

Minutes of the Highways Committee held on 7th September 2020

A meeting of the Highways Committee was held on 7th September 2020 via Zoom at 6.00 pm.

The following people were present: -

Cllr. N. Randall,
Cllr. L. Hicks
Cllr. K. Cronin
Cllr. B. Wragge
Cllr. A. Davis.
Officer: The Parish Clerk
Observer: Cllr. Andy Roberts

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. B. Sumner and Cllr. B. Hadley.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – none to report.
3. **The Minutes of the Highways committee meeting held on 3rd August 2020** – Cllr. K. Cronin proposed to approve the minutes of 3rd August 2020. Cllr. N. Randall seconded the proposal. A unanimous vote was taken of all in favour of approving the minutes of 3rd August 2020.
4. **Matters Arising**
A429 Village entry signage – Cllr. P. Hodgkinson was to be asked who the Parish Council should contact at GCC for additional village entry signage on the A429 directing traffic to go down Station Road rather than Lansdowne. Ask Cllr. P. Hodgkinson to support the Parish Council on this topic and to push the request through GCC.
Bollards and A-Boards on pavements – The Clerk to contact Shaun Morris, GCC to pursue the problem with A-Boards being placed on narrow pavements in the village.
Outstanding Issues with GCC – The outstanding issues which had been reported to GCC were to be chased up such as cutting back hedges which were overgrowing pavements and obscuring vision for drivers, blocked drain in the High Street outside De La Lays fish and chip shop and broken wooden barrier on Station Road.
5. **ANPR** – The Parish Council currently have the funding in place for one additional ANPR camera - £7,000.00 in the budget and £3,000.00 from County Cllr. P. Hodgkinson's fund. Cllr. N. Randall would start negotiating a provisional order for the next ANPR camera. A big debate was going on between the police and GCC with concerns on GDPR issues relating to ANPR cameras. A provisional order being placed was hoped to move this issue along. The installation of the ANPR would be approximately three months after placing the order with the suppliers. The committee decided on the location of the new ANPR camera. Cllr. N. Randall proposed that the Parish Council proceed to place the order for the other camera. Cllr. K. Cronin seconded the proposal. A unanimous vote was taken of all in favour of the proposal.
6. **Main Traffic & Highways**
TRO – Richard Cornwell, Engineer at GCC Highways responsible for Bourton and Alexis Newport, Parking Manager was currently investigating into getting the new TRO's in place sooner. The legalities and notices had been completed for the new TRO's.
7. **Other Traffic & Highways**
Parking and illegal, thoughtless parking of cars – Issues had been raised on vehicles being parked opposite Travis Perkins on the industrial estate which made it difficult for the residents coming in and out of Bourton Chase Phase 3.
Traffic, summer situation, congestion – Cllr. P. Hodgkinson had set up a meeting to discuss these issues and would have small working parties to gather information on the different topics relating to the problems, which would be fed back to the main committee.
Cllr. K. Cronin asked if the police could move the traffic on and out of Lansdowne on busy days?
Cllr. N. Randall agreed to speak to GCC Highways to get better signage for Lansdowne and also to ask for speed roundels to be painted on the road.
Additional hours, potential cost and ticketing numbers – Cllr. N. Randall agreed to get a firm quotation for the additional hours for a CEO to cover the whole of the village once the new TRO's had been put in place. This information would be taken to the budget making committee in October. It was noted that once the new TRO's were in place this would resolve the problem with parking on the white hatched lines in the High Street.

8. **Motorcycle Visitors**

Residents complaints, parking, noise levels and speeding

The issue with speeding motor-cycles in the village and the noise level of the revving of the engines had been brought up in the recent police meeting held with Parish Councillors. Residents were urged to report this problem via the police on their email system as they hadn't received any complaints via the 101 service. CDC were to be asked to have a site visit to measure the noise levels caused by motor-cycles usually over the weekend period.

GCC were to be asked to confirm where the highways boundary was outside Harrison, James and Hardie.

9. **Residents Survey**

Cllr. N. Randall read out his summary from the Parish Council survey on the proposed pedestrianization of the High Street as there had been comments put forward on other traffic related issues as follows: - another ANPR camera, additional hours for CEO and additional road signage required in the village. A suggestion was put forward for the Parish Council to re-visit doing a Neighbourhood Plan for the village to cover issues of over tourism, car parking, residents parking, the number of B & B's/holidays lets in the village etc.

10. **Any Other Business**

A429 – GCC had undertaken a speed survey on the A429 where they had looked at speeding and traffic volumes.

Pavements – It was reported that the pavement outside Harrison, James & Hardie was not level. This was to be reported to GCC.

Additional Lighting Required – A street light was required in Melville closer to the recreation ground. This matter had been brought up at the recent police meeting held with Parish Councillors and was to be taken up with GCC.

Programme to enhance mobile network coverage – Two pre-applications for consultation to install telecommunications equipment had been received. The proposal involves installing a tri-sector antenna located within a shroud which would be mounted on top of the existing telegraph poles and the installation of an equipment cabinet located at ground level close to the telegraph pole. The two proposed locations were at Rye Crescent and Melville.

COMMENT: The committee members had no objection to this request.

Traffic Lights on the A429 leading to the industrial estate – It was reported that the traffic lights planned for the entrance leading to the industrial estate at Bourton would not be installed soon. The plan was to build the proposed additional industrial units prior to the installation of the lights.

Additional parking at the industrial estate – A request was put forward for Hacklings to provide more parking on the industrial estate.

Bourton Chase Phase 3 – It was reported that Bloor Homes, GCC and residents from Bourton Chase Phase 3 were going to have a site inspection prior to GCC adopting the highways at the site.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 19th October 2020 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.12 pm.