



BOX PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON 22nd AUGUST 2022

1. **Present:** Councillors: R. Davies (Chairman); A. Barton;
I. Johnston; N. Ingledew
2. **Apologies:** Cllrs R. Campbell; H. Parker; R. Smith; A. Woollard
3. **Absent:** Nil
4. **Public Question Time:** There were two members of the public present.
5. **Declaration of interests:** Nil
6. **To discuss the following urgent issues to be taken forward to the LHFIG meeting on 28th September 2022**
 - a. **A365 Devizes Road:** A report drawn up by Cllr Ingledew had been circulated. This was discussed.
 - **Advance warning of the 30mph limit from the Atworth direction:** It was felt that there needs to be advance warning of the approaching 30 mph limit

It was **recommended** that an Issue Sheet be submitted to LHFIG requesting the installation of visual warning signs in advance of the 30mph limit by the penultimate bend. The cost of the signs would be between £300-£520 per sign
 - **Turning to Henley Lane:** The turning for Henley Lane is obscured by a very large hedge which restricts the visibility of cars emerging from this junction.

Action:
Clerk to ask Gemma Winslow from Wiltshire Council to check if the hedge is on Highways land or land that is privately owned and to request that this be cut back to assist visibility. Clerk to forward photographs of the hedge in question.
 - **Pedestrian crossing:** It was felt that the optimum position for a pedestrian crossing would be by Lamb House as the sight line is sufficient in both directions.

It was **recommended** that an Issue Sheet be submitted to LHFIG requesting a pedestrian crossing survey be carried out on the A365. The Parish Council's contribution would be in the region of £250-£300
 - **Bus stop:** There is currently only a paper sign for the bus stop.
Action:
Clerk to ask Gemma Winslow from Wiltshire Council which bus company is responsible for this. The Clerk will then write to the bus company asking for a proper sign to be erected.

Clerk to write to Wiltshire Council Highways Maintenance to request that the "Bus Stop" be reinstated on the road when this is resurfaced.

The issue of the bus shelter will be discussed at a later date.

Cllr Davies stated that it may be possible to obtain repeater signs for the 30mph along this road but this would depend on the distance apart of the street lighting. The regulations for this would need to be checked.

- b. **Tunnel Inn Crossroads:** There have been two serious accidents recently at this junction where vehicles had not seen the stop sign. This “Stop” sign has now been replaced and the white lines have been repainted. Several local farmers use this junction with farm vehicles and it was felt that there should be a triangular warning sign 100m before the stop sign.

It was **recommended** that an Issue Sheet be submitted to LHFIG requesting that a triangular sign for farm vehicles showing a tractor be installed together with a warning sign for the approach to the “Stop” signs.

Action: Clerk to ask the Wiltshire Council Highways Maintenance for the two crossroad signs on both approaches at Boxfields Road to be replaced. These may need repositioning. Clerk to include photographs showing the existing sign which is in a bad state and had fallen over and one showing a lump of concrete where the previous sign had been positioned.

7. **Discussion on the B3109 Bradford Road Speed Limit Assessment report:** The report had been circulated and comments objecting to the report sent from the Parish Council to Wiltshire Council. This should be discussed at the LHFIG meeting on 28th September.

8. **Department of Transport Guidance on Urban Speed limits and discussion that the Parish Council supports the lowering of the speed limit to 30mph on the B3109 Bradford Road and Leafy Lane.**

It was **recommended** that the Parish Council supports Cllr Derek Walkers in his request for a reduction to a 30mph speed limit on a section of the B3109 and on Leafy Lane.

9. **Report on the site meeting with Sarah Dearden of Wiltshire Council on 18th August:**

- a. **B3109 Chapel Plaister/Wadswick junction:** Cllr Davies and Woollard together with the Clerk had met with Sarah Dearden on site. She had looked thoroughly at the junction and also the turning for Short Hill. She will look at various options which could include:
- Reinforcing the SLOW marking with yellow bar fluorescent markings either side of it.
 - Horse/Pedestrian warning signs
 - Junction warning sign for Short Hill
 - More prominent signs from the crossroads for the approaching junctions
 - She would look at the accident data

The full data from the recent metro count had been received and had been circulated to all Councillors.

- b. **Market Place, Box:** Following a request made for a sign to be put up to limit the size of the vehicles using this road, Sarah Dearden looked at the whole length of the road and suggested options which could include:
- Hatched markings to be put at the top of the road opposite the Post Office to give the impression of a narrower road
 - Signage at the junction
 - She also looked at the width of the road by the parking spaces which is less than the statutory width in places.

- 10. Discussion on the entrance to Lycetts Orchard, Mill Lane:** Four letters had been received highlighting concerns re the visibility of the entrance to Lycetts Orchard and the problem with the parked cars. Cllr Davies, Ingledew and Johnston had looked at the site. It was agreed that there is poor visibility from both directions.

It was **recommended** that an Issue Sheet be submitted to LHFIG requesting that the "SLOW" sign be reinstated on the road going down Mill Lane and also for improved signage for the junction to Lycetts Orchard.

Alternative options for walking into the village from Lycetts Orchard were discussed but there is no obvious solution, particularly when some residents have mobility scooters.

- 11. Letter from Wiltshire Council re the Corsham LHFIG Budget Information:** Letter received from Sarah Dearden stating that because of the dramatic increases in oil, gas, electricity and materials this would result in an increase in Ringway Maintenance Contract costs and may result in an increase between initial cost estimates supplied for projects and the final works costs.

- 12. Items of report and future Agenda items:**

Agenda items for the meeting on 12th September to include Journey to School report; Maintenance issues

- 13. Date of next meeting:** Monday 12th September at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Chairman