

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Stradbroke Parish Council

held at the Court House, Stradbroke on Monday, 29th January 2024 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Russell Ayling, Helen Ball, James Hargrave, Maureen John, Karen Lynch, Susan Loxton, Caroline Stebbing (C), Toni Wisbey

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

Item Ref	Description
24.01.19	Chairman's welcome All were welcomed to the meeting
24.01.20	Apologies for Absence (a) Councillors received apologies for absence from Mandy Allen and Antony Bush (b) Councillors voted to accept the apologies received.
24.01.21	Declarations of Interests Councillors declared interests in subsequent agenda items as follows: (a) Pecuniary Interests - none (b) Other registerable interests - none (c) Non-registerable interests – as residents of Stradbroke, it was noted that all Cllrs had a non-registerable interest in the matters to be discussed.
24.01.22	Dispensations: None requested
24.01.23	Public forum Question: Eye seems to have a community police officer enforcing parking restrictions, why does Stradbroke not have one? Response: this is likely to be a civil enforcement officer rather than a police officer. Question: There appears to be no vehicles on any road in photos in the assessment – was this deliberate? Response: It is likely the assessor wanted to highlight the road not the vehicles and waited for a clear road to be able to illustrate fully where and how improvements could be made.
24.01.24	Highways ETHOS consulting CS introduced the item and advised that the intention of the meeting is to review all suggestions, to enable ETHOS to refine these into a document to take to public consultation. KL & OW have looked at refining the issues into a memory jogger for the meeting. KL will lead on the project.
Current issues:	KL asked Councillors to put forward any current issues not noted in the assessment. HB: commented that during a meeting with VOSH (pupil committee at local High School), the children were asking if a controlled pedestrian (zebra) crossing was possible on Wilby Road.
Interventions:	There are 15 possible interventions identified by ETHOS. Councillors were asked to provide their views on each intervention. There were in depth discussions on 7 areas. At this meeting the budget limitations were not considered. But it was noted that ETHOS recommend that the Parish Council prepares work packages for public consultation.

Intervention	Pros	Cons
Pedestrian accessibility	Footways are narrow in some areas. Maybe the Council should identify a specific area to concentrate on	Parking in front of existing dropped kerbs etc does not help.

Queen St Crossing	Queen Street – zebra crossing is a condition for the Grove Farm development	No footway from Westhall to the site of the proposed crossing.
Continuous footways		No need, particularly if footway on the other side will take pedestrians to a crossing away from that junction.
Priority GIVEWAY	Required on New Street and Laxfield Road. Would help to slow traffic. Theory ok – but would need to be in the right place.	Some Cllrs were not keen, given the negative comments about schemes in other villages.
Wilby Rd Crossing	It was noted that cars should stop currently if there is a pedestrian wanting to cross anywhere.	Split on whether this should be a controlled or uncontrolled crossing.
Junction Queen St/ Church St	Double yellow lines needed.	No mini roundabout. No pedestrian crossing. Textured road surface would not help and could lead to complaints about noise. Not addressing the key issue which is visibility rather than speed.
Gateways	Good idea where visible	May not fit or be necessary on Wilby Road or New Street.

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Phasing	Councillors noted that in an ideal world, if the funding allowed, all interventions would take place simultaneously. However, the funding may be limited or staggered therefore Cllrs reviewed the potential phasing of the interventions, noting that the responsibility for some of the interventions lies with 3 rd parties. The main priority currently is improving the junction at Queen Street and Church Street.
Phase 1	20mph limit on Queen Street. Double yellow lines on Queen Street/Church Street junction. Crossing at Wilby Road: to include both controlled and uncontrolled options and costings Speed indicator devices: 3 in the current locations and 1 additional on Laxfield Road approaching the village. 4 x 40mph limits on approach (noting that once TRO obtained it is possible that implementation could be staggered on 2 entrances at a time). Gateways at Queen Street and Laxfield Road entrance to the 30mph zone. Investigate if 20mph can include all conservation area.
Phase 2	Priority GIVEWAY areas on both New Street and Laxfield Road Footway improvements Signage improvements 20mph zone in conservation area
3rd Party	Controlled crossing on Queen Street (Grove Farm) development. Need for footway from Westhall to enable pedestrians to access this.
Not considered suitable / necessary	Removal of white lines. Continuous footway at Mill Road. Road enhancements at Church Street. Mini roundabout. No raised or textured road surfaces. Controlled crossing on New Street. Gateways on New Street or Wilby Road approaches.

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Follow up with ETHOS	<p>Councillors asked for the following matters to be raised for feasibility and/or clarified with ETHOS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double yellow lines on Queen St/Church St junction • A controlled crossing for Wilby Road, alongside the proposal for an uncontrolled crossing? • "STOP" sign be used at the top of Queen Street (junction with Church Street) rather than a "GIVEWAY" • Changing the priority of the junction of Queen Street and Church St, making vehicles coming from Laxfield and Eye directions "GIVEWAY" rather than those travelling from Queen Street. • Adding a footway from Westhall to the proposed controlled crossing near Grove Farm on Queen Street
24.10.25	Date of next meeting: 12 th February 2024

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed: _____

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