



ROAD SAFETY GROUP MEETING
Thursday 14th November 2019 at 1pm
Meeting Notes

- Present:** Cllr S Collingridge (Group Leader), A Coleman, R Coleman and R Stanczyszyn,
- In Attendance:** Sharon Hudson - Town Clerk, Chief Inspector James Baker, PC Stephen Thomas.
Observers Cllr P Gittins,
- Apologies:** Cllrs C Edginton White (Deputy Group Leader) and

1 GROUP LEADERS OPENING REMARKS

Cllr S Collingridge (Group Leader) welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were discussion relating to the timings included next to each agenda item. Cllr Collingridge confirm that these were meant as guides.

2 VISITING COUNCILLORS COMMENTS

Cllr P Gittins raised concerned about the quality of the road markings at the junction of Welch Gate.

- Town Clerk - to contact WCC Highways – Paul Green to request the white lines and yellow box be re-painted

3 Approve the notes of the previous meeting 08.10.19

The notes from the previous meeting were agreed.

4 WELCH GATE CONGESTION

The Council have received no feedback from last year's survey, there no evidence of what actions have been agreed if any. BCARA have drawn up a revised traffic flow; it is unknown whether WCC Highways have taken or agreed any actions

- Town Clerk- Contact WCC and Cllr Becky Vale to request more information relating to the recent traffic analysis survey.

There is no free software available for traffic tracking. PC S Thomas suggested Councillors take video evidence at two locations at the same time to evidence traffic movement. At the 7th October 2019 Council meeting the Council were informed by Cllr Mrs B Vale that traffic data was available.

- Cllr Collingridge - A motion is added to the next Town Council meeting to formally request all traffic survey data available.

5 ILLEGAL PARKING

Parking on pavements & Parking on double yellow lines

Cllr R Stanczyszyn reported that he had observed delivery vans parking on the grass at Dog Lane / Dowles Road junction and asked that consideration be given to the installation of proper loading bays.

- PC S Thomas to speak to the Pharmacy regarding deliveries.

Redhill Parking – PC S Thomas was pleased with the results of actions taken. There has been a great improvement in this area; Councillors raised concerns about parking on Sandy Bank, it was however acknowledged that parking in this area is had improved.

Sevenside South – Signs have been sourced and will be ordered this week, 3 bollards have been collected by WCC Highways to use as a template for the new bollards. Planters have not yet been sourced.

- Town Clerk - Obtain quotations for the planters; contact Emily Jordon Foundation with regard to the cost of building planters and the Upper Arely Parish Clerk with regard to costs of their new planters.
- Town Clerk – chase Stratford on Avon Council re bikers' days

6 SPEED AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Speed restriction regulations for the conservation area

The police confirmed they could not enforce but could support traffic calming measures.

Cllr B Vale confirm that she would be supportive of a 20 MPH speed limit in Bewdley if, supported by the police. It was suggested that the 20 MPH speed restriction should cover the whole conservation area.

Chief Inspector James Baker re-iterated the need for an engineered traffic calming solution. The road layout should also reflect the speed limit. The police contact would be either Rod Lake or Bob Haynes (traffic manager).

- Cllr Collingridge – to discuss police support for 20 MPH in conservation area with the Traffic Manager – Rod Lake and ask Cllr Mrs B Vale for an update on progress.

PC S Thomas confirmed that Community Speed Watch requires a team of 6 people – groups could be placed on Load Street, Redhill and Stourport Road; Cleobury Road meets Safer Road's threshold and is classed as too dangerous to be monitored by a community group. A mobile speed camera van could be deployed but hard standing would be required. The van could be located opposite Lakes Road at the entrance to Hales Park.

- Town Clerk – seek permission from Paul Green
- Town Clerk – obtain prices form matting or dropped curb.

Weight Restrictions

WFDC Paul Round sent a copy of planning permission for Heighington Road; WCC should be enforcing the limits.

Currently signs say access to Bewdley and B4194 Dowles Road. Signage on the outskirts of Bewdley needs to be reviewed. B4194 includes High Street, the Switchback and Dowles Road

- PC S Thomas to look up legal meaning of access
- Town Clerk – to contact Paul Green for a review of signage
- Cllr R Coleman - to assess whether there is anything in place to stop access

7 ANY OTHER ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

Cllr P Gittins raised concerns about BCARA's idea for making High Street one way; WCC have not agreed with this or any other proposal. Also placing planters on Severnside South could cause obstruction and been seen as a hazard. There are Alcohol restriction zone signs around town that are faded, could these be removed.

8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Council need to explore ways of informing the community about the actions being taken by the Council on Road Safety issues.

- Article in the Bridge Magazine
- Meeting Notes on the website
- Refer community engagement to the Council
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9 Next Meeting Date – to be agreed

Meeting closed 1.15pm