

Swavesey Parish Council

Minutes

Meeting to discuss Traffic Calming Scheme Proposals and Over-Swavesey Cycleway held at The Memorial Hall, Monday 2 February 2004, 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr M Johnston (Chairman)

Councillors : A Day, J Dodson, J Foster, V Ladds, P Marriott, R Owen, S Rogers,
J Shepperson, W Wright

Clerk : Mrs L Miller

Cambs County Council: Mr D Brace, County Cllr Mrs S Johnstone

Parishioners : None

APOLOGIES

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AGENDA 2

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The Minutes were signed as correct record.

AGENDA 3

Declarations of Interest

None

AGENDA 4

To view the plans and discuss the proposals for a dual-use cycle and footway between Over and Swavesey

Plans for the proposed foot- and cycle-way were displayed and discussed at length. The following points were raised:

- With regard to the existing footpath alongside the Church wall, Mr Brace confirmed that 0.5M would have to be taken from the verge opposite, in order to maintain the required carriageway width of 6M. The road would not become any narrower than it currently is.
- Cambs County Council does not own the land on which the present rail-line is. The County Council has applied to purchase this land and once it does own it then CCC will be able to remove the crossing gateposts in order to allow the footpath/cycleway to continue across this section. In the meantime, Mr Brace confirmed that CCC has written to Network Rail to ask if the gateposts could be removed in advance.
- Construction of the cycleway will take approximately 8 weeks. Mr Brace stated that the intention is to start work on 16 February.

- The Parish Council requested an undertaking from the County Council that the hedge alongside the cycleway/footpath in Over Road be regularly cut back in order to maintain the required width along the route. Mr Brace replied that he would discuss this with the Divisional Maintenance Manager.
- Mr Brace confirmed that the cost of the cycleway construction would come from CCC's Cycleways Budget and Over village traffic calming budget.
- Mr Shepperson asked if CCC would consider installing flashing warning lights, similar to those used outside of school entrances during start & finish times for schools, between Swan Pond and Taylors Lane junction. These could be used when children were cycling to and from school and would warn motorists at this point of children cycling. Mr Brace to investigate this further.

Following the discussion Mr Brace asked the Parish Council if they would be prepared to accept the proposals for the dual-use foot/cycleway, from Over to the junction of Station Road/Middle Fen Drove, Swavesey. Council voted 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

AGENDA 5

To discuss in further detail, traffic calming schemes for Swavesey

Item deferred until 23 February, as amended plans for the traffic calming schemes were not available for this meeting.

AGENDA 6

To arrange a public exhibition and consultation of the draft plans for traffic calming schemes for Swavesey

Draft plans will be discussed with the Parish Council on 23 February.

A public exhibition and consultation will take place on Thursday 18 March 2004 at the Memorial Hall, from 3pm to 8pm. To be arranged by the County Council and Officers from the County Council will be in attendance. Leaflets advertising the exhibition will be provided by CCC and will be distributed to every household in Swavesey by Parish Councillors.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.10pm.

Signed & dated, Chairman

Minutes approved & signed as a correct record by the Parish Council on 17 May 2004