

**Draft until signed**  
**Minutes of Dry Drayton Parish Council (DDPC) Extraordinary Meeting**  
**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 8pm, Dry Drayton Primary School**

**Present:** D Wyatt (DW) (Chairman), J Dolan (JD) (Vice-Chairman), E Pyle (EP) (Councillor), S Miller (Councillor), S Lander (Councillor)

**Attending:** S Etherington-Meech (SEM) (Clerk/RFO), Cllr L Harford (LH) (County Councillor), Graham Carver (GC) (Community Speed watch Team (CSW)), 4 members of the public

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Fiona Peck

**2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

No declarations of interest or dispensations were declared

**3. Public Forum**

DW explained the Local Highways Improvement Initiative (LHI) to the public and advised the maximum amount that can be applied for under the scheme is £15k, DDPC would have to provide a minimum contribution of 10% towards the project. GC advised DDPC that he has historical traffic information he can provide to support a LHI application.

**4. Items for discussion**

**a. LHI application for discussion, agreement and completion of the application before submission deadline of 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019 (to include an agreement of Dry Drayton Parish Council contribution to the projects)**

SL outlined where DDPC currently were with their proposals for a LHI application. SL explained that he met with Chris Turner from CSW and one of the main ongoing and prevalent issues raised was speeding through the village. Only limited time has been given for an application to be made and the A14 legacy fund application has to be considered in unison with a LHI application.

SL explained that what must be considered is what Dry Drayton (DD) can do to stop speeding traffic, DD are unable to control whether drivers obey the law, however, certain measures can be put in place to assist prevention. There are currently speed gates at each end of the village, a speed gate on Oakington Rd outside number 42 and 4 flashing signs advising to slow down (which are the responsibility of DDPC), however, GC advised that all 4 signs are inoperable and discussions have occurred with the manufacturer who has advised they are beyond repair.

SL advised that what is also to be considered is making an area safe for the school and other pedestrians crossing over to the church on the far side of the green.

LH has assisted by having discussions with Highways, DDPC can apply for more measures on Oakington Road to make crossing safer ideally in the form of wig wag lines and flashing lights asking vehicles to slow down to 20mph in school hours, however, it was noted that a speed limit is only a request and not lawfully enforceable. The cost for this would be in the region of £8k and Highways would be very supportive of an application on this basis. The next consideration was the replacement of the flashing lights that are currently not working, and SL suggested the sensible alternative in this funding round would be a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS), sites would have to be approved by the police. The advantage with MVAS being that it moves around to different locations. CSW and Chris Turner have advised SL that they would be happy to hold a MVAS on behalf of DDPC.

SL advised that there are other items that need considering for the future such as repeater signs and new white lines, however, what is required first is for Highways to have a walk-

through Dry Drayton to assess what the village requires. LH understands from Oakington that a MVAS has a capacity to collect useful data to show how many cars are speeding and at what times of the day and that this data can be used to ask the police to carry out target enforcement. SL advised that highways are in support of quick impact options such as wig wags and MVAS and with a pragmatic approach a longer-term plan can be considered with the assistance of highways. CSW raised concerns over who would assist with a MVAS and SL advised that villagers have to be encouraged to become involved and assist.

JD highlighted that some local areas have signage displayed that highlights major accidents on roads and questioned if there was any way that DDPC could have similar temporary signage for certain hotspots. LH gained permission for Girton and would be willing to assist DDPC with this relatively inexpensive option. **Action** – LH to investigate signage for DDPC

SL advised that he has investigated horizontal and vertical options although he does not feel that this works, and more speed tables are not required. Adjustments to current chicanes and a speed camera by SM were suggested, it was explained that these would be very expensive options. The public also requested that consideration is made to the increased traffic created by either of the 2 Park & Ride sites suggested by the Greater Cambridge Partnership. It was also questioned as to the status of the non-motorised route planned for Dry Drayton. LH explained that this is not related to an LHI application and is in the hands of Cambridgeshire County Council whom are providing a large amount of funding which will come, however, it takes work as it has to be tied in with other work to facilitate the non-motorised route alongside the A14. DDPC and LH worked incredibly hard to gain the funding and they were prioritised over many other parishes.

LH advised that she completely supports what is being suggested, DDPC have had discussions long before this EO meeting, the reason for the short term notice of this meeting is due to the huge change of parish councillors and DDPC being unable to gain an extension to the application deadline and a quick decision needs to be made. Funding has been available for years, for parishes to have long term plan, however, if the village need to see something is happening and if no application made now this year then the parish would have lost another year. LH stated that DDPC should be applauded for being proactive and calling and extraordinary meeting to ensure the application deadline is not missed and shows their commitment to do something and work towards a longer-term plan. DDPC thanked LH for her continued hard work, support and assistance provided to Dry Drayton.

In conclusion SL proposed that an LHI application was made for the wig wag in Oakington Road and a MVAS. The combined estimated cost is £12.5K with a 10% contribution from DDPC – a unanimous decision was made in support by DDPC - RESOLVED. **Action** – SL to complete and submit the LHI application

An invoice has been received from Cambridge Water Business dated 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 for £52.78 that is required to be paid within 14 days – it was agreed unanimously by DDPC for this to be paid. Cheque Number 1192 completed and signed by EP & JD. **Action** – Clerk to add payment to September agenda.

## 5. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 8pm

Meeting closed at 8.34pm