

Rayleigh Town Centre Sub-Committee - 26 September 2002

Minutes of the meeting of **Rayleigh Town Centre Sub-Committee** held on **26 September 2002** when there were present:

Cllr Mrs M J Webster – Chairman

Cllr C J Lumley

Cllr J M Pullen

OFFICERS ATTENDING

S Scrutton	Head of Planning Services
J Bostock	Principal Committee Administrator
L Harvey	Essex County Highways
J Martyn	Essex County Highways

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P K Savill.

5 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 26 July 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that the comments on crossing facilities against outstanding issue item 4 were intended to relate to the Crown Hill junction. It was also noted that the next meeting of the Community Services Committee was scheduled for 1 October, not 2 October as indicated against outstanding issue item 28.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors C J Lumley and J M Pullen each declared personal interests in the outstanding issues item by virtue of being members of Rayleigh Town Council.

7 OUTSTANDING ISSUES

The Sub-Committee reviewed progress on matters which had been outstanding at the conclusion of the last meeting. The following observations were made:-

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Observation</u>
Re-instatement of Quality Control Process	The paving outside the mobile phone shop had now weathered sufficiently to fit in. The County had issued a notice to 24 Seven to improve pointing. This item was no longer an outstanding issue.
General condition of Town Centre - particularly street furniture.	The arrangements for the painting of bollards and railings was now in the hands of the Town Council. County Officers suggested that this work might be included in the locally determined budget on a 5 year rolling programme basis. It was recognised that this approach could be suited to similar work at other town/village locations within the District. County are to bring this suggestion forward when the next locally determined programme is considered.
Bollard opposite the Superdrug store at the junction of the High Street and Eastwood Road	No further action, though a Traffic Study of the town centre was being prepared and this will be subject to a report to Environment O&S.
Junction of Church Street and Websters Way	This would be linked to the outcome of the Traffic study.
Fly posting	It was noted that a report on the resources available for the removal of fly posters was to be submitted to the next meeting of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
20 MPH zones	County Highways would be reporting back on this matter via the locally determined plans/programme process.
Pavement between Rayleigh Hi-Fi and Home Regal House	It was noted that the upgrading of the pavement between Rayleigh Hi-Fi and Home Regal House would be included in budget estimates at the time of the budget cycle.
Dead tree outside Sansoms and Iceland	The dead tree will be removed and the pit excavated to establish whether

water from an underground spring was causing waterlogging. Appropriate explanatory signage would be provided at the site.

Mechanical sweeper - Town Centre

It was noted that a report on options for the removal of chewing gum from the pavements in Rayleigh Town Centre, together with costs, would be submitted to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Clean up areas to the rear of Websters Way

It was noted that a report on a range of environmental enhancements proposed by G L Hearn Planning for Websters Way would be considered by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A report on the piece of land between Websters Way, compulsory purchased by the County Council, would also be considered by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

In referring to Love Lane, Rayleigh, County Officers tabled the outcome of the recent survey undertaken to gauge the opinions of Car Park users on changing the left-hand turn that currently exists for drivers exiting the Station Car Park. The Sub-Committee noted that the number of replies welcoming a change was only 22%. This suggested that there was not a great need to pursue the proposal any further at this time.

Responding to Member questions, County Officers confirmed that they would investigate the condition of the pavement outside the Park School exit.

The Chairman thanked Officers for the improvements introduced at the Love Lane location.

It was recognised that the Sub-Committee had now managed to conclude its work remit. The Chairman wished to extend thanks to both Members and Officers for all their contributions.

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The meeting commenced at 10.00am and closed at 10.45am.

Chairman

Date