

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

Minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting held at 6pm on Monday 20th February 2023 in The Windrush Room, The George Moore Community Centre

Those Present: Cllr A Roberts (Chairman), Cllrs A Davis, B Hadley, L Wilkins and B Wragge

In attendance Julie Catlow (Committee Clerk & minute taker)

Members of Public: There were none.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr M Macklin.
2. To note: Cllr L Wilkins as new Vice Chairman.
3. Declarations of Interest: There were none.
4. To receive and approve minutes of the Highways Committee held on Monday 9th January 2023: APPROVED
5. Opportunity for members of the public to speak: No members of the public were present.
6. Matters Arising:
 - (a) Community Speedwatch Safety Fund application: Cllr Roberts provided an update to the committee advising that having spoken with the GCC Highways Coordinator on 1st February, it was confirmed that the legal process for the application for a vehicle activated sign (VAS) has commenced and that he now awaits confirmation from GCC as to when the unit will be delivered.
 - (b) Solar powered streetlight at Melville: Cllr Roberts provided an update following his meeting on site with the Bromford Neighbourhood Coach and the Bromford Neighbourhood Coach's subsequent meeting with a contractor. A decision has been taken by Bromford to submit a bid to fund the installation of pillar lights in the cul-de-sac at 73-76 Melville. A decision regarding the funding bid is expected in April. At the same time, a contractor will trim trees and vegetation as required.
 - (c) Response to resident re. hedges along Fosse Row and, sight line obstruction exiting the Coop garage: A response has been received from the resident confirming that the hedge is cut back regularly and that they plan to ask their contractor if anything more can be done to improve the situation. They also advised that the hedge serves as a noise barrier. Cllr Roberts advised the committee that he had spoken to the Coop garage Duty Manager who arranged for the large coffee cup sign to be relocated which subsequently improved the sight line for cars exiting Bourton Vale Car Park and the petrol station. Unfortunately, the sign has been moved back to the original location. Cllr Davis will follow up again with the Coop garage.
 - (d) Repainting of road markings in Coop car park: Cllr Davis has escalated the requirement to renew the road markings within the main site to the Coop Head Office and awaits a response.
 - (e) Repainting of lines on footpath from tennis courts to Rye Close: Cllr Wragge advised the committee that this has not yet been actioned but is in hand.
 - (f) Response from Cotswold Cottage Gems regarding Parking: It was confirmed that The Lansdowne do not own Barton Cottage but offer guests one small car parking space with 1 Mouse Trap Lane, directly in front of the cottage which is the land owned by The Lansdowne. If a customer has a particularly large car and it is possible that it may obstruct the pavement, they can park in the staff parking at the back of The Lansdowne. Cllr Roberts confirmed that the parking issue has been highlighted to the Traffic Warden. Committee Clerk to follow up with the owner of Barton Cottage and to respond to the resident.
7. Police: To note: Police Cadets will be undertaking speed checks in Bourton during the last week of February. Cllr Roberts advised that the supervised Cadets will be using hand-held speed radar detectors and may issue on-the-spot fines.
8. Footpaths:
 - (a) To note: Public Path Diversion Order: Communication from Gloucestershire County Council under Highways Act 1980 - Section 119: The Formal Decision taken by the Inspector is to not confirm the Order, further updates will be communicated in due course.
 - (b) Periwinkle Bank and Manor Fields footpaths: Cllr Roberts reported that he had met with the Cotswold Wardens' parish representative on 8th February to consider clearing of mud to the hard surface underneath the path and possible requirement for the addition of hardcore. Unfortunately, due to the

weather conditions and frozen ground it was not possible to closely survey the path. Cllr Roberts advised the committee that he would follow this up again.

9. Traffic & Highways

(a) To note: Barrington Parish Council Traffic Calming Report: Cllr Roberts reported that he had responded to the Barrington Parish Clerk suggesting he should approach The Browser to include an article regarding the concerns. Cllr Roberts will additionally advise the Barrington Parish Clerk that Upper Rissington residents also use this route.

(b) To note: Cllr Roberts advised that he has attempted to arrange a meeting with the Deputy Area Highway Manager to discuss numerous matters arising and raised at the previous face-to-face meeting on the 29th September 2022. In the absence of the Deputy Area Highway Manager, it was agreed that this should now be escalated to the Area Highway Manager.

10. Review of Actions following Accessibility Audit: The committee considered the report, Cllr Roberts reported that some of the additional dropped kerbs will be covered by the Tourist Levy and that some improvement to footpaths have already been completed. The committee agreed that they will continue to look at the possibility of improving dropped kerbs in residential areas and to communicate with GCC Highways to improve paths around the village.

11. Budget spend:

(a) Proposal to transfer balance of speed reduction budget (currently £4,808) to an earmarked reserve: This was pending the purchase of further ANPR equipment or, an additional VAS (yet to be trialled owing to delay in delivery from the PCC Community Speedwatch funded): APPROVED, to be presented by Cllr Wilkins for consideration by full Council at the meeting on Wednesday 1st March 2023.

(b) Proposal to transfer balance of footpaths budget (currently £510) to an earmarked reserve, to allow works to be conducted in better weather: APPROVED, to be presented by Cllr Wilkins for consideration by full Council at the meeting on Wednesday 1st March 2023.

(c) Proposal to transfer money (£1,000) allocated for a Solar powered streetlight at Melville to an earmarked reserve owing to ongoing discussions with Bromford Housing regarding siting and permissions: APPROVED, to be presented by Cllr Wilkins for consideration by full Council at the meeting on Wednesday 1st March.

12. Correspondence:

(a) To note Email and response given to a resident re. Rissington Road Car Park:

This was reported to CDC (cc District Cllr Maunder) by the Clerk on behalf of the resident. Cllr Roberts spoke with the contractor who advised that water was being pumped out of the ditch further upstream and diverted round in a pipe to be discharged near Marshmouth Lane to lower the water level so that they could work on the ditch and culvert around the new carpark entrance. The resident has been emailed and advised of this and what action has been taken on his behalf.

13. Items to note:

Cllr Davis highlighted the issue raised on social media regarding visitors parking in Rye Close. Wardens to be asked to patrol Rye Close to check illegal parking on a more frequent basis. Committee agreed that the Assistant Clerk should communicate this to residents via social media.

Cllr Roberts reported that the VAS on Rissington Road is not functioning and that he would report this to GCC Highways.

Cllr Davis raised the issues associated with parking of coaches on Station Road, it was agreed that this should be considered at the next meeting.

14. Date of Next Meeting – 6pm on Monday 17th April 2023.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.05 hours.