



BOX PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE WAS HELD IN THE PAVILION ON 18th NOVEMBER 2024

1. **Present:** Councillors: R. Davies (Chairman); A. Barton;
N. Ingledew; I. Johnston; H. Parker; D. Wright;
M. Carey (Clerk)
2. **Apologies:** Cllrs R. Bean; T. Walton
3. **Absent:** Nil
4. **Public Question Time:** There were 2 members of the public present

Mr Russell Warren-Fisher explained his reasons for submitted the Highways Improvement Request Form regarding the health and safety issue of exiting from his property onto the B3109

5. **Declaration of interests:** Nil

6. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th September 2024 were taken as read, agreed as a true record and signed

7. **Matters Arising:**

- a. **B3109 Bradford Road**

- It was reported that the work to footpath for Park Place to the Toucan crossing had commenced. Concern was expressed that 100m of this falls within the 50 mph speed limit. Additional signage may need to be considered in the future
- **Appraisal of risks on the B3109**
The Highways Improvement Request Form submitted by Mr Warren-Fisher regarding the health and safety issue of exiting from his property onto the B3109 was discussed and it was **recommended** that this be forwarded to LHFIG

Cllr Johnston had met with Perry Payne of Wiltshire Police Safety Partnership to look at the safety issues on the B3109

- **Metro Count on B3109 at Wadswick:** Letter from Wiltshire Council Transport Planning Assistant asking for agreement that the metro count be relocated to a site near the triangle of grass. The revised location was agreed.

- b. **Future installation of SID on B3109:** There is conflicting advice from the Police and Wiltshire Council re the installation of a SID. Letter received from David Thomas, Head of Highways Asset Management & Commissioning at Wiltshire Council stating that, whilst not covered in the Deployment Advice Note, it was recommended that when a speed limit change takes place that a period of six months is allowed for traffic to get used to the change before a site is assessed for SID deployment. Cllr Walters has asked for the Deployment Advice Note to be reviewed.

The Parish Council currently has seven sites identified for the SID location – three of these are in a 40 mph speed limit and four are in a 30 mph speed limit. It was agreed that there should be a SID location near the Primary School on the B3109

It was reported that at the present time, as the Groundsman is working on his own, he is unable to move the location of the SIDs

It was reported that Atworth Parish Council have three SIDs which are permanently sited on the A365

Cllr Davies had completed a Traffic Speed Survey

c. Maintenance issues:

Update from LHFUG:

- i. A365 Devizes Road warning signs - this has now been completed
- ii. Lycetts Orchard improved signs – not yet completed. Highways Engineer to chase
- iii. TROs – A365 Devizes Rd/A4 bus stop markings; A4 Valens Terrace; A365 Chapel Lane - TRO to be worked on over winter months. Due to be completed before end of financial year, subject to consultation
- iv. Kingsdown Road – horse warning sign and road markings – to be looked at by Highways Engineer when officer time allows.
- v. Box dropped kerbs - the dropped kerbs on Leafy Lane had been completed
- vi. B3109 Wadswick Store area – passed to Highways Engineer colleague to be looked at. It was agreed to notify Wiltshire Highways that this junction is also used by the residents of Wadswick Green and the two public footpaths at this location are well used.

Items for 2025/26

- i. Ditteridge/Middlehill – pedestrian safety and dropped kerbs
- ii. A4 Ashley by Budgens

d. Parking of cars at Hazelbury Hill: No further action

e. Signage at Middlehill: It was reported that LHFUG had spent all of this year's funding allocation. It was suggested that the Parish Council could fund this at a cost of £500-£800 subject to agreement with LHFUG.

f. Box A4 boundary: Cllrs Davies and Ingledew had attended a meeting with Hillary Carr from Bathford Parish Council.

8. Car Parks:

a. Market Place:

Following the resolution at Full Council the Clerk had written to Wiltshire Council asking them to renew the Lease on the existing terms for at least a further seven years.

Front boundary wall: The wall had been damaged by a vehicle. One quotation obtained. Further quote to be obtained in order for an Insurance Claim to be made

Clearing of vegetation from the walls: Letter from a local resident reporting that he had cleared the vegetation from his stretch of the wall.

b. Recreation Ground:

It was reported that the light in the Car Park has now been reconnected. Thanks were given to Cllr Parker for her help with this. It was agreed that the meter would be read every month and a record of the usage kept to work out the cost. The Parish Council would be responsible for the amount of electricity used but would

not pay any part of the Standing Charge. Cllr Ingledew will raise this at the Selwyn Hall Management Committee meeting on 6th December.

Potholes at entrance to the Car Park – Clerk to ask the Groundsman to fill these in as they are a trip hazard.

Marking of Disabled parking bays: After discussion it was agreed, taking into account the disabled parking bays currently in the Car Park, by the Pavilion and at the Selwyn Hall, that there are sufficiently spaces. It was also agreed that the first two disabled parking bays going into the Car Park by Valens Terrace should be remarked.

Unauthorised cars in the Car Park: It was agreed to report the cars to Wiltshire Highways for removal and to put a notice on the windscreen of the vehicle that is being used to live in.

It was also agreed to consider changing the wording of the terms of condition of parking and to standardise this for all the Car Parks. The notice on the Recreation Ground will need to be changed as this is unenforceable. Cllr Johnston to recirculate suggested wording for this.

EV Charging: The survey had been completed by Cllr Ingledew and Davies

9. Correspondence:

- a. **Sign at Burtons Lane/A4 end** - Letter received from a resident pointing out that the name sign for Burtons Lane at the A4 end, currently located on his property, is not fit for purpose. After discussion it was **recommended** that an Issue Sheet be submitted to LHFIFG for replacing the road name sign at Burtons Lane.
- b. **A4/Mill Lane camber** – report received that work had been carried out to correct the camber
- c. **Request for Deer Warning sign on B3109:** Letter received from a resident reporting several incidents of dead deers on the road outside his house. After discussion it was **recommended** that an Issue Sheet be submitted to LHFIFG requesting the installation of a Deer Warning sign on the B3109
- d. **Substantive Highways Scheme Fund** – bid application process for 2025/26. Information from Wiltshire Highways
- e. **Overgrown hedging on Lower Wadwick Lane** – Letter received from a local resident this submitting a Highways Improvement Request Form regarding the limited visibility exiting from Lower Wadwick Lane onto the I365. After discussion it was **recommended** that the Committee supports the Highways Improvement Request Form and forwards this to LHFIFG

10. Update from Flood Warden: Copies of reports from the Flood Warden had been circulated.

11. Rights of Way – update on work carried out by Cotswold Wardens and any issues:
Cllr Wright reported on works carried out by the Cotswold Wardens including new steps and handrail on Box 24 at Box Hill Common; resurfacing of path by Real World Studio and erection of kissing gates and stiles.

Bridge over Lidbrook linking Colerne FP6 to Box FP9: Cllr Wright reported that the bridge is in need of renovating and redesigning. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Wiltshire Council Rights of Way Officer asking them to either repair the bridge or to close it as it is a Health and Safety risk.

12. Items to be considered at the budget setting meeting:

- Paid out of last year's budget
£1375 - Market Place and Chapel Plaister
- Paid out of this year's budget
£1614 - Chapel Plaister and Tunnel Inn

Still to be paid

£362.50 - Devizes Road

£287.50 - Mill Lane

£1450 - dropped kerbs

£1237.50 - TRO

Total £3334.50

- Build up reserves to pay 30% contribution to highway schemes –
- Purchase of additional SID £2000 - Solar panels for SIDs
- A4 opposite Budgens
- Car Park – Build up money for resurfacing
- Possible additional passing space half way up Valens Terrace – this may be funded by compensation from Wessex Water
- Market Place Car Park – Possible work to walls in the Car Park
- Build up money for further contributions to WC highways schemes

13. items of report and future agenda items Nil

14. Date of next meeting: Monday 20th January 2025 at 7 pm

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Chair