



## BOX PARISH COUNCIL

### A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023

**1. Present:** Councillors: R. Davies (Chairman); A. Barton; R. Bean; D. Dorey;  
N. Ingledew; H. Parker

**2. Apologies:** Councillors: I. Johnston; D. Wright

**3. Absent:** Nil

**4. Public Question Time:** There were three members of the public present.  
Simon Hewes had written to the Council re concerns over the future of the Market Place Car Park

Sue Dix stated that she felt that the new signage had been misplaced and was not slowing the traffic down and felt that they were not effective.

Alison Little spoke about the speed of traffic at Middlehill and the safety of pedestrians. She also raised a similar issue re Mill Lane

**5. Declaration of interests:** Nil

**6. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th 2023 were taken as read and signed as a true record with two amendments made and agreed.

**7. Matters Arising:**

a. **B3109 Bradford Road by the School:** The proposed traffic regulation Order for the 40 mph speed limit had gone out for consultation with comments to be made by 25<sup>th</sup> September.

After discussion it was **recommended** that the Council requests that the proposed speed limit is extended for a further 400 yards to include the pedestrian crossing and to join up with the existing 40 mph speed limit.

A copy of the Order will be circulated to Councillors

b. **Pedestrian crossings in the village by the Post Office and Box CofE School:** The Pelican Crossing by the School and the upgrading of the crossing by the Post Office are on the list of works to be carried out

c. **Layby opposite Selwyn Hall:** The Parish Steward had put some scalplings down

d. **Middlehill – Speed/metro count:** This will be carried out in October

e. **Maintenance issues:**

- **Maintenance and signage at Kingsdown:** Wiltshire Council would not support any reduction in the speed limit.

It was **recommended** that the Parish Council asks Wiltshire Council to put yellow bar markings on the existing three SLOW signs and for a horses warning sign to be erected.

- Pavement opposite the garage A4 Ashley: Cllr Davies had met with David Arnup, Wiltshire Council Highways Engineer. Waiting for suggested improvements from Wiltshire Council.

It was suggested that the pavement could be diverted around the layby

- f. **Bath to Box Cycleway and creation of Quiet Lane at Wormcliffe Lane**  
It was agreed to submit a request for a metro count along Wormcliffe Lane
- g. **Funding for dropped kerbs at A4 Middlehill and Leafy Lane**: It was agreed that the Parish Council should encourage safety by lowering the kerbs. Costings to be obtained to discuss with the budget and to ask Sarah Dearden to look at Leafy Lane by the Dandelion Café to decide where the dropped kerbs could be located and the possibility of additional signage. The cost for each kerb is in the region of £1K-£1250

It was also suggested that the whole village is surveyed to look at possible locations for dropped kerbs and whether there are any organisations for the disabled who would have any information on this.

- h. **Request to consider supporting the reduction of the speed limit on the Rudloe Estate to 20 mph**: It was agreed not to pursue this at the present time
- i. **Extension of the double yellow lines at junction of Chapel Lane and Devizes Road**: It was felt that this is untenable at the present time. Wiltshire Council has no funding for this financial year. It would cost the Parish Council about £3800 for the installation of double yellow lines.
- j. **Provision of grit bins – Tunnel Inn and Dickens Gate**:  
Two grit bins had been purchased and delivered. Cllr Davies to discuss with the Groundsman where these are to be put. **Acton: RD**

## **8. Car Parks:**

The Working Group had drawn up an Options Paper.

After discussion it was **recommended** that the Parish Council accepts the report and that this should be made available for public consultation.

Removal of the Ash tree from the wall in the Market Place Car Park: It was agreed to ask the Groundsman to remove this.

## **9. Items for discussion:**

- a. **Pedestrian safety in Mill Lane**: complaints had been received from residents re parked cars blocking the pavement. LHFIC are considering signage by Lycetts Orchard and a SLOW sign on the road.

Parishioner should contact the local police if the pavements are blocked and it was agreed to ask the Community Police Officer to meet with Cllr Davies to look at this problem generally in the village.

- b. **Signage issues at the B&NES county boundary**: There had been a serious accident on 13<sup>th</sup> July. The signage on each side of the boundary is different. It was agreed that more chevrons are needed on the Wiltshire side.

It was **recommended** that this issue is raised at the next meeting of LHFIC to ask Wiltshire Council to look at the location and see if the signage can conform on either side of the boundary.

- c. **Weekly Farmers Market on Car Park**: This had been discussed at Finance & Governance
- d. **Parking outside of Pharmacy on A4**: People using the Pharmacy are obstructing the entrance to Valens Terrace. It was agreed to put an article in the Parish Magazine highlighting this and the other parking issues.
- e. **Grass cutting issues at Ashwood Road and Pine Close**: This has been resolved and Wiltshire Council have taken responsibility for the grass cutting

- f. **B3109 – safety re access to Wadswick Country Store:** There had been a serious accident on 12<sup>th</sup> July. It was reported that there are an average of 450 vehicle in and out of this access. The landowners have ensured that there is good visibility. However, there is a limited amount that can be done at the present time.

**10. LHGIG – update on issues raised:**

- a. **Chapel Plaister:** The new signage had been installed but concerns had been expressed that these were not adequate although an improvement.

It was **recommended** that a further metro count be requested to see if the signage had made any reduction in the speed of vehicles. If not, the Parish Council would press for a reduction in the speed limit on this stretch of the B3109

- b. **Market Place:** The road markings and sign had been installed.  
c. **Advance warning signs on A365:** Advance warning signs by the bend on the A365. Bus Stop sign to be painted on the road. Waiting for details of the costs.  
d. **Lycetts Orchard:** Costings for the signage will be given at the LHFIG meeting  
e. **Tunnel Inn:** Costings for the singage will be given at the LHFIG meeting

**11. Rights of Way – update on work carried out by Cotswold Wardens and any issues:**

Work had been carried out as follows:

- New handrail fitted to footpath at The Lager
- Clearing F38
- Replace kissing gate at F21
- Clearing F34 on Box Hill
- Clearing overgrowth on F51 and Hazelbury Hill
- Install Kissing Gate at F2
- Clear 100m of overgrown on F33
- Restore hand rail and steps F43

**12. Correspondence:**

- a. **Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme (PEAS):** 25 bags of salt had been requested from Wiltshire Council to fill the grit bins owned by the Parish Council and to put on pavements.  
b. **letter re responsibility of verge cutting Beech Road:** Cllr Davies to speak to Gemma Winslow regarding the boundary of the Common and Beech Road

- 13. Monitoring of Budget:** This is on line. Further costings for work being obtained from Wiltshire Council to be included with the budget as detailed above and to build up more money for highways works.

**14. items of report and future agenda items - Nil**

*Meeting closed at 8.35 pm*

**Chairman**