

**SAFFRON WALDEN LOCAL ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE held at  
COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 5 OCTOBER 2005  
at 7.30pm**

Present:- Councillor Mrs C Bayley – Chairman – Audley Ward Saffron Walden

Miss K Barwood – Arkesden Parish Council  
Mrs A Midgley – Hempstead Parish Council.  
Mrs E Sanders – Littlebury Parish Council  
Mrs C Hunt – Manuden Parish Council  
Mrs L Ward – Newport Parish Council  
Mr D Smith – Radwinter Parish Council  
Mrs D Cornell – Saffron Walden Town Council  
Councillor R F Freeman – Uttlesford District Council  
Mrs M MacDonald – Wendens Ambo Parish Council

Officers in attendance:-

Mrs R Johnson – Road Safety Officer  
Mr C Stoneham – Essex Transportation and Operational Services  
Department  
Mr D Bloyce – Essex Police Traffic Management Unit.  
Mrs C Roberts – Secretary.

SW272 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Miss K Barwood, Mr R Bowran, Mr C Clarke, Mrs T Fearnham, Inspector Mark Harman, Mrs A Kent and Mr M Young.

The Chairman of the Committee welcomed Mrs D Cornell to the Committee.

SW273 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2005 were received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

SW274 **BUSINESS ARISING**

**(i) Minute No SW264 (iii) – Request for zebra crossing – Debden Road Saffron Walden**

Mrs D Cornell commented on the dangerous nature of the Borough Lane/Debden Road intersection and Members recalled remedies previously suggested for it. Chris Stoneham described the engineering difficulties of the site and Rose Johnson informed the meeting that previous attempts to find school crossing patrol personnel for various junctions had resulted in no take-ups. Members suggested that recruitment from volunteer parents in twos and/or with a split work-load might be more successful and the Chairman asked Mr Stoneham to relay the Committee's concerns in particular to Mr K Welham of the Essex County Council suggesting re-advertising with a rota system.

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## **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that Councillor R F Freeman be appointed as representative to attend Transport and Highways Committee and that Mrs A Midgley be appointed as deputy representative.

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## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **(i) Saffron Walden Local Road Safety Advisory Committee – Membership**

Mrs D Cornell was welcomed to the Committee as representative of Saffron Walden Town Council.

### **(ii) Traffic Management Strategy**

The Secretary's report attached replies received from the Essex County Council to questions from the Advisory Committees about Road Safety aspects of the Strategy.

Members discussed the replies and asked the Secretary to obtain more details about the "Yellow Bus" trials and why they had proved inconclusive.

The Road Safety Officer agreed to see whether useful information could be had from the Safer Journeys section to give an idea of car travel to school so as to assess possible numbers to be involved in a "Yellow Bus" scheme.

### **(iii) Particular past years' issues**

The Secretary reminded the meeting of a number of past years' issues, further to Minute 272.

### **(iv) Correspondence**

A letter from Mrs A Kent was received about HGV weight limit violations in the vicinity of Birchanger.

Mr C Stoneham informed the meeting that, at the request of the Parish Council an HGV survey had been organised. Works to signs would probably follow once the results of the survey had been obtained.

He also undertook to investigate possible enforcement strategies for the 30 mph speed limit in Manuden.

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## **ROAD SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Road Safety Officer informed the meeting that in the summer term more than 50 cycle training courses had been held with more than 500 students taking part throughout the District. In addition summer holiday cycle training and cycle skills courses had been provided using facilities provided at local schools, and these were well attended..

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Impactive themes and activities around Teenage Pedestrian Deaths had been used successfully for Felsted Years 9 and 10 and for the Road Safety Stand at the U2005 Event on Saffron Walden Common.

The Road Safety Officer updated the meeting about the nine walking buses operating in the District. She explained that although the preliminary work had been done to provide a walking bus at St Mary's Primary School, Saffron Walden, at present there was a need for more parent volunteers to run the bus.

The Road Safety Officer gave an account of the Crucial Crew week's activities and of Motorwise, which had run for eight days to meet increased demand from Senior Schools. These two courses were only able to run because of the hard-working partnership of District Council Officers, Essex Road Safety Officers, Essex Police School Liaison and Traffic Officers, Essex Fire And Rescue, Essex Youth Service and FedEx Personnel.

Essex Police had been of great assistance also at the Hideout Motorcycle Day when they provided assessed ride-outs which were very much appreciated by those partaking, and at the Ladies Car Maintenance Evenings, and the Eye Testing and Drink Drive Campaigns. The Road Safety Officer said that the Team was also indebted to the Essex Fire and Rescue Service for making available the Newport Fire Station and facilities as accommodation for the Ladies Car Maintenance Evening.

The Chairman thanked the Road Safety Officer for her excellent report.

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### **POLICE REPORT**

Inspector Mark Harman's report on road fatalities and injuries in the District was presented by Daniel Bloyce.

He drew attention to the fact that 40% of drink/drive offences were detected in the mornings, and that the last three fatalities in Essex had all been drink/drive related.

Police prevention work included distribution of leaflets to licensees.

In answer to a question he said that the fine for using a mobile phone while driving was too small to be an effective deterrent for mobile phone offences. He added that he would ask Inspector Harman whether a proactive mobile enforcement day could be brought to Saffron Walden when some of the Committee might be invited to attend.

The Chairman of the Committee thanked Mr Bloyce for his presentation of the report and welcomed him to the Committee.

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### **AREA TRANSPORTATION MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Essex County Council Area Manager's report was presented by Mr C Stoneham as follows.

#### **Accident Remedial Sites:**

There had been no new accident remedial sites reported to the department since the last meeting. However there had been three surface treatment sites highlighted within the District namely:

- **B1053 corner by Twin Elms at Stocking Green junction, Radwinter.**
- **B1053 Pounce Hill, Sewards End.** (This scheme had been deferred from last year due to the Anglian Water scheme and would be carried out at the end of their works).

- **B183 Dunmow Road approximately 2km south of the junction with the B1256.**

The works had been programmed for all three sites at the end of October, beginning of November.

### **‘Safer Journeys to School Initiative’**

There were no new developments relating to engineering measures at Wimbish, Radwinter and Manuden Primary Schools. At all three sites, the school warning signs and flashing amber micro-timers had been installed and were now operational. Wimbish Parish Council had requested further consultation to be undertaken with residents’ regarding the speed reduction scheme proposed outside the Primary School at Tye Green. This would be carried out in the next month or so.

The objections received to the proposed speed tables in South Road for Thomas More School had been reported to the District’s Transport & Highways Committee last month. Due to South Road forming part of a bus route, the road was classed as a County Route. Due to this fact a further report was being prepared to submit to the County’s Cabinet member responsible for Highways and Transportation issues to resolve whether the proposals should proceed or not.

### **Advertised Waiting Restriction Proposals.**

Following the publication of a series of new waiting restriction proposals across the District a few months ago a number of objections had been received. These included the proposals for Debden Road south of its junction with Borough Lane and the proposals for Little Larchmount. Again these had been reported to the District’s Transport & Highways Committee the previous month and the objection overturned; but an appeal had been received from a number of the objectors regarding Little Larchmount and a further report would be submitted to the Committee at the next meeting in November. It was hoped to have the Orders sealed and the restrictions installed before the end of the calendar year.

### **Other Items:**

#### **(GREAT DUNMOW) Boreham Court, High Easter**

The request to extend the 30-mph speed limit further eastwards along Rehobeth Street had been formally advertised. No objections had been received and instructions had been made to the Legal section to seal the Traffic Regulation Order.

#### **(HIGH RODING) B184 Dunmow Road / (GREAT CANFIELD) B184/ Bacon End Junction.**

Further to a site meeting with representatives from High Roding/Great Canfield PC’s, Mrs Flack CC and Mr Chambers CC, it had been agreed to introduce a red anti-skid strip with the Slow carriageway markings on both approaches to this junction in addition to renewing the lines and red surfacing

at the start of the 30-mph speed limit at either end of High Roding. These works had now been completed.

**SW280 SCHOOLCHILDREN NEAR TRAFFIC**

Mrs L Ward voiced concern about schoolchildren having lack of respect for cars on the road. It was noted that this was a particular problem near the local County High School, and that it was also important that traffic should not attempt to pass parked buses when pupils were disembarking.

**SW281 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A Member referred to a recent planning application with road safety implications and asked about notification to the Committee of applications.

Councillor Freeman reminded the meeting that planning notices were sent to the Parish Councils for consultation, and vigilance was needed to ensure observations were made as appropriate. He added that the Town Council had asked how much it would cost to provide a lay-by at the particular site.

**SW282 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting would be 4 January 2006.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm.