

North Yorkshire County Council

Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee held virtually via Microsoft Teams on 11th June 2021 at 10 am.

Present:-

Members:-

County Councillors Andy Paraskos (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Karl Arthur, Stephanie Duckett, Mel Hobson, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackay, John McCartney, Chris Pearson and Cliff Trotter.

Invited Executive Members:-

County Councillors David Chance, Caroline Dickinson and Carl Les.

Officers:-

Sharon Fox (Area Highways), Steve Loach (Democratic Services), James Malcom (Area Highways Manager), James Peter Farrar (Assistant Director, Economic Partnership Unit), Emily Mellaieu (Development Management Team Leader, Business and Environmental Services) and Louise Anne Neale (Senior Transport Planning Officer, Projects, Highways and Transportation)

Apologies were received from County Councillor Richard Musgrave

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

All decisions made by the Committee are subject to the procedure set out in Minute No. 97, below.

97. Chairman's Introduction

Chairman's Welcome, introductions and apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the following statement:-

Under his delegated decision making powers in the Officers' Delegation Scheme in the Council's Constitution, the Chief Executive Officer has power, in cases of emergency, to take any decision which could be taken by the Council, the Executive or a committee. Following on from the expiry of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, which allowed for committee meetings to be held remotely, the County Council resolved at its meeting on 5 May 2021 that, for the present time, in light of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic circumstances, remote live-broadcast committee meetings should continue (as informal meetings of the Committee Members), with any formal decisions required being taken by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency decision making powers and after consultation with other Officers and Members as appropriate and

after taking into account any views of the relevant Committee Members. This approach will be reviewed by full Council at its July meeting.

98. Minutes

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2021, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and would be signed by the Chairman as a correct record at the next available opportunity.

99. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this stage of the meeting.

100. Public Questions or Statements

There were no public questions or statements.

101. Appointments to Local Bodies

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) enabling appointments to Local Bodies in the Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee (ACC) area, previously made by the Selby and Harrogate Area Committees, to be extended, in light of the deferment of the planned County Council elections to May 2022.

Resolved:-

- (i) That the committee extends the current appointments to the Category 2 outside bodies that fall within the remit of this committee to the end of the current Council in May 2022, as follows:-
 - National Coal Mining Museum for England Liaison Committee - County Councillor Mel Hobson
 - Selby District Association for Voluntary Services - County Councillor Karl Arthur
- (ii) That the committee extends the current appointments to Category 3 outside bodies as detailed in the report.
- (iii) That further information be sought in relation to the status of Category 2 body, Safer Selby Local Delivery Team, before the appointment of County Councillor Stephanie Duckett is extended.

101. COVID 19 - Update

Representatives of the Executive, County Councillors Carl Les, Caroline Dickinson and David Chance provided a verbal update on the latest position regarding the COVID 19 pandemic and the County Council's response.

The Leader of the Council, County Councillor Car Les outlined the following issues:-

- The infection rates in North Yorkshire were beginning to develop an upward trend due, in the main, to the rapid spread of the Delta variant, and it affecting the younger generation.
- Although infection rates were rising, there had not been a significant increase in hospitalisations or deaths.
- The vaccination process continued to go well and it was thought that this was preventing any significant increase in hospitalisations or deaths. An increased effort was being made to vaccinate as many people as possible and as soon as possible.
- It was acknowledged that the intention of the Government was end all restrictions on 21 June, however, advice was coming through that the period of restrictions should be extended for a limited time, in view of the increase in infections.
- Preparations for the future were underway and he highlighted the extensive partnership work that had taken place during the pandemic which made North Yorkshire a special place to live.
- Work had commenced on the use of the Levelling Up Fund, with support being offered to the District Council applications. The development of two Countywide transport schemes was also taking place to take account of the second round of funding in the Autumn.
- The Executive had agreed applications to the Community Reward Fund totalling £8.4m.
- The County Council worked closely with the LEP, and a presentation would be provided on the work being undertaken to address economic uncertainty following the pandemic later in the meeting. The Leader praised the recently retired Chair of the LEP, noting that the incoming Chair was a North Yorkshire resident.
- Meetings with the Rural Commission were being arranged to consider their recommendations from a recent report. It was expected that these would create challenges for the County.
- The frequency of meetings with the local MPs had now moved to once a fortnight, and was now being utilised to discuss numerous issues of importance locally, rather than just COVID, with excellent dialogue from all involved.
- He referred to the “Bus Back Better” initiative being promoted by the Government and the rail plan.
- A Free Port had been created on Teesside which would be of importance to trade in the North of the County and consideration was being given to creating a Freeport on the Humber, which would benefit Selby and Ainsty.
- Planning for the County Council’s response to climate change was being prepared through Overview and Scrutiny before coming to the Executive for the implementation of those plans.
- Evidence has been submitted to the Secretary of State in relation to the “call for evidence” in respect of the use of remote meetings. It was hoped that legislation will be provided to enable remote meetings to be formalised for Local Authorities, as this would offer a greater flexibility for the delivery of meetings, going forward.
- Issues relating to the resettlement of people being evacuated from Afghanistan were outlined and it was noted that there had been a good response from local District Councils in relation to this.

County Councillor Caroline Dickinson, whose Executive portfolio includes public health, highlighted the following:-

- The aim of the Government remained to relax all restrictions on 21 June, however, this was subject to a review of the current situation, therefore the

“Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air” instructions should continue to be adhered to.

- The rates of infection had begun to rise and 12 education settings, 3 care settings and 3 workplace settings had recently reported outbreaks in the Constituency area.
- The rollout of the vaccination process continued with all over 50s having now being offered their first jab. Many younger age groups had also had the initial jab.
- A recent outbreak at a business in Selby had resulted in Health and Safety officers attending to provide help and guidance. Much of the increase in cases in the area had related to specific outbreaks rather than a general outbreak.
- Extensive testing continued in the area and it was noted that variant cases were low.
- Schools had been undertaking accreditation through the Living Well scheme relating to health, wellbeing and relationships. Schools had been awarded bronze, silver and gold awards in respect of this. Members were requested to encourage schools in their Division to join up to this scheme, if they had not already. A list of schools that had taken part would be circulated to enable those not currently involved to be identified.

Members discussed the presentations and raised the following issues and points:-

- It was asked whether information was available as to the uptake of the NHS Lateral Flow Testing process that had been introduced. In response it was stated that no data was available at the meeting but enquiries would be made and the details would be fed back to Members.
- A Member noted that some people, who were dependent on alcohol, were using the hand gel, provided at many locations, to ingest, as this tended to be alcohol based, which was creating additional health problems.
- It was noted that there had been a recent COVID outbreak at a Tadcaster school resulting in 4 classes being closed. The Executive Member stated that Public Health had been working closely with the school in relation to this matter and the issue had been addressed efficiently and effectively.
- It was noted that contact between younger people was a factor in the rising rates of COVID.

County Councillor David Chance, whose Executive portfolio includes Stronger Communities, highlighted the following:-

- CSOs continued to work closely with local communities and assist Stronger Communities with the co-ordination of the bodies who were assisting with the response to the pandemic within those communities.
- A number of initiatives were being supported in relation to health and fitness and mental health.
- Direct services, such as undertaking shopping, etc were being reduced with a more supportive service being introduced to assist people in carrying out duties for themselves, with some initial support. It was noted that some individuals were having difficulty reintegrating into the local community due to COVID issues and uncertainty, hence the support service being provided.
- Details of local participation in the Afghan Nationals resettlement scheme were outlined and the District Council was thanked for its response to this matter.

Resolved –

That the Leader and Executive Members be thanked for their update the details of which be noted.

102. Initial Approach to Economic Recovery Following the Pandemic

James Farrar - Assistant Director, Economic Partnership Unit provided an update on the initial approach to economic recovery following the pandemic, highlighting the following:-

Recap

North Yorkshire Economy Pre Pandemic

- A prosperous and diverse economy
- Manufacturing and hospitality higher proportion of employment than the UK average.

Economic Issues for North Yorkshire

- Low wages in agriculture and tourism
- Pockets of high deprivation, particularly on the coast.
- High average house prices to earnings ratios
- An ageing population
- Outward migration of younger people
- Poor east to west transport links
- Reduced levels connectivity

Sectors at Risk

- Significantly higher proportions of employment in manufacturing in Constituency area.

Recovery shown through the furlough Scheme

Last reported in July 2020 / Feb 2021 / March 2021 (provisional)

North Yorkshire	88200	45700	40900
Selby	13500	12400	11100
Harrogate	23500	3600	3200

Constituency Area – employment statistics

Response to Recovery - LEP Plan to Reshape Economy

- Reshaping York and North Yorkshire to be “Greener, Fairer and Stronger”
- Ten pledges to a Greener, Fairer, Stronger economy
 - All businesses get the support they need
 - People at risk of redundancy or newly employed can access the advice and support they need
 - Training and learning provision has the capacity to meet demand
 - All high streets, city and town centres are greener, fairer and stronger
 - Active travel and public transport usage increases
 - Digital connectivity becomes the catalyst for change
 - New job opportunities are created
 - Young people and those furthest from the jobs market are not left behind
 - New housing adapts to changing needs
 - Enhance and maintain the landscape

- Aims of the pledges – protect jobs and businesses, create new job opportunities and reshape the York and North Yorkshire economy to be greener, fairer and stronger.

Key NYCC Response Actions

- Seven strategic areas identified:-
 - Strategic businesses at risk
 - Access to finance/national fiscal measures
 - Training and jobs
 - Strategic infrastructure
 - Place/high street
 - Private investment/innovation
 - Agriculture and fisheries

Constituency Area – impact of COVID on local economy and how that is being addressed

NYCC Plan for Economic Growth

Refreshed Plan for Economic Growth

Updated 7 enablers

Action Plan to be developed in partnership

Key items include:

- Delivering Selby's Transforming Cities Fund programme
- Deliver roll out of public Wi-Fi in Tadcaster, Selby and Sherburn
- Continued technical support for Selby Local Plan development

NYCC Projects/ Investment

A19 investment and upgrade

Broadband phase 4 contract

£3m investment across North Yorkshire including Wi-Fi in town centres – including Selby, Tadcaster and Sherburn.

Transforming Cities Fund has now been through public consultation – including the Station Gateway development

Masterplan investment building upon the places and movements study in Selby , Sherburn and Tadcaster.

NSIP Drax

TS business support advice

Instant payment for micro firms from NYCC

EV charging

Public Health in the workplace

A dedicated team managing Covid 19 in workplaces

Prevention and Managing Outbreaks

Successfully managed over 33 outbreaks

Supported over 200 workplaces

Developed a suite of resources

Reassure consumers

Business growth

Switch Mobility in Sherburn

Haworth estates development

Creative industries at Church Fenton
CEMEX investing in depot
Logistics and distribution
Tourism and culture- staycation opportunity
Drax diversification and acquisition
Housing – L&G

Opportunities

Beyond Carbon – a focus on zero economy and sustainable growth following Govt. policy on climate change and the publication of the 10 point plan for a green industrial revolution

Enabling a Green Future – investment in digital infrastructure, electric vehicle charging, carbon capture.

Working from home or remotely will encourage the transformation of Market Towns as service & leisure centres – changing the commuter aspects of some of Selby towns.

Key growth sectors will be based upon our traditional core industries, food manufacturing, creative and digital, manufacturing

Members discussed the presentation and the following issues were highlighted:-

- Consideration was required in respect of the A59 corridor with extensive housing developments taking place, the business park development and the development of Flaxby. The area was already generating a large amount of heavy traffic and this was likely to increase.
- It was noted that there was extensive housing development throughout the Selby District, particularly around the main towns, with house prices rising extensively. A Member also noted that a large number of jobs in the area remained low value, despite the increase in house prices, which was leading to more commuting out of the area and shortages of staff for employment opportunities within the area. The infrastructure within the district, allowing easier access from the major routes to the employment areas also needed addressing. In response it was noted that the pandemic had demonstrated how people could easily work from home, therefore, house prices were rising as there was no longer a need to locate near to large employment areas. This was creating issues for younger people in terms of the availability of affordable housing, as they were having to move away to find that, hence the staff shortages. It was a fundamental issue high on the LEPs agenda and a strategic approach to this matter, together with infrastructure, were being developed. It was expected that Devolution would create greater funding opportunities for the strategic plans to be implemented.
- A Member noted the concerns that had been raised, both by Councillors and local people, in respect of the choice of Osgodby for the site of the Free Special School in Selby, rather than a central prime site near to Selby Town Centre. This was despite the Osgodby site not having been earmarked for such a development in the local plan. Mr Farrar stated that he would obtain feedback on this issue and report back to Members.
- It was asked what the plans were for the Barlby Olympia site. In response it was stated that this was a key site in the wider Selby Plan and the necessary infrastructure was being developed to ensure the site was ready for businesses to locate there.
- A Member highlighted the infrastructure issues in relation to the junction with the M62 within the Selby area. He noted that he had been calling for this to be improved for a number of years as, currently, it was inadequate, which did not encourage businesses to locate in the area. He noted that Google had taken account of the infrastructure from the M62 and this had encouraged better

quality jobs to that area. He felt that Selby was not generating that type of employment opportunity, noting that the developments at Kellingley and Eggborough were mainly low paid, logistics based employment. In response it was stated that the issues raised were valid. Goole had done a tremendous job with the M62 intersection and it was felt that North Yorkshire needed to learn from that. It was expected that Devolution would provide opportunities for further, long term, transport planning, with additional funding available. The spatial framework for the area included the development and enhancement of M62 corridor, but in terms of the junction improvements negotiations with Highways England would be required. The Member emphasised the need for the County Council to lead on the discussions with Highways England on this matter, suggesting that it should have been undertaken a number of years ago. He considered the improvements to be essential to attract well paid jobs to the area and reduce the flow of commuting in and out of the district, which created pollution concerns. It was stated that efforts would be made to address the issues raised.

- A Member of the Committee, also an Executive Member, outlined a number of issues in respect of the report, including:-
 - The potential impact of the end of the Furlough Scheme on local businesses;
 - The impact on town centres of people working from home, with footfall down around 30%;
 - The difficulties faced by the hospitality sector created by the pandemic and the need to provide support;
 - All types of housing are required for the development of an area, therefore more housing of all types is required, this attracts business and promotes better paid jobs and enhanced employment opportunities;
 - The M62 Corridor is important to the area in respect of the development of employment opportunities and the County council is looking to invest in that area, and while good quality jobs were required, it would be unfortunate to not welcome those that were providing jobs at all levels;
 - The Selby area could link into the Free Port at Goole through the development of the M62 corridor;
- In response it was stated that every effort was being made to maximise all employment opportunities in the area. There were a number of issues affecting employment in the area as a result of the pandemic, with people who had found alternative employment whilst on Furlough not returning to their previous jobs, resulting in some businesses having a large number of vacancies. The situation was being closely monitored, and was a county-wide issue.

Resolved –

That the Mr Farrar be thanked for his report and answers to issues raised the details of which be noted.

103. Flood Risk Report

Emily Mellalieu (Development Control and Flood Risk Management) presented a report on the flood risk in the Constituency area, highlighting the following:-

Programme Delivery in the Selby and Ainsty ACC area

Lower Aire Villages - In February 2020 various locations in the Aire catchment experienced flooding, resulting in the undertaking of a formal Section 19 investigation.

The section 19 report was available through a link detailed in the report. The recommended actions for NYCC, in its capacity as Lead Local Flood Authority, resulting from the Section 19 report relating to the Selby and Ainsty area included: Opportunities to include communities in the future North Yorkshire County Council flood mitigation programme would be explored
The work would include identifying critical assets to flood risk and identifying those responsible for maintenance and engaging in active response planning

Work has been on-going to support communities following the publication of the section 19 report. To permit continuation of the recommendations of the report, Brotherton and other impacted Lower Aire villages were included as programme commitments in 2021/22.

Brotherton

Work was required to an NYCC highway culvert to ensure it was in good working order. Given the interaction of the culvert with the wider drainage system, which was managed by the Internal Drainage Board (IDB), this would permit a wider understanding of the interactions of the receiving drainage system. Quotes had been provided for works to the culvert be undertaken by IDB on NYCC's behalf. The work to the culvert was estimated at £350k and is allocated to be taken from the NYCC Flood Risk Reserve.

Lower Aire Villages Resilience Project

Hirst Courtney, West Bank, Brotherton and Bolton Percy were all impacted in the 2020 event. In these locations a review of the existing resilience measures in place would be undertaken with opportunities for improving or increasing the community preparedness to be identified and delivered. There was £35k allocated to the delivery of this project from the NYCC Flood Risk Reserve.

Saxton

Historic work had already been undertaken by various parties to address the risks in Saxton. It was necessary to understand the benefits of the outcomes of that work that have been delivered over the years in order to move this forward. Consequently a desk top analysis of existing feasibility work and historic delivery was planned. This would then inform the future direction of work. A Consultancy was supporting the county council in delivering this with £25k being allocated towards project development this financial year, to be taken from the NYCC flood risk reserve.

Tadcaster

The scheme being delivered in Tadcaster was led by the Environment Agency, given it primarily addressed main river flooding, which led to the devastating events and bridge collapse in 2015. NYCC officers were supporting the work of the Environment Agency in delivering the scheme.

There had been a delay to the proposed Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme and this had caused significant changes to the project timeline and estimated delivery date of the scheme.

A recent review had highlighted inaccuracies within the existing hydrological model that was being used as the basis for developing the flood defence scheme in Tadcaster. In order to develop an appropriate scheme for Tadcaster, an accurate model representing the flood risk situation and hydrological conditions of the River Wharfe at Tadcaster and local area was essential.

The model provided the basis of information for which the scheme was designed on and helped to ensure the height of any proposed defences and volumes of any storage components of the solution were correct. Were the identified issues not addressed it could result in the scheme not delivering the intended Standard of Protection to the town.

The EA wanted to provide the community with the most effective scheme that it can. Therefore, it is paramount that the inaccuracies within the existing model are addressed and the model is as accurate as it can be before it is used to review the options for the scheme.

The process of updating the existing model would take a certain amount of time with the construction start date of the scheme now 2024.

It is acknowledged by the EA that this delay would cause concern and frustration in the community, however, it was important that the time was taken to address the issues identified with the model to ensure that ultimately the most appropriate scheme was delivered for the town.

On the 7th May 2021 the EA issued an open letter giving an update to the Tadcaster community, to make it aware of the delay.

Following the initial report members raised the following issues and points:-

- A Member raised concerns as to how the flood alleviation schemes for Leeds were affecting the Selby area, with flood waters pushed further down the River Aire, flooding the Fairburn Ings regularly and causing flooding problems for properties in that area. In response it was stated that the Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme had been the subject of a number of discussions previously, with the Environment Agency and Leeds City Council. A Section 19 report had previously indicated that the Leeds scheme had not influenced the flooding events in Selby in recent times and had been the result of unprecedented rainfall. There was an impact on the Fairburn Ings when the flood plains in Leeds were full and consideration was been given as to whether this was a standard pattern.
- A Member noted that the impact of climate change was creating increasing amounts of flooding events, which was having an adverse impact on more and more communities. He emphasised the need to properly address flooding issues, with serious thought given to how to create appropriate flood plains and flood banks to prevent properties from being affected. He noted the flooding event that had closed the A19 for over a year, and, unless the MP and the Environment Agency acted to assist the situation, this was likely to reoccur. In response it was acknowledged that flooding events were becoming more frequent, with damage from surface water flooding and river flooding, and much more, short event, flooding. The priority, therefore was to help communities build resilience in response to likely flooding situations. In terms of the River Aire in Leeds, the Environment Agency had appointed a local officer, who co-ordinated the response to the flooding issues created. It would be worth discussing the issues raised with that officer to determine how the Selby area's issues could be addressed, and whether there was any available funding to assist, but it had to be understood that cost benefits would need to be demonstrated from any investment. The Member stated that further flooding events would continue, with the potential for further closures of the A19 unless appropriate action was taken.
- A Member referred to the proposals for Tadcaster east, which had been considered unachievable by the Environment Agency, despite local people

contesting that, which was creating delays to an effective scheme being put in place. He noted that local people, whose properties had been affected by flooding, were finding insurance to be unaffordable, which was creating stress and anxiety with no flood prevention scheme in place. He also noted that the Flood Group from the area had produced flood prevention recommendations well in advance of the Environment Agency report, and would forward those to the officer. It was emphasised that locally, every effort was being made to prevent the closure of local businesses and health services due to flooding.

- A Member noted that flooding issues were affecting Cattal in the Ainsty area, and would email the officer in relation to that. In response the officer stated that she would consider the details provided and respond accordingly.

Resolved –

That the officer be thanked for the report, the contents of which be noted, together with the issues raised during the discussion and further updates be brought to subsequent meetings of the Committee.

104. Selby District Places and Movement Study – Update

Louise Anne Neale (Team Leader - Transport Planning – Highways and Transportation) presented a report updating Members on the current position regarding the Selby Places and Movement Study. She highlighted the following:-

- The Study was jointly commissioned by the County Council, the LEP and Selby District Council.
- WSP were brought in as consultants to undertake the project.
- The aim was to create space and improve air quality.
- 55 schemes were considered with 3 identified for Selby Town and 1 for Sherburn-in-Elmet. Details were outlined in the report, together with process undertaken and how the options were identified.
- Each of the chosen scheme was developed into a package based on – do minimum – do something – do maximum – and the details were outlined in the report.
- Consultations on the proposals were then undertaken by Selby DC and the results were currently being analysed.
- The next stage would see the results considered by the Executive to determine the next steps, however, this had not progressed as expected, therefore, a further report would be submitted to a subsequent meeting of the ACC to outline the final outcomes.

Following the presentation of the report Members raised the following issues:-

- It was clarified that the grant funding would not need to be returned due to the late delivery of the project, as the funding was already in place and the final outcomes would be delivered on time.
- A Member referred to the options for Selby Town Centre. He considered that Portholme Road should be made one-way, Gowthorpe closed to traffic, with a gyratory created around the Town Centre. He considered that this would encourage more people to use the Town Centre, as it would create better pedestrian access, which would assist in developing the number of shops and businesses. He suggested that the consultation had been carried out on too small a scale, and would like to see it undertaken again with more exposure. Another Member concurred with this proposal, suggesting that the Crescent should also be part pedestrianised, but keep Park Way open for car parks and residents. He suggested that this would cut down on the amount of pollution created by traffic continually driving through that area. A Member stated that

she did not agree with the details set out, as, although she could see some advantages there were also a number of disadvantages particularly for those living around Millgate and Flaxley Road. She considered that traffic queuing in that area, which was already quite high, would increase with a one-way system. The two schools located in the area would create further traffic through a one-way system, in an area that was already struggling to cope with existing traffic. Air Quality would also be adversely affected. She emphasised that she was not against changing the road set up in the area but did not believe the one-way proposals would be effective. A Member emphasised that the report had been provided for comments and care had to be taken not to propose new proposals at this stage. Whilst he agreed with some of the issues raised he considered that it had to be ensured that pedestrianisation of the area did not have an adverse effect on local businesses, and that consultation was fully undertaken on any changes proposed. In response to the issues raised by Members it was stated that these would be fed back to Selby District Council and any subsequent actions would be subject to the correct consultation process and feasibility studies. It was noted that a great deal of emphasis had been placed on car travel, but other modes of transport needed taking into account, with all options explored. It was acknowledged that there were lessons to be learnt regarding the consultation process and this would be taken account of.

- A Member referred to the details provided in relation to Sherburn-in-Elmet. He highlighted the existing traffic congestion on Kirkgate and Moor Lane. He considered that shift patterns and the school times should be taken account of to try and address that situation. He also had concerns in respect of speeding traffic in the area. He further suggested that a link road to the industrial estate from the motorway would assist in relieving some of the traffic issues.

Resolved –

That the update report be noted and a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee in September 2021.

105. A19 Rebuild and Repair – Update

James Malcolm (Area Highways Manager) and Sharon Fox (Area Highways) provided an update regarding the current situation in relation to the rebuild and repair of the A19 following extensive damage to the road resulting from flooding earlier in the year. The following issues were highlighted:-

- The majority of the work was now at the completion stage and details of what had still to be completed were provided.
- The road was expected to re-open on 21 June 2021.

Following the initial update the following issues and points were raised during a discussion with Members:-

- A Member highlighted issues that had been raised with him by local residents.
 - A bus shelter had been funded and erected by the Chapel Haddlesey Community with a repaired bench placed in it – would this be restored to the condition it was prior to the works – it was confirmed that this would be undertaken.
 - Would the fencing near to the bridge be repaired, left clean and tidy, and the holes filled in – it was confirmed that the repairs would take place, the holes filled in and the area left in an acceptable condition.
 - Crash barriers and trees have been removed – would these be replaced as vehicles could go off the road and finish up in the adjacent fields – It was

stated that new safety fencing had been erected where this was required. Trees and hedges were being replaced and would be put in place during the planting season. Other vegetation was also being planted along the route.

- A 40mph speed limit on the road – would this remain once it was fully open
 - The speed limit would be amended when the road was fully open, however, some work was continuing alongside the road and the speed limits and temporary traffic light would remain in place until that was completed.
 - There was some damage to the parapets on the bridge and residents had concerns regarding its safety – These were being attended to and repaired currently.
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- A Member stated that he had received comments from local residents suggesting that cycle lanes should have been provided along the route while the repairs were taking place. In response it was stated that cycle lanes would have required obtaining additional land which would have delayed the repairs and made the project more costly.
 - It was asked whether permanent signs were to be erected, as in other areas, indicating that the road was liable to flood, allowing the route to be closed through the use of these. In response it was stated that permanent signs would not be erected, and, if necessary, temporary signs would be put in place during flooding events indicating that the route was closed, however, it was expected that the work undertaken would significantly reduce the chances of flooding occurring at that location.

Resolved-

That the Area Highways Manager be thanked for the update, the contents of which be noted, and updates on the project continue to be fed back to Members directly and via the various communication channels available.

106. Work Programme

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) providing details of the Work Programme for the Area Constituency Committee to consider, develop and adopt.

It was noted that the Work Programme had altered significantly due to the COVID 19 pandemic and Members were asked to provide details of any issues that they may wish to be added to the Work Programme, going forward, and were advised that they could also provide details of issues they wished to consider outside of the meeting. It was expected that issues related to the pandemic would feature in forthcoming meetings.

Resolved -

- (i) That the development of the Work Programme be ongoing;
- (ii) That the contents of the report be noted.

107. Future Meetings

It was likely that this would be a virtual meeting held on the Microsoft Teams platform, but, should face-to-face meetings have returned, a suitable venue would be utilised and Members would be informed accordingly

Resolved -

That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Friday 24th September 2021 at 10am

The meeting concluded at 12.25pm.

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