden.

The Sub-Committee received an update on the Saffron Walden Town Centre Management Scheme. The Saffron Walden Town Centre Working Party had agreed to seek the views of organisations/interest groups to inform the completion of a questionnaire aimed at the general public in Saffron Walden and surrounding parishes.

RESOLVED that the list of consultees include the Uttlesford Taxi Drivers' Association and the Market Traders' Association.

## I. LOCAL ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Local Road Safety Advisory Committees held at Great Dunmow on 14 February and Saffron Walden on 16 February 2000 were received.

### (i) Minute DRS44 - Roadside Hoardings

Members informed the District Transportation Manager of other obstructive signs which might be within the purview of the Highway Authority.

### (ii) DRS47 - East Herts DC Proposals for Redirection of Lorries

In answer to a question from Councillor P A Wilcock the District Transportation Manager said that the reply to the Hertfordshire District Council was in preparation.

### (iii) DRS47 - Roadworks and signing at Great Easton

Councillor D W Gregory drew attention to a problem of distracting lights at Sam's Motel on the A120 at Little Canfield.

### (iv) SW34 - Road Surfaces

Members drew attention to road surface problems possibly due to lack of gritting at Berden and Manuden and due to ice at Bardfield on the Uttlesford boundary.

### (v) SW35 - Road Safety Officer

Councillor Mrs J E Menell expressed a welcome from the local maternity services, to the new Road Safety Officer, Mrs Rose Johnson.

### (vi) SW38 - Accident Remedial Programme, Junction 8

Councillor D W Gregory drew Members' attention to an exhibition which had taken place in the Hilton, Stansted regarding the M11 slip roads, the proposals for which seemed good. Councillor R W L Stone expressed concern about traffic light failures at Junction 8.

### (vii) SW38 - Retirement of District Transportation Manager

On behalf of the Highways Sub-Committee and the Council as a whole, Councillor R P Chambers expressed thanks for all the hard work which the District Transportation Manager had undertaken for the District Council and wished him a long and happy retirement. Individual Members commented on the particularly valuable nature of the work undertaken by Mr Rose and on his kindness, despite being much maligned and put upon, over many years.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm