



## BOX PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025

- 1. Present:** Councillors: R. Davies (Chairman); A. Barton; R. Bean; N. Ingledew;  
I. Johnston  
M. Carey (Clerk)
- 2. Apologies:** Cllrs H. Parker; T. Walton
- 3. Absent:** Cllr D. Wright
- 4. Public Question Time:** There were no members of the public present
- 5. Declaration of interests:** Nil
- 6. Minutes**  
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were taken as read, agreed as a true record and signed
- 7. Matters Arising:**
  - a. B3109 Bradford Road**
    - The work to footpath from Park Place to the Toucan crossing had been completed. This is a great improvement. This footpath will increase the number of pedestrians using this stretch of road
    - **Metro count within the 40 mph speed limit and installation of further SID**  
The results of the metrocounts along the B3109 within the 40 mph speed limit had been received. The 85<sup>th</sup>ile within the limit was 39.4 mph and 38.5 mph and shows good adherence to the new 40 mph speed limit. Sarah Dearden has stated that these locations will not be approved for the installation of a SID socket and post for any speed device to be placed. As per the policy if a device is found to be installed on street furniture not designed for the weight of such device or at an unapproved site the Highway Authority can remove the device and the Parish Council can be charged for the costs.  
  
There was a discussion as to whether the Highways Practice Notice re installation of SIDs was a Wiltshire or national practice and it was established that this was drawn up by Wiltshire Council.  
  
It was agreed that the Parish Council should continue to pressurise LHFIG to reduce the current 50 mph speed limit to 40 mph on other parts of the B3109  
  
It was agreed at the last meeting that the additional SID, solar panel and brackets should be purchased and the Clerk will order this in the near future.
  - **Metro Count on B3109 at Wadswick:** The metro count had recently been carried out. Waiting for results.
  - **A4 Ashley by Budgens:** Letter received from Sarah Dearden. She had met with Gemma Winslow on site to discuss the various options. She will draw up a design and costs of the propose to raise up and rebuild the footway to a

standard level, repair any damaged drainage, provide additional gullies and provide bollards along the length that is causing an issue. This will go to the next LHFIFG meeting. This will prevent HGVs from mounting the new footway protecting pedestrians and therefore protecting the drainage also. This will also help reduce the risk of flooding at that area.

Having looked at driver behaviour on site it would mean that any HGVs that do pull up will be fully on the carriageway and may cause issues coming in/out of the garage and potentially anyone overtaking. There have been recorded Road Traffic Collisions in the last three years. She believes that a waiting restrictions would be an advantage at this location.

This TRO could be added to the other TROs being drawn up so that a second cost is not incurred.

Temporary repairs have been made to the pavement and the drains.

**c. Maintenance issues:**

Update from LHFIFG:

- i. **TROs** – A365 Devizes Rd/A4 bus stop markings; A4 Valens Terrace; A365 Chapel Lane - TROs to be worked on over the winter months and were due to be completed before the end of the financial year, subject to consultation.

As mentioned above it was **recommended** that the TRO for the A4 Ashley by Budgens is included with the other Orders.

- ii. **Kingsdown Road** – horse warning sign and road markings – this is still being looked at by Highways Engineer.
- iii. **B3109 Wadswick Store area** – Passed to the Highways Engineer's colleague to be looked at
- iv. **Lower Wadswick Lane exiting onto A365:** After discussion it was agreed that both junctions existing onto the A365 at Lower Wadswick Lane should be included. One of the junctions only has about 70m of visibility when exiting and the other junction is dangerous to pull out of as cars can be overtaking on this stretch of the road.  
It was suggested that additional signage, road markings and junction warning signs are needed on this part of the A365
- v. **Road signs – Burtons Lane:** It was agreed that this is a maintenance issue and Clerk to ask Wiltshire Council to replace the nameplate which has fallen off onto the existing posts
- vi. **Deer Warning signs on B3109:** It was agreed that signs are needed north of Fernfield and on the other side of White Ennox Lane.

It was agreed to forward the recommended locations to LHFIFG

- vii. **End of White Ennox Lane:** A Give Way stop sign is needed at the end of White Ennox Lane where it joins the B3109. Clerk to report to Wiltshire Council.

Items for 2025/26

- i. **Middlehill/Ditteridge** - pedestrian safety and dropped kerbs
- ii. **Improvements to bus shelter at Hedgesparrow Lane** A Highways Improvement Request Form had been submitted.

- d. **Box A4 boundary:** Cllrs Davies and Ingledew had attended a meeting with Hillary Carr from Bathford Parish Council. No further update
- e. **Request for reinstatement of bus stop A4:** Details of the location had been sent to Wiltshire Council. The request has been forwarded from Wiltshire Council to Faresaver

## **8. Car Parks:**

- a. **Market Place:**  
**Renewal of Lease:**  
Will Gray from Wiltshire Council is currently reviewing the heads of terms for a new lease as requested. He raised the issues of the low boundary wall at the entrance to the premises. The Insurance Company has agreed the claim and the work will be undertaken shortly  
The weeds and saplings in the car park around the boundary walls were being removed from the Council Groundsmen
  
- b. **Recreation Ground:**  
**Marking of Disabled parking bays:** After discussion it was agreed that the disabled bays are relocated further up towards the entrance to the car park with yellow hatching to stop cars parking across. These will not impede access to the refuse bins.

**Action: RD to discuss with Groundsmen**

**Unauthorised cars in the Car Park:** Clerk to report the abandoned car to Wiltshire Council.

Quotation received for metal signs for all Car Parks in the sum of £55. It was **Recommended** that three signs are purchased from Mirage Signs

**Box Hill Car Park:** The surface of the car park is very poor - it was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting. It was also agreed that posts and chain link fencing could be put on the edge of the car park to stop people parking here. The state of the passing space on the Common opposite the car park also needs addressing.  
It was agreed that these items should be raised at the Box Hill & Rudloe Open Spaces Committee

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

- a. **Reinstatement of white lines at Leafy Lane – southern end**  
Clerk to ask Wiltshire Highways to reinstate the white lines at the southern end of Leafy Lane following resurfacing
- b. **Discuss report from Derek Walters re the Speed Consultation and changes to speed assessments:** The report had been circulated. The new regulations relating to speed assessment has yet to go through Wiltshire Cabinet.
- c. **Report on work carried out and work requested by the Parish Steward** The Parish Steward had called into the Office to discuss the work required. Clerk to ask for the street names at Rudloe, particularly Kidston Way, to be cleaned  
**Action: MC**
- d. **Leafy Lane Bus Shelter:** It was reported that the occupants of the Bus Shelter for buses going to Bath cannot see the bus approaching because of the railings round the electricity substation. It was agreed that the Parish Council representatives would ask LHFIFG at the next meeting when the bus stops are likely to have electrified signs.  
**Action: RD/NI**

- e. **Expression on concern re the road opposite Hedgesparrow Lane towards Colerne – access only:** A complaint received from a parishioner re traffic using this road as a short cut to Colerne. The complainant was advised to contact the Police. It was agreed that it would not be practical to add any additional signs
- f. **Request for support to lower the speed limit on the Rudloe Estate to 20 mph**  
This was discussed. In light of the 20 mph speed limits in parts of Corsham and Neston and it was **recommended** that a Highways Improvement Request Form be submitted to LHFIG enquiring about the policy for 20 mph speed limits and to request that consideration be given to reducing speed on residential roads in Box and Rudloe to 20 mph. It was reported that when the Dickens Gate development was built at Rudloe a 20 mph speed limit was imposed
- g. **Ownership of the street light at The Barton:** Enquiries had shown that the street light was GreenSquare Accord's responsibility and ownership of the light was not taken on by Wiltshire Council or Box Parish Council.

#### **10. Correspondence**

- a. **State of road surface on Doctors Hill** – letter from resident regarding the state of the road surface. Clerk to forward this to Wiltshire Council Highways Maintenance
- b. **Request for grit bin by Lycetts Orchard:** As this is a private road it was agreed to forward the request to the owner of Lycetts Orchard to ask him to install a grit bin
- c. **Letter from a parishioner re Quiet Lanes at Ashley:** The parishioner had been informed that Wiltshire Council will not be pursuing the issue of Quiet Lanes
- d. **Letter from parishioner re road markings on Chapel Lane:** Clerk to ask Wiltshire Council Highways Maintenance to reinstate the road markings in Chapel Lane

**11. Update from Flood Warden:** There were no updates.

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

- a. Further gates received to go in on Wormcliffe Lane.
- b. The bridleway from Ashley to Bathford has been cleared

#### **13. items of report and future agenda items**

- a. **Light in Selwyn Hall Car Park:** A meter reading had been taken. Clerk to work out the cost of the units used and send this to the Selwyn Hall Management Committee
- b. Cllr Johnston reported that he had attended a meeting of the Corsham Footpaths and Cycling Group as this extends into Rudloe
- c. The Chair thanked the members of the Highways Committee for their hard work

**14. Date of next meeting:** tba

*Meeting closed at 8.20 pm*

**Chair**