



## BOX PARISH COUNCIL

### **A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

- 1. Present:** Councillors: R. Davies (Chairman); A. Barton; R. Campbell;  
I. Johnston; N. Ingledew; H. Parker; R. Smith; A. Woollard
- 2. Apologies:** Cllr. S. Parker
- 3. Absent:** Nil
- 4. Public Question Time:** There were three members of the public present.  
Mr T. Bryan from Henley Lane was concerned about the issues on the A365 Devizes road regarding the number of lorries and the speed of traffic. Mr. J. Simon also had concerns about the A365 and the fact that there is no pedestrian crossing for the children going to the school. Mrs. S. Brooks also raised issues about the A365. She stated that she has three children, two still at the school, and she was concerned about them crossing the Devizes Road. She stated that a lorry had mounted the pavement and knocked down the bus shelter. She had raised the issue of the speed of cars and the possibility of a pedestrian crossing previously.  
  
These issues were discussed by the Committee later in the meeting.
- 5. Declaration of interests:** Nil
- 6. To set the Terms of Reference for the Committee:** The draft Terms of Reference for the Committee were discussed and agreed.
- 7. Terms of Reference for the Local Highways and Footway Improvement Groups (LHFIG) (formerly CATG) and the guidance notes:** These had been circulated and the Committee members had read them.
- 8. To discuss the issues raised at the last CATG meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April:**
  - a. B3109 Bradford Road:** The results of the metro count had been received. The Topographical survey had been completed. The results of the Speed Limit Assessment are due by the end of June 2022. These will be discussed at the meeting of the LHFIG on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022.
  - b. Market Place, Box:** Sign for the top of Market Place to state that it is unsuitable for HGV. Waiting for a quotation for the cost of the sign
  - c. Leafy Lane, Rudloe:** Waiting for results of Speed Limit Assessment and Pedestrian Survey
  - d. Chapel Plaister:** An issue sheet had been raised regarding the danger to cars trying to exit from the junctions onto the B3109.
- 9. To discuss issues to be taken forward to the LGFIG meeting**  
Cllr Davies and Unitary Councillor B. Mathew had gone round the Parish and a copy of Cllr Mathew's report had been received and circulated. Clerk to forward this report to Wiltshire Highways for their comments.

- a. **Tunnel Inn Crossroads**: The Clerk had written to D. Arnup, the Highways Engineer asking for the road markings to be reinstated. There are two road signs which need replacing, one is badly obscured by trees. An additional warning sign for the junction is needed.
- b. **Chapel Plaister junction**: It was suggested
  - Check the metro count data to establish the speed of vehicles
  - Consider a speed assessment with a view to reducing the speed
  - Check with local horse riders and consider putting up horse riding warning triangle signs on either side of the brow of the hill
  - Put a no right hand turn sign by the junction leading out from Chapel Plaister onto the B3109
  - Have the SLOW signs on either side of the brow of the hill repainted
  - It was suggested that there could be a “one way” system for the junction.
- c. **Budgens A4**: Request an update on the proposed works re the crushed drain
- d. **Beech Road – bottom junction**: Clear the vegetation to add visibility Clerk to write to the owners of Alma Cottage asking them to cut this back.
- e. **Leafy Lane exit onto A4**: It was suggested that the grass splays be regularly cut to improve visibility. It was stated that there should not be Wildflower Meadows on bends or at junctions.

**10. Vehicle Charging Points**: Information received from Wiltshire Council re the provision of vehicle charging points and the possibility of grants. There will be changes to this in the near future with information about Government grant funding. The Clerk had registered the Parish Council’s interest in having two EV Charging Points in the Car Park by the Recreation Ground.

**11. Correspondence**:

- a. **A365 Devizes Road**: Several letters had been received regarding the speed of traffic, lorries and the possibility of a pedestrian crossing. They had also requested advance warning signs for the 30 mph limit and for repeater signs along the road. It was pointed out that as this is the national speed limit on this road ie 30 mph with street lights it may not be possible to have the repeater signs. These are usually put on roads that differ from the national speed limit ie the 50 mph on Box Hill A4.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Committee should visit the site to look at the issues, including the whole area by the Pharmacy to the School.

There had also been a further letter regarding crossing the road by the War Memorial. It was suggested that it would be safer to cross further along the road.

It was **recommended** that the Parish Council request a pedestrian survey to ascertain the criteria for a formal pedestrian crossing.

- b. **Letter re further pedestrian crossing by the Doctors Surgery**: It was agreed that this would not be feasible as there are already two pedestrian crossings in the vicinity. However, it was agreed that the lighting on the pedestrian crossing by the Post Office be upgraded to LED lights.
- c. **Mill Lane/Lycetts Orchard**: Letter asking for a “Slow” sign or “Concealed Entrance” sign to be put here. To discuss further at the next meeting.
- d. **Speed Watch**: The Speed Watch team to recommence on the A4 by McColls and also on the Devizes Road. More volunteers are needed to join the Speed Watch team.

**12. Items of report and future agenda items:**

- a. **SID**: It was asked how the rotation of the SID locations is decided
- b. **School Travel Plan**: It was reported that this had been updated. The School Travel Plan Advisor had reported that the pedestrian crossing outside the school will be changed to a Puffin crossing.
- c. **A4 – Crossing by the Cemetery**: it was reported that this is a dangerous crossing as you cannot see the traffic approaching from the village. It was also asked if the Speed Watch team could look at this location as it can appear that it is part of the 60 mph
- d. **Ashley by the railway bridge**: A local resident had asked whether a “Welcome to Ashley” sign could be put under the bridge by the Parish boundary.

*Meeting closed at 9.10 pm*

**Chairman**