

PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST 2017 AT 7.30 p.m

Present: Cllr Abigail Smith Chairman
Cllr Edward Crownshaw
Cllr Steve Morris
Cllr Roey Parker
Cllr Martin Slinger

In Attendance Daniel Tiffney – GCC Highways Manager
Honorary Freeman Terry Parker

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Cllr Mike Fletcher, County Cllr Keith Rippington and PCSO Debbie Collicott

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS IN THE AGENDA

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND NOVEMBER 2016.

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

(The minutes should be read in conjunction with the Traffic Committee Action Plan dated 2nd November 2016).

4. SPEEDING MATTERS

Speed Measurement - Please refer to No1 on the Traffic Action Plan (dated 2nd August 2017) for full details.

The Community Speed Watch Team has carried out Speed Watches in March and June. They also welcome 3 new volunteers. The information is passed to the Police to enable them to write to repeat offenders.

Training for the Edge volunteers is still to be arranged.

The results of the data downloaded from the Vehicle Activated Signs shows a reduction in speed in line with what is expected, although the Committee queried whether the recording of the vehicles is too far from the signs to allow for the full reaction of the drivers (therefore there may well be a further reduction in the true speed). The Committee had previously said that they would commission speed survey, which would provide further data. However, funding is limited and therefore needs to be considered alongside other initiatives and prioritised. The Committee also decided to run a poll to see if public opinion considers that the Vehicle Activated Signs slow down traffic entering the village.

Speed Enforcement – Please refer to No2 on the Traffic Action Plan (dated 2nd August 2017) for full details.

There have been no Police Enforcement activities in the last year, that the Committee is aware of.

The Committee thanked Daniel Tiffney for the new gateway signage.

5. EMERGENCY SERVICE ACCESS – Please refer to No3 on the Traffic Action Plan (dated 2nd August 2017) for full details.

The Clerk has the name of one of the main owners for holiday lets and will write to ask if leaflets regarding parking can be included in the welcome packs.

6. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNAGE (VAS) – Please refer to No4 on the Traffic Action Plan (dated 2nd August 2017) for full details.

More volunteers are required to be able to use the Mobile VAS.

There was a request to move the permanent VAS on the south side of the village. The request was to move this nearer to Cotswold Mead and they also requested if the unit could be turned around to capture the speed of the traffic going south. The Committee supported the request to move the VAS to a lighting column just south of the Richmond Village entrance, although this will involve a small cost. Due to cabling issues it will not be possible to turn the unit around to face south.

7. PARKING PROVISIONS

Please refer to No5 on the Traffic Action Plan (dated 2nd August 2017) for full details.

Following the recent government's announcement regarding the move to electric cars; there maybe implications regarding residential street parking.

8. HIGHWAYS SIGNAGE

Please refer to No6 on the Traffic Action Plan (dated 2nd August 2017) for full details.

The Committee were grateful to David Allott for the continuance of clearing around the road traffic signs, however concerns were raised as to whether he should be working alone.

9. PLANNED WORKS

Please refer to No7 on the Traffic Action Plan (dated 2nd August 2017) for full details.

Daniel Tiffney reported that the budget for resurfacing work has doubled, due to additional funding committed during the recent County Council elections. Highways will scan and survey roads to decide which roads would now be scheduled in for resurfacing.

10. MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES.

Please refer to No8 on the Traffic Action Plan (dated 2nd August 2017) for full details.

A request to improve the A46 by Stamages Lane car park was also considered, but it was agreed that the cars parked along that stretch act as informal traffic calming system and drivers naturally give way when necessary. The Clerk to contact the resident who made this request.

The Handyman is to weed kill the footpath adjacent to the A46; where clearance works has been undertaken.

The Clerk to contact the Neighbourhood Warden regarding a hedge that is obstructing the '20 mph' sign near Gyde Barn.

The Committee were asked to consider funding Pedestrian Survey/s to provide evidence on whether to install a new Pedestrian Island for the junction of Lower Washwell Lane / Pullens Road. Each survey would cost in the region of £200. The Committee agreed this was a priority and would recommend at least one survey is carried out.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 1ST NOVEMBER 2017.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55 PM