

Notes from the Chideock Quarterly Meeting with Highways England on 10 November 2017.

Present: - Emma Bazeley (Highways England), Andy Roberts (Highways England), Andy Kirby (Balfour Beatty), Cllr Rob Murray, Cllr Laurie Elliot.

In Attendance: - The Clerk

Before the meeting AK told the Clerk that the road sweeper would be passing through that morning. An inspection of the gullies would follow, and then blocked gullies will be cleared. The Arrestor beds will be weeded soon.

AK said that, after the meeting, he would look with LE at the covers and areas of surfacing which were reported to CPC as causing concern to residents, to determine who is responsible – Connect or the utility company. He said that he will try to get a better system in place for reporting and then dealing with such issues.

1. Air Quality / Low Emissions Zone.

- a) Update from Highways England, following the meeting with WDDC, DCC, DEFRA and Sir Oliver Letwin MP on 15 September 2017.
 - i. Preparation for a bid for designated Air Quality funding for a feasibility study for Chideock and Tideford (Cornwall) is in progress. This involves submitting an outline brief. If the bid is successful, then more detailed Terms of Reference are prepared. Then a contract must be placed for the work to be carried out. The earliest possible start date for the study is the next financial year. AR will find out if CPC can have any input to the Terms of Reference.
 - ii. Highways England South West has recently undergone internal reorganisation which is causing capacity and resource issues. AR assured CPC they they do take Chideock's issues seriously.
 - iii. AR reminded RM and LE that Andy Bean said at the September LEZ meeting that in his opinion it is not HGVs which are the problem, but it is rather the proximity of front doors to the road.
 - iv. LE asked why "waste" time on studies – why not just introduce a LEZ for HGVs and extend it to other vehicles if necessary?
- b) Update on any studies of pollution produced by brake dust.
 - i. An old desk top study looked at NO₂ and projected PM₁₀. EM said she would investigate and find out if a) the formula used has changed b) was it applied to the annual average across a zone or to each measuring point? c) can it be done again?
 - This is a DEFRA / WDDC responsibility. EB will pass contact details to the Clerk.
 - Air Quality monitoring is WDDC's responsibility.
 - ii. Should CPC concentrate on NO₂ and brake dust, not PM₁₀?
 - Highways England has done modelling and does not think that PM₁₀ is an issue on the South West network.
 - iii. Is brake dust part of PM₁₀ monitoring?
 - Air Quality monitoring is WDDC's responsibility.
 - iv. What information is available on brake dust levels etc?
 - EB to forward to the Clerk

AR pointed out that EB has been doing work which is WDDC's responsibility, not Highway England's.

LE and RM thanked Highways England for this and said that CPC needs to engage more forcefully with WDDC.

2. Speed / Traffic Volumes.

- a) Speed Camera replacement.
 - i. There has been no progress in getting funding to replace the cabinet for the east bound camera so that at least the GATSO camera will be working. The cabinet is Connect's responsibility, Dorset Police are only responsible for the camera.
 - ii. The Community Severance Study will include monitoring of speed through the villages – if there is evidence of surfing this will be used as evidence in the future
 - iii. AK said that as far as he knows the DCC counter at Bilberry is working. He will find out what use, if any, is being made of the data collected.

- b) Update on the recent speed study.
 - i. The recommendations for changes (from the A35 Route Based Safety Study) to the current speed limit between Chideock and Morcombelake have yet to be developed into a scheme.
 - ii. There is a new Highways England Safety Team which will look at the study and investigate the potential for changes along the whole of the A35 Trunk road.
- c) Update on the Route Analysis from data collected via Bluetooth.
 - i. EM confirmed with CPC that detailed data is required (as a spreadsheet / table) for HGV and LGV traffic at am and pm peak and interpeak. She will let the Clerk know when results can be expected.
- d) Can Highways England help to push DCC regarding diversion signs at the Monkey Jump roundabout to divert traffic onto the A37 as promised in the DCC Local Transport Plan 2006 - 11
 - i. As this has been dropped by DCC in more recent Transport Plans, it cannot be pursued further.

3. Safety Issues / Improvements.

- a) Update on the A35 Route Based Safety Study.
 - i. What are the 6 trends being taken forward?
 - The study looked for trends such as bends, junctions, driver age etc and found none.
 - ii. Speed Study covering 3 geographical areas – details please
 - This will be taken forward by the Safety Team
- b) Update on the Feasibility Study looking at community severance and pedestrian safety for Morcombelake, Chideock and Winterbourne Abbas?
 - i. Has it started?
 - The Safety Team will take this forward.
 - ii. Are the following included?
 - Bullen's Lane (BW20) exit onto A35 - visibility splay improvements to improve safety. **YES**
 - Safety issue re disabled entrance / exit at Village Hall. **NO – see below**
 - Safety issue re camber of northern A35 footway. **YES**

Disabled exit - there is no possibility of a roadside railing as the footway is too narrow.

4. Any other business.

- a) Update on possibility of All Weather Path to north of A35.
The land north of the A35 to the east of Park Farm was disposed of by Highways England in 2015.
- b) Brown tourist signs e.g. new sign for the Anchor Inn. What is the procedure which must be followed for these? (Question from resident)
The procedure can be found on the HE website (*Clerk's note – web address is <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-brown-tourist-signs-on-roads-the-highways-agency-manage>*)
- c) Status of the RIS2 Report
The target date for publication by the Department for Transport is end of November 2017. The consultation period will be open until the end of January 2018.
- d) A303 improvement works.
Will there be any advance analysis of the impact of traffic diversions on other routes?
- e) Chideock Air Quality Management Area.
In the South West Peninsula Route Strategy document, it says that Chideock is an area of concern, not that an Air Quality Management Area has been declared.
AR said he would take this up with the RIS2 Team.
- f) RM spoke about the CPC A35 Working Group and how it plans to take matters forward, particularly by Community Engagement.

Date of next meeting – 10:30 am on Friday 2 February 2018.