

minutes



Meeting HIGHWAYS SELECT COMMITTEE

Date Monday, 27 November 2006 (commencing at 2.30 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

The Hon Joan Taylor (Chair)
A Andy Stewart (Vice-Chair)

A Jen Cole
A Bruce Laughton
A Jim Napier
Philip Owen

A Sheila Place
Ken Rigby
David Shaw

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 6 November 2006, having been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cole, Laughton, Place and Stewart.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no declarations of interest.

ROAD SAFETY AND HIGHWAYS ISSUES IN KINGS CLIPSTONE

John Wheeldon and other residents of Kings Clipstone gave a presentation on the traffic and road safety problems in the village. They referred to the heavy traffic on the B6030, and the narrow and discontinuous pavements which they felt split the village in two. They believed the situation to be dangerous, and to be having an adverse impact on the village. Solutions which they put forward included a by-pass or new footways and crossings. There was less support for traffic lights.

Peter Thom, Customer Services Manager (Highways North) gave the County Council's perspective. He explained that the accident figures in Kings Clipstone did not justify any further work using the casualty reduction budget. However, they were looking at measures to alleviate the difficulties, and at alternative sources of funding.

Councillor Taylor thanked Mr Wheeldon and his colleagues for their contribution.

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS

Kevin Clinton, Road Safety Advisor with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), gave a presentation on road safety, the steps which could be taken to reduce accidents, and the guidance available from RoSPA for employers and drivers. He paid particular attention to a phased approach to driver training, the causes of accidents (including speed and fatigue), the need for enforcement, and the risks for motorcyclists, pedal cyclists and pedestrians.

In reply to Councillor Rigby, Mr Clinton said that Britain compared well with Europe on road safety. Councillor Taylor asked what was the most important step which the local authority could take. Mr Clinton referred to the county council's road safety strategy. He commended the constructive approach being taken by the county council and residents in Kings Clipstone. Liz Rickards, Road Safety Team, observed that local and national road safety priorities were in line. She added that the county council was developing a policy for employees' driving.

It was agreed to circulate Nottinghamshire's road accident figures in advance of the next meeting.

WORK PROGRAMME

Martin Gately, Scrutiny Officer, outlined the future business of the select committee as being:

18 December:	Chief Constable
15 January:	Motorcycle Forum, RAC and Norwich Union
12 February:	Pedestrian groups, Service Director (Highways)

The meeting closed at 4.15 pm.

CHAIR

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