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The following paper is submitted to Parish Council's Meeting of 3rd November 2021 – Agenda Item 11h refers

Background:

1. The Parish Council has within its Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP – as reviewed 28.01.2021) identified within the existing infrastructure audit the following:
“Uncontrolled crossing point – Sandpit Lane – confusion arises for pedestrians and motor vehicles using the crossing as to priority – catchment area Thurston, surrounding villages and those accessing the services and facilities in Thurston” Point 18 refers.
2. Under Community Aspiration Needs of the PIIP the following has been identified as being one of the properties for:
“Pelican Crossing on Sandpit Lane” Point 7 refers and is cited as of High-Level Importance for funding from the Neighbourhood CIL monies.
3. Both SCC and MSDC have previously advised that this does not fall either under the remit of a S106 Infrastructure Commitment for large scale approved development in Thurston or a bid against the CIL Infrastructure pot held by MSDC.
4. Confirmation has been given that this can be funded from the Parish Neighbourhood CIL pot.
5. The Parish Council has previously identified this as a potential for CIL funding and as such has allocated a provisional sum of £65,000.

General Works:

The suitability of the upgrading of the crossing to a zebra crossing on Sandpit Lane needs to be fully assessed. As this scheme is being funded by the parish council (an external organisation), Suffolk Highways will carry out this work under a fixed fee. The fee includes VAT and would need to be paid in advance. The fee includes a feasibility report and the costs of both a pedestrian and vehicle survey over a 3-day period. Cost of the Feasibility Report = £3530.77 (inc. VAT.)

This fee includes for:

Site visits

Vehicle survey

Pedestrian survey

Design considerations

Utility requests

Designer hazard identification

Design and construction estimate

Feasibility Report

SCC do not envisage that a signalised crossing would be suitable for this location. The preferred option is an upgrade to a zebra crossing on Sandpit Lane which would match the 2no. proposed zebra crossings on Norton Road.

Council to note: 3-day survey is proposed to be taken during term-time, the survey period will be 7am–7pm, Thurs–Sat, this will give a 2no. weekdays and a day at the weekend for comparison.

Action for Council at the meeting of 3rd November 2021:

To consider whether it would like SCC Highways Department to proceed with ordering the feasibility work to allow the proposal to be fully assessed. A response is required by no later than 25th November 2021.