

Minutes of the Extra Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 22 June 2022 at 19:15 in the Village Hall

1 Attendees

From the Council Cllr Orr-Ewing (Chair)
Cllr C Saunders (Vice Chair)
Cllr Lacey
Cllr Sendin
A Besly (Clerk)

From the Public None

2 Apologies Cllr M Saunders, Cllr Carse

3 Declaration of Interest: None

4 Public Speaking None

5 Review options for traffic calming on B1125 and agree a recommended way forward

Cllr Lacey reported on a meeting that he attended with the Sizewell C Working group together with representatives from Walberswick PC, Westleton PC, Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Highways. The objective was to investigate traffic mitigations on B1125 and B1387. He presented the options that were discussed at the meeting:

Option 1 proposed making the south-bound B1125 in the village a 'No-Through-Road', blocking it at the B1387 crossroads and building a turning circle at the south end. The B1125/B1387 junction would be re-profiled, making the B1387 a through priority road from the A12 junction to Walberswick and meaning northbound B1125 traffic would meet the B1387 at a new junction. Traffic from Walberswick would join the A12 at the Toby's Walks junction, which is being scoped for enlargement - the A12 taking advantage of the layby opposite to become a three-lane junction with northbound traffic turning on to the B1387 having a feeder lane. The B1387 would also be altered to have left/right lanes at its junction with the A12.

Option 2 proposed making the B1125/B1387 junction south of Blythburgh a dog-legged junction but retaining the North/South access through Blythburgh itself. The B1387 would have priority, meaning anyone proceeding north or south via Blythburgh would have to negotiate a new junction, potentially slowing the traffic down or deterring through traffic altogether.

Cllrs reviewed the options with the following comments:

- Option 1 turning circle must be large enough for large delivery and collection vehicles such as refuse lorries and oil tankers which may be up to 8 wheel rigid HGVs
- No options should rely on Suffolk Highways repainting road calming markings as experience tells us that when the budget is low, these are the first things to be dropped
- There was a question regarding where the funding is coming from
- There was a request for a permanent, solar powered Speed Indicator Device
- It was noted that north/south traffic was generally "tidal" generally traveling in the same direction at particular times of the day

The following proposals were made:

- The Parish Council should respond to Sizewell C that both options are of interest but the parish will require a public consultation. **All agreed**
- A public consultation document should be drawn up showing the options (including "do nothing") and identifying the key benefits or detriments of each. **All Agreed. Action Cllr Lacey** to prepare a draft for comment
- While the options focus on the B1125/B1387 junction, consultation should also focus on the A12/B1387 junction. **All Agreed**
- A Public Meeting should be called to review the consultation. This will require a notice period of at least 7 clear days not including the day of the notice, the day of the meeting, Sundays and Bank Holidays. **All Agreed**

6 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 13 July 2022

These minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings of the meeting Wednesday 22 June 2022

Signed (Chair) _____ Dated _____

Cllr Orr-Ewing

Initials.....
Chair of the meeting