

ROAD SAFETY GROUP MEETING

Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 5.30pm

Meeting Notes

Present: Cllrs C Edginton White (Deputy Group Leader) J Byng, P Gittins MBE, M Maher and R Stanczyszyn,

In Attendance: Sharon Hudson - Town Clerk, Cllr I Hardiman, Cllr S Billett,

Apologies: Cllr S Collingridge, Cllr B Vale, P Green (WCC), K Underhill (WFDC), R Haynes (Safer Roads Partnership)

1 **OPENING REMARKS**

Cllr C Edginton White welcomed everyone to the meeting and accepted apologies as above.

2 **Approve the notes of the previous meeting 09.06/2020.**

The notes from the previous meeting were agreed.

3 **REVIEW PREVIOUS ACTIONS AGREED AND TAKEN**

Meeting Invitations

Kathryn Underhill and a representative from the Safer Roads Partnership invited to the meeting (invited)

Bollards

WCC to follow up

Road Traffic Analysis

Paul Green sent the last entrance analysis report but this is in raw data format only and only looked at HGV vehicles over a 12.09.2020 between 8am and 8pm, turning in and out of Welch Gate.

Hard Standing Cleobury Road

The Safer Roads Partnership have agreed to put speed cables down on the Cleobury Road.

4 **WELCH GATE CONGESTION**

Road Traffic Analysis

A junction count summary sheet showing raw traffic data from a survey undertaken on 12.09.2019 was provided prior to the meeting. It was not clear what information the data gave. Cllr R Stanczyszyn noted that the survey was undertaken after the proposed one-way system report was issued. Further questions were raised with regards to the use of the evidence gathered.

Advisory Signage

Group members were asked to consider the wording for the sign. One option was 'Narrow streets and restricted parking in the town centre' also 'Bridge closed – town open'.

- Town Clerk to email all Councillors with a request for proposed wording.

5 ILLEGAL PARKING

Severn Side South

The Town Council officers had received many complaints about illegal parking on Severn Side South including issues with: anti-social behaviour, parking around the planters, parking on designated footpaths further down Severn Side South, noise, intimidation, lack of enforcement.

Councillors also reported receiving complaints about motorbikes from residents but also some support. There have been enforcement failures.

- Town Clerk to invite Steven Williams from the Police and the local Police Commissioner/deputy Police Commissioner to the next meeting.

It was commented that enforcement is no longer a police matter and that more pressure should be applied to WFDC. A suggestion from the public had been to make the motorbike parking space on Dog Lane car park larger and cut down trees and bushes on the river bank.

Cllr P Gittins asked that a site visit be arranged with all interested parties, including WFDC, WCC, Police.

- Town Clerk to set up a visit to the civic circle on Severn Side South and invite all parties.
- Cllr I Hardiman agreed to speak to the Deputy Police Commission Tracy Onslow re supporting enforcement

Bollards & Signage – awaiting response from WCC re new bollards. The signs, fitted by BTC, have been defaced and clips have been removed.

6 SPEED AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Speeding Vehicles

R Haynes from the Safer Road Partnership has been in touch with regards to laying speed cables on the Cleobury Road and is currently identifying the best location. The Town Clerk also mentioned there were issues on the Habberley Road.

Cllr I Hardiman confirmed that he had already raised concerns with regards to the Habberley Road with P Green and would follow this up in the first instance; dragons' teeth are planned at Catchems End. Cllr J Byng also commented of the dangerous junction of Habberley Road/Trimpley lane.

20 is plenty

Cllr R Stanczynszyn reminded that following the discussions at the last meeting 20 MPH is constantly being exceeded and therefore the 20 is plenty campaign should be followed up as it was suggested that signage would be possible though unenforceable.

- Town Clerk to include the 20 is plenty signage discussions on next F&GP meeting.
- Town Clerk to contact Cllr B Vale re possible funding of signs.
- Town Clerk to chase P Green re 20 MPH signage.

7 ANY OTHER ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

Bewdley Gate Way Sign

The Bewdley sign has been removed after being hit by vehicles and is currently being stored by local residents. The residents have asked that the sign be re-sited as they can't see past it when coming out of their drive. The Town Clerk has emailed P Green to ascertain whether the sign could be re-located. Councillors commented that the sign should be on the Bewdley boundary and on the left-hand side of the road.

8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Cllr P Gittins – Barriers on Dog Lane and Gardeners Meadow car parks
Could WFDC put up additional signage about barrier heights before the car parks as larger vehicles are getting to the barriers and having difficulty turning around.

- Town Clerk to email WFDC to request additional signage

Cllr C Edginton White – Skate Boarding

Both the Dog Lane and medical centre car parks are being used by skate boarders. Cllr P Gittins had received a complaint about boarding at 1am and there have also been complaints about skating near parked cars. This is worse at weekends, afternoons and evenings.

- Town Clerk to raise these issues with WFDC & Medical centre

Cllr M Maher – Flowerpots obstructing the pavement

The house on the corner of Dog Lane and Severn Side North have put many flowerpots outside their home blocking the footpath, there is also a table and chairs on the highway with a note for private use. This is a blind corner and people are having to walk in the road. Cllr P Gittins confirmed he had already reported this to Cllr B Vale. Councillors agreed it was not safe.

Cllr I Hardiman – Survey Information

In P Green's email he has suggested a meeting to discuss the survey information.

- Town Clerk to request a further meeting with P Green to discuss the survey data.

9 Next Meeting Date – to be agreed following site visit. Site visit to be set up in August 2020

Meeting closed 6.42pm