

OBERON COUNCIL

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WORKS INSPECTION - Monday 24th October 2011

Attendees – Mayor Cr Don Fitzpatrick, Cr Clive McCarthy, Cr Kerry Gibbons, Cr Bob O’Bernier, Director Engineering Aruna Wickramasinghe, Works Manger Ian Tucker, Engineering Admin Matilda Dwyer.

Common Toilet Block

It was identified that the concrete render that was applied to the walls of the toilet block during construction is far too soft and allows vandals to scratch into the surface. Cr McCarthy mentioned that he was under the impression that a mural was going to be painted on the walls by the schools of landmarks such as Kanangra walls etc.

Actions

- Costs for removal of existing render and application of a more hardwearing option to be investigated.

Common Bike/Walking Paths

Ian pointed out where the extension of the bike/walking tracks will run through the Common. The new paths will be asphalt as the cost is far less than concrete.

Actions

- Investigate the difference in costing between asphalt and concrete paths.

Parking Area at The Common

Cr Gibbons commented on cars parking on the edge of the Common. He said the area is boggy and may need some repair. Also enquired if the wooden posts could be moved further into the Common to allow for more parking.

Actions

- Investigate possibility of posts being moved.

Council owned vacant building blocks – Edith Road

There are five vacant building blocks owned by council on the Edith Road.

Actions

- Survey of site needs to be undertaken identifying levels and fill required for the site. Estimate of costs for improving site.

Minutes of the Works Inspection carried out on Monday 24 October 2011, commencing at 2.30 pm.

Edith Road Bridge

Inspection of the bridge heading out of town on the Edith Road identified that it is very narrow. Trucks move over to the centre-line when crossing which is dangerous to oncoming traffic. Visibility from Edith side is very poor due to overgrown willow trees. Also, approach to bridge is rough on both sides.

Actions

- Consultations with authorities about removing the trees.
- Investigate possibility of new signage – narrow bridge, move 60km signs
- Possibly Investigate costs widening

Leagues Club Grounds Drainage

The issue of drainage was investigated at the Leagues Club Grounds. The installation of a pipe was investigated to take excess water away under the car park and out to the pit. Another proposal was investigated where a dish drain would be constructed through the existing car park – draining towards the nearest pit. Aruna mentioned that the second option would be less expensive.

Actions

- What funding is available to undertake either project

Box Flat/O'Connell Road Intersection

The intersection was inspected where the new kerb and gutter has been installed. Concerns were raised about the ability for school buses to turn around.

Actions

Consult with Ian Evans the following:

- Where the bus is currently stopping?
- Is the stopping position permanent?

Ryan's Lane

New culvert/pipe installed – below drainage line.

Actions

- Identify overseer on the project at the time. Look at fixing.

Todd's Road

Inspection of Todd's Road revealed some trees need to be removed to widen and make safer.

Actions

- Estimate of cost to remove trees
- Estimate of cost to seal entrance to improve safety

Abercrombie Earthworks

The Abercrombie Job site was inspected.

Actions

- Any information (plans) available on curves, elevation, final pavement surface, the new design.