Present: Gainsborough Ward Councillors: K Rawlingson, M Cook and J Mowles
Holywells Ward Councillors: G Debman
Priory Heath Ward Councillors: B Knowles and W Quinton

There were 55 members of the public in attendance.

54. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Le Grys, Councillor Harsant, Councillor P Stewart, Councillor Gaylard (SCC) and Councillor K Cook (SCC).

55. To Agree the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Meeting Held on 14 January 2014

55.1 In response to a question relating to the draft Minutes being circulated before the next meeting, the Chairman confirmed that the Minutes were normally published on the website ten days after the meeting.

55.2 Subject to Minute 48.3 to be amended to Bishop’s Hill bus lane

It was RESOLVED:-

That subject to Minute 48.3 to be amended to read “Bishop’s Hill bus lane” the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2014 be approved as a true record.

56. To Confirm or Vary the Order of Business

It was RESOLVED:-

that the Order of Business be confirmed as printed on the agenda.
57. **Declarations of Interest**

57.1 There were no declarations of interest.

58. **To Confirm the Date and Time of Future Meetings**

It was RESOLVED:-

that the time and place of future meetings be confirmed as follows:

- Thursday 24 July 2014 at 7:00pm venue to be confirmed
- Thursday 4 September 2014 at 7:00pm
- Thursday 6 November 2014 at 7:00pm
- Wednesday 21 January 2015 at 7:00pm
- Thursday 19 March 2015 at 7:00pm

59. **Chairman's Update on Actions From Previous Meetings**

59.1 The Chairman gave the following updates on actions from the previous meeting:

- Minute 46.1 Accident statistics for the area around Tesco Express have been circulated.
- Minute 48.2 Proposals for the traffic lights at the junction of Bishops’s Hill and Nacton Road have now been withdrawn.
- Minute 51.2 The ICard activities presentation will be taken to a future meeting
- Benches on Waterfront – The Suffolk County Council consultations on traffic restrictions in the Waterfront have not yet been resolved so this has been able to be progressed.
- BMX Track Landseer Park – The Chairman reported that the club had been very pleased with the refurbishment work and even though there had been a very wet winter the track had worn well.
- Merchant Navy Sea Farers Memorial - The Chairman informed the committee that the dedication of the memorial would take place on Saturday 12th April 2014 at 3.00pm.
- Minute 33.4 the Chairman thanked the Committee for their efforts in getting the closure of the Orwell bridge onto the Work programme of the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee which will enable recommendations to be made to the Partnership Group that have been formed to look at the issue.

60. **Nacton Road Corridor Improvements**

60.1 Graham Newman, Suffolk County Councillor Cabinet Member for Roads
and Transport delivered a short presentation of the proposed improvements to Nacton Road and Ransomes Way Corridor.

60.2 He informed residents that there was currently a consultation being undertaken to gain their views on the following proposals:-

• **Nacton Road (A14 to Thrashers Roundabout) preferred option:-**

  Two lanes northbound, right turn into Orwell Country Park removed. Orwell Country Park would operate as left in, left out with inbound traffic using the Havens junction and outbound vehicles using Thrashers, subject to confirmation of highways boundary.

• **Thrashers**

  Widening of Nacton Road (east and west) and Ransomes Way, reduction of size of roundabout to increase circulatory paths.

• **Ransomes Way (Thrashers to Cranes)**

  Remarking of Ransomes Way between Ransomes Europark/Cranes and Thrashers to provide two lanes in the southbound direction (towards Thrashers). Northbound carriageway to remain as a single Lane.

• **Ransomes Way (Cranes to Felixstowe Road)**

  Remarking of Ransomes Way between Ransomes Europark and Felixstowe Road to provide two lanes in the northbound direction on approach to Felixstowe Road and two lanes in the southbound direction on approach to Ransomes Europark.

• **Landseer Road/ Nacton Road**

  Signalised T-Junction with pedestrian crossings – convert roundabout to a priority T-Junction which allows traffic between Landseer Road and Nacton Road (east) to flow more easily, Controlled pedestrian crossing to be included at junction.

• **Ransomes Europark/Cranes**

  Introduction of controlled pedestrian crossing across James Bennett Avenue. As existing with Ransome Way (north) re-marked as two full Lanes on approach to the junction and two full lanes on the exit to Achieve better lane utilisation. Controlled crossings across James Bennett Avenue.
• **Ransomes Way/ Felixstowe Road**

As existing with widening of Felixstowe Road (east and west) and Ransomes Way to three lanes on approach to the roundabout. Dedicated left turn from Ransomes Way (south) to Felixstowe Road (west). Controlled pedestrian crossing on Felixstowe Road (east).

• **Lindbergh Road/Nacton Road**

Introduction of pedestrian crossing on Nacton Road south of Lindbergh Road.

60.3 Members of the public made the following comments and requested that their comments were taken into consideration as follows:-

- Can anything be done about the potholes in Nacton Road?
- Can the verge also be improved and the vegetation cut back at the junction with Landseer Road and Nacton Road?
- The rat run that has developed between John Lewis and Waitrose is not mentioned can this be included as well?
- Concerned about the traffic in Landseer Road and the huge potholes in Landseer Road
- There is an issue with HGV’s that constantly ignore the weight limit both day and night.
- Where will the traffic go from the new houses that are being built?
- Can there be another road out of Ravenswood as with the proposed new restaurants traffic will increase even further?
- Why have these improvements not been carried out before?
- Have tree protection orders been taken into account with these proposals?
- Signage for the road outside the Riverside Clinic is not clear enough can this be improved?
- There are no hand outs or cards at the library and it is not clear what you are consulting on
- Have officers that are carrying out the traffic modelling undertaken an impact assessment of Myrtle Road/ Landseer Road
- Concerned about the proposals to make Rands Way Junction a T junction.
- Can the entrances into the Tesco’s at Benacre Way be made “one way only”
- The introduction of a pedestrian crossing on Nacton Road would slow traffic even more.

60.4 The Chairman thanked Councillor Newman for his presentation and urged residents to make their concerns know to the County Council.

61. **Responses to Public Questions and Open Discussion on Local Issues**

62. **SEAC/13/28 Policing Update**

62.1 The SNT delivered a short policing update to the meeting as follows:-
• 19 warnings and 16 fixed penalty notices had been issued for traffic using the bus lane on Bishop’s Hill.
• Three successful drug warrants have been issued and there had been 1 crack house closure.

62.2 A resident queried why the statistic provided to the Neighbourhood Watch Group were different from those provided to the committee?

Action: Police to ascertain reason and report back to next meeting.

63. Changes to Refuse Collections from April 2014

63.1 The Operations Manager for Waste delivered a short presentation on the changes to waste collection from the 1st April 2014.

63.2 The Committee discussed the report and residents made the following comments:-

• If there all in the same area on the same day won’t there be a huge increase in the number of lorries using our streets at the same time?
  A. Very large areas are involved so shouldn’t notice any difference to current system.

• What happens when the calendar finishes after three months?
  A. Calendar for the whole year will be available to print from website www.ipswich.gov.uk/binchanges or by telephoning Ipswich 433090.

• Is it possible to have a bigger black bin?
  A. Only if you have 6 or more people living at your address.

• Why do the workforce always run is it because they will get penalised if they are late?
  A. Each crew decides to work at their own pace, some will work more quickly than others, they work on a task and finish basis.

• Are the workforce happy with the changes?
  A. The workforce are approaching the changes with a positive attitude.

• What happens on Good Friday will the bins still be collected?
  A. Yes Good Friday will be a normal working day.

• What will happen in the first few weeks when the bins may not be collected because of the change in collection pattern?
A. We will clearing up to three extra bags of waste placed out with your black bin. Additional recycling will always be taken with your blue bin if you leave it in a clear plastic bag.

63.3 The Chairman thanked the Waste Operations Manager for her presentation and informed the meeting that there were various leaflets at the back of the hall if they required any further information.

64. Area Committee Reports

65. SEAC/13/29 Holywells Park Travel Plan - Notes of Consultation Meeting

It was RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted

66. SEAC/13/30 Traffic Calming Measures around Ipswich Academy (To be circulated)

66.1 The Integrated Transport Officer introduced the report and sought views from the Committee on the proposed traffic calming scheme on the various roads within the vicinity of the Academy site on Brazier’s Wood Road.

66.2 The Committee discussed the proposals and made the following comments:-

• Can the chicane in Maryon Road be reviewed as to whether it is necessary?
• Why has this taken so long to come to fruition?
• When will the scheme commence?
• Expressed the urgent need for the scheme to be introduced.

66.3 The Committee requested that their comments as Minuted be submitted to Suffolk County Council for consideration.

It was RESOLVED:-

(i) That the report be noted

(ii) That the comments made by the Committee as Minuted be submitted to Suffolk County Council for consideration

Reason:- To support proposals that aim to ensure that traffic in the vicinity of the new school travels at lower speeds in the interests of safety.

67. SEAC/13/31 Funding Request - Holiday Activity Sessions
It was RESOLVED:-

That £5000 be approved from the South Area Committee’s funding for youth community activities for the Easter, Summer and October school holidays.

Reason: To ensure that there are holiday activities available for children in the South East of Ipswich

68. SEAC/13/32 Financial Update

It was RESOLVED:-

that the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Chair