

HEYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Planning Meeting held at The End Cottage, 75 Fowlmere Road on Friday 5th July 2019

Present: Councillors Mrs D MacFadyen,(Chairman)(DM), Mr P Smith (PS), Mr M Shaw (MS),
District Cllr Roberts (DR)
with one Member of the Public

6.00pm EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT

No apologies had been received.
There were no interests declared.

2. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS AND FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

2.1 Traffic Speeds through village

A resident of Fowlmere Road, with young children, expressed his concern over traffic speeds stating that he was aware of vehicles speeding in all parts of the village and the problem was getting worse. There were a lot more lorries now and the roads were far too narrow for these types of vehicles. The lack of pavements also added to the problem. The resident stated that the speed limit should be reduced to help slow the traffic down.

A discussion took place on the efforts that the Parish Council were making for traffic calming measures. Cllr Roberts stated that a lot of evidence was needed to support any request to the County Council for traffic calming. She suggested that a Community Speedwatch group be set up as the data gathered from speedwatch checks, in association with traffic surveys, may add weight to a LHI application.

The resident in attendance stated that he would be happy to become involved in a Community Speedwatch group adding that other parents were likely to be interested as well.

Cllr Roberts suggested that before setting up a group the Parish Council could send out a consultation letter to all residents so that they were aware of the proposal. She added that the Community Speedwatch idea was better accepted this time around in Fowlmere following consultation.

Councillors agreed that a Community Speedwatch team in the village would be a good idea.

3. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO CARRY OUT INDEPENDENT TRAFFIC SURVEY TO SUPPORT LHI 2020/21 APPLICATION

Following the discussions with a resident under Item 2.1 it was agreed that the independent traffic survey would not be commissioned at this time.

The County Council had confirmed that a survey was to take place on Fowlmere Road, and possibly Chishill Road, and the results from the survey would be available to support the LHI application in the 2020/21 bid which needed to be submitted by the 4th August 2019.

Steps were also to be undertaken to introduce a Community Speedwatch group in the village. The Clerk was to arrange for a questionnaire to be sent out to all residents, as discussed under the previous item. This would provide feedback on volunteers and the setting up of a Community Speedwatch team could then be commenced.

4. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

4.1 Increase in Grasscutting cost

The Clerk reported that she had been advised by the Grasscutting contractor that the cost to cut the triangle of grass at the centre of the village would be increased to £20 per cut. Councillors acknowledged that there had not been an increase for a long while. Agreement to the increase would be ratified at the next Parish Council meeting.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –PARISH COUNCIL –Tuesday 30th July 2019

There was no further business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.45 pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

on.....(Date)