



BOX PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON 26th SEPTEMBER 2022

1. **Present:** Councillors: R. Davies (Chairman); R. Campbell;
N. Ingledew; H. Parker; S. Parker
2. **Apologies:** Cllrs A. Barton; I. Johnston; R. Smith
3. **Absent:** Nil
4. **Public Question Time:** There was one member of the public present.
Cllr T. Walton had requested to join the meeting. He was informed that any Councillors attending committee meetings where they are not members of that committee do so as members of the public. The Clerk will circulate the legal advice on this.
5. **Declaration of interests:** Nil
6. **To receive the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th June and 22nd August 2022 and to consider any matters arising from the Minutes:**
The Minutes of the Meetings were taken as read and signed as a true record.
7. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. **Issues put forward to the LHFIG meeting on 28th September**
Box Market Place:
A site meeting had been held with Sarah Dearden from Wiltshire Council and she has submitted her proposals which include putting hatching at the junction to make this look smaller; an unsuitable for HGVs sign on backing board with a one way arrow and a single track warning sign and wording on backing board. The total cost estimate is £3542.09 of which the Parish Council would need to contribute 25% = £885.52

It is **recommended** that the Parish Council contributes **£885.52** towards this scheme.

Chapel Plaister
Site meeting held with Sarah Dearden and the following proposals had been submitted.
Provision of enhanced junction signs with reduce speed now on yellow backing boards
Provision of horse warning sign and distance on backing board
Pedestrians in road sign and distance on backing board
SLOW markings refreshed incorporating new yellow bar markings
The total cost estimate would be £4773.23 of which the Parish Council would need to contribute 25% = £1193.31

It is **recommended** that the Parish Council contributes **£1193.31** subject to clarification on the positioning of the signs.

Cllr Davies will raise the clarification on the positioning of the signs at the LHFIG meeting on Wednesday 28th September

B3109 Bradford Road

This is on the agenda for discussion at the LHFIG meeting. There is a suggestion that the speed limit could be reduced to 40 mph. This would be discussed by Wiltshire Council outside of the LHFIG meeting. The Parish Council feels that the speed limit should be 30 mph by the school

Leafy Lane:

The Parish Council had previously agreed the contribution of £875 towards the pedestrian crossing survey and the speed assessment which will be carried out shortly.

New issues brought forward to the meeting:

- A365 Devizes Road – advance warning signs
- A365 – pedestrian crossing survey
- Tunnel Inn Crossroads – warning sign
- Lycetts Orchard, Mill Lane – Signing improvements

Corsham TC had raised the issue of closing off the slip road for the B3109 from the A4. The Committee disagreed with this

Following the resignation of Cllr Woollard a new representative will need to be appointed onto the LHFIG meeting – **to be discussed at Full Council**

Cllr I. Johnston had been invited by Ruth Hopkinson to attend the meeting on Wednesday

8. Items for discussion:

Journey to School report: The report received and circulated. Collision and Speed data had been collected. The school had requested that consideration be given to an upgrade of the existing zebra crossing directly outside the school to a light-controlled crossing. Based on the data there is no evidence to justify that the crossing be changed. Signal controlled crossing points are used predominantly at locations where pedestrian demand and vehicles speeds are high.

The recommendations are:

- Full upgrade to existing zebra crossing outside the post office, to bring it up to current Wiltshire Council standards
- Zebra crossing outside school to remain with the road markings and surfacing to be renewed.

Total cost of the improvements would be approximately £68,000 payable by Wiltshire Council.

Speed of Traffic on Kingsdown Road: Metro counts have previously been carried out on this stretch of road. It was felt that further metro counts could be requested. There were also concerns about horse rides using this road.

It was agreed that Committee members should look at the stretch of road past the Swan and to check the number of entrances out onto the road. Discuss at a future meeting

Wormcliffe Lane: It was suggested that a possible weight restriction be put on this road. It was reported that the spring water running off the fields and from the dew pond turns this road very icy in the winter. Clerk to ask the Highways Engineer to look at this water. It was agreed that Committee members should look at this location. Discuss at a future meeting.

Advance warning signs for the 30mph limit on the A4 coming down Box Hill: Cllr Davies to speak to Sarah Dearden about the possibility of this and whether they would be permitted.

9. Discussion on Maintenance issues:

The following issues have been raised with the Highways Engineer who has agreed to look into them:

- A365 Devizes Road – turning for Henley Lane. Hedge on the junction to be cut back
- A365 Devizes Road – bus stop sign. Look at installing a proper sign instead of the paper sign for the bus stop
- Tunnel Inn Crossroads – two crossroad signs on both approaches at Boxfields Road to be replaced
- Lorries parking on pavement opposite Budgens - Cllr Davies to request a site meeting with David Arnup

10. Update on EV Charging Points: Cllr Ingledew reported on the recent seminar. An EV Charging survey to be completed by 3rd October – Cllr H. Parker will complete this. The Parish Council would need to establish the need for charging points and where the supply would come from and the size of the charger required. Cllr Ingledew highlighted the different charging schemes and funding options. No charging points could be installed if there was parking restrictions for less than 4 hours.

It was agreed that the Council would need to carry out a survey – this must be for people who cannot charge off road or at home.

There is to be a follow up session on 10th October at 10.00 am

11. Discussion on items to be included in the Highways Budget: It was agreed that there would need to be a more substantial budget. Clerk to establish whether the Council would have to contribute towards the cost of a pedestrian crossing and if so how much would this be. Money to be put in the budget for additional signs that may be needed.

12. Forward Plan: This was discussed and it was agreed to include the Vine Court Verge and the Village Planters on this Committee together with the Car Park at the Recreation Ground and the Market Place. Also to include any possible lighting and resurfacing of the passing space on Valens Terrace.

13. items of report and future agenda items:

- a. Memorial for the late Queen Elizabeth II - to be discussed at **Full Council**
- b. Urgent closure notice for Lower Kingsdown Road on 29th September received

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Chairman