



HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING WORKING GROUP

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 11th October 2021** via Zoom at **7.00pm**.

Present: Councillor A Wilson
Councillor R Higginson
Councillor G Jones
Councillor Y Brunger
Councillor S Bentley

In attendance: Councillor M Barton
Katrina Baker (Clerk)

H2021/110 Welcome

Councillor Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He welcomed Councillor Barton.

H2021/111 Apologies for absence

None

Absent

Councillor S Burrell

H2021/112 Declarations of Interest

None

H2021/113 Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 14th June 2021

It was proposed by Councillor Brunger and seconded by Councillor Jones, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the June meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record.
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H2021/114 Matters Arising

Community Speedwatch

The Community Speedwatch will continue to operate, however more volunteers are needed to ensure that it can take place as often as possible.

Councillor Wilson informed the Committee that a new site will be needed in Marsh Road as we can no longer use the originally designated site. Mark Booth will visit the area to identify a suitable location.

Thanks were expressed to local residents who have volunteered and a date is awaited from the Police to arrange a training session.

H2021/115 Speed Indicator Devices

Following the information that the highways officer had left TWC, we are awaiting information from Highways and communication from the new Highways Officer who will assist in ensuring that this project is in place as soon as possible. It has been confirmed to TWC that we have the funding and await their support to get this much-needed project in place.

H2021/116 Highways & Transport

HIGHWAYS

Members agreed that a Highways Liaison Meeting with the new Highways Officer at TWC is required as soon as possible. The outstanding items include:

- 20 mph zone around the school
- Crossing the High Street
- Quiet Lanes Initiative
- Parking outside of the school
- Speed in Newport Road
- Junctions with B5062
- Street Namesigns

Councillor Barton raised an issue with flooding between the Lion and the junction with Robin Lane on Newport Road. The poor condition of the highway has resulted in a 'dip' which soon forms a puddle and floods the entire road. Councillor Wilson explained that this issue was included in his report to TWC (3 years) when an agreement was sought to plane away the surface and top-dress the area. Councillor Bentley confirmed that this was highlighted to TWC in the Ward Walk in August.

TWC Transport Commissioner will be presenting information to the next Bus User Group in November. TWC is awaiting the outcome of the consultation.

TRANSPORT

Members shared concerns that the lack of public transport in the village is leading to isolation and creating an area of deprivation which is not being addressed by TWC.

It was recognised that the former Arriva 519 was also used for recreational purposes, although also essential for work, shopping and health appointments.

With the current climate change agenda also in mind, there is an emphasis on finding some form of public transport and that could be provided by Parish Councils. It was agreed that a simple survey could be carried out (using Survey Monkey) to establish the needs of the community. However, it will be important not to raise expectations, as this may not be affordable for a small parish council, such as Edgmond.

Members would also like to consider funding a bus to the markets in Newport on a Friday and Saturday.

It is understood that HAU work with a taxi company to provide services to the students. This will be raised with HAU at the next meeting (in December). It may be that a joint venture can be established.

H2021/117 Street Lighting

The light between the Lion and 1a Newport Road has been reported to Eon.

We will also ask Eon when the light upgrades will be completed.

In line with the Council's Climate Change Agenda, consideration may be given to switching off some lights during the night.

H2021/118 Road Safety

A useful meeting had taken place at Edgmond School on 1st October. Representatives of the Parish Council, Councillor Bentley (Ward Member), officers of TWC, Governors and the Headteacher attended to discuss the concerns raised by parents. The Chairman gave a short report of the meeting which considered:

A 20mph zone around the school, Promoting the Walking Bus, School Crossing Patrols as well as the need to educate the drivers as they are putting children at risk. The inconsiderate parking outside of the school / Stackyard Lane also results in the road not being accessible if there were to be an emergency vehicle trying to get through.

TWC will increase patrols and speak with drivers, the police will attend whenever possible, the Safe Route to School officer is to provide model letters and information for the Headteacher to use in communication with drivers.

Councillor Bentley offered funding from the Pride Fund towards a school crossing, if, after the consultation TWC believed that this would assist in making the area safer. TWC confirmed it is important to assess the impact of the initial ideas before committing to a scheme. TWC will collect data on families and where they live etc. and YB will undertake the number-crunching and analysis for use at a future meeting.

The following comments were received:

Why is there an emphasis on the High Street, when the issue is outside of the school?

The cars are the problem, not the pedestrians.

The walking bus should be reintroduced, it is important

The school will reintroduce the staggered end of day times to ease congestion

Have the Governors discussed this, shouldn't they be leading on child's safety.

H2021/119 Any Other Matters

Redundant Electricity Poles

The old poles have now been cut off.

H2021/120 Next Meeting

To be arranged.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm

SignedDate