

Whiteley Parish Council

Highways and Transport Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 24th October 2007 at 7pm.

Parish Council Committee members present: Kairen Goves (Vice-Chairman) Mike Evans, Brenda Hatch, Brian Hughes.

Parish Councillors David Jenkins and Vic Hatch, four members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

Jon Ryder HCC Client Manager and Ian Houghton Project Manager for improvement work to Segensworth roundabout.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** Cllrs David Bartram (Chairman) and Vivian Achwal,
- 2. To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items:** none.
- 3. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**

HCC Jon Ryder and Ian Houghton explained that the Segensworth roundabout improvements programme was on target. Early in the programme some traffic delays had occurred but the situation has improved as drivers become more aware of the roadworks.

The scheme is designed to improve traffic management at the Segensworth roundabout and M27 Junction 9; how long it remains effective will depend on the levels of future development. The scheme will have a 'life' but members were assured that extensive traffic modelling was carried out during the planning stages to ensure the project represented good value. Funding comprises a total of £2.65million: approximately £1million developers contributions from Solent 2, £750,000 from Segensworth businesses with the remainder from HCC.

The officers are aware of the increase in traffic in Leafy Lane due to the works, the levels are considered to be relatively small and are thought to have peaked. Recent monitoring shows a reduction in peak time usage, monitoring is continuing and complaints from residents are being dealt with.

The Vice-Chairman thanked the officers for attending.

4. Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

4.1 To receive update on proposal to develop plan of action to lobby for opening of Yew Tree Drive to through traffic/ report from Highways Working Party. **At a recent meeting of Whiteley Business Forum it was discovered that only 2 of 40 businesses intend to use the bus link. WCC Director of Operations, Steve Tilbury suggested the Forum**

and PC work together to lobby for the opening of Yew Tree to all traffic.

HCC to brief Chairman/Highways Chair and Clerk on SATURN proposals at meeting on 31st October.

Date of next Working Party meeting to be arranged.

4.2 To receive update on request to WCC for 'give way' lines at the Leafy Lane/ Bleriot Crescent junction to be reinstated. **WCC Portfolio holder for Planning has viewed the site with his officers, District Cllr Mike Anthony, Chairman and Clerk and has decided the lines should be reinstated, WCC will correspond with interested residents in due course.**

4.3 To receive update on affects on Whiteley of Segensworth roundabout works. **See above.**

4.4 To discuss development of North Whiteley and the extension of Whiteley Way. **Estimated time scale for the completion of the link is between 2011 and 2013.**

4.5 To receive update regarding request to HCC Chris Lait regarding speeding on Parkway, request for refuge improvements, traffic and pedestrian counts on Yew Tree Drive and road markings on R1 roundabout.

- A formal request to HCC to be made for a reduction in the speed limit in Parkway.
- Further improvements to the Parkway refuge were requested.
- The Yew Tree Drive traffic and pedestrian count has been carried out, feedback awaited.
- The relocation of Solent 2 / Rookery crossing to a safer route, preferably to opposite the bus stop, was requested.

Above items Action Clerk

4.6 To receive update on maintenance requests; list circulated, additional items to be added:

- Marjoram crossing needs improved visibility due to height of hedges.
- Cracks in Meadowside greenways appear to have deteriorated

Above items Action Clerk

5 Recent correspondence

Meeting closed 7.42pm