

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Highways Committee held at 6pm on Monday 25th April 2022 in the Salmonsbury Room, The George Moore Community Centre

Those Present: Cllr A Roberts (Chairman & Minute Taker), Cllrs B Hadley, M Macklin, L Wilkins.

Members of Public: None

1. Apologies for absence: B Wragge, N Randall
2. Declarations of Interest: None
3. To receive and approve the minutes of the Highways Committee held on 14th February 2022.
Proposed by Cllr L Wilkins, seconded by Cllr B Hadley and APPROVED. Cllr Macklin abstained as he was absent from the February meeting.
4. Matters Arising:
 - a) No Crash Meeting 10th March. The Chair read a summary of the meeting provided by Cllr Hodgkinson. Most of the business related to roads away from Bourton parish, however there were two items to note. Firstly, the recent fatalities on the A429 were due to driver error not speed related, however, GCC would look at installing double white lines to discourage overtaking and consider erecting information signs stating the number of accidents to alert drivers. Secondly, that it was very unlikely that the A429 in the Bourton Bridge area would have the speed limit reduced to 40mph, however, the GCC road safety team would look at ways to make the junction safer.
 - b) 'Except for access' sign opposite Hacklings. This now faces the correct way.
 - c) New bus shelters by the Cotswold School entrance. Two new shelters have been installed.
 - d) Meadow Way bus shelter. GCC were surveying the Station Road bus stop site but as yet there had been no update on moving the shelter.
5. Police. No report.
6. Footpaths
 - (a) 47 Roman Way Boundary Hedge (Paper 1) and Tree. The footpath is partially obstructed by the width of the hedge. GCC Highways confirmed the minimum width should be 1.1m and the landowner should be asked to cut back the hedge to the pavement edge and trim any tree branches below 2.1m clearance height. They recommended that the initial approach was made by the Highways Committee and if the owner is unable to tackle the problem then GCC will make an approach, point out the obligations and if necessary cut back and charge the landowner for the work. The Clerk was requested to write to the landowner and copy in the GCC Deputy Area Highway Manager.
 - (b) Accident on pathway adjacent to Village Green: A lady tripped outside the Waterfront Tearooms and the Clerk advised her to contact GCC Highways. At the recent meeting, GCC were requested to cordon off the area temporarily and they proposed to resurface and smooth out the area over the tree roots. The Clerk was advised by the owner of the Waterfront Tearooms that the tenants had applied to have the tree either pollarded or removed. This was rejected by CDC as it covered two requests. The CDC Tree Officer said the request was unlikely to be granted and a TPO applied. The Clerk advised the Deputy Area Highway Manager and requested that they speak to CDC's Tree Officer and advise them of the safety issues.
 - (c) Wall at the rear of The Dial House boundary: This is in poor repair and the Dial House management had been advised several times verbally that the wall needed attending to. The Committee requested that the Clerk write to the Dial House to remind them that as the wall borders a public footpath it should be repaired on safety grounds. The GCC Area Public Rights of Way Officer to be copied in as well as the Deputy Area Highway Manager.
7. Traffic & Highways

- (a) Meeting with GCC Highways on 8th April: The Committee were encouraged and pleased by the report and hoped that the action points would be completed and quarterly meetings would be forthcoming. Cllr Roberts had written to request that the Library sign be repositioned.
 - (b) Grit bin on School Hill: The Committee were happy with the location. Cllr Roberts would write to GCC Highways to gain formal permission for the siting and request that the bin is filled by them when they do the pre-winter grit bin replenishment.
 - (c) Litter Picking: The new risk assessment has been circulated to volunteers with a request to confirm their acceptance and most have replied. The litter picking coordinator will chase up the others. The insurance company have confirmed that they are happy with the updated risk assessment.
 - (d) To note: Police webinar on Community Speedwatch on 26th April, Cllr Roberts to attend.
 - (e) Signs required on Station Road to the Cricket and Football Club: It was felt that the cost of direction signs should not fall on the parish and if permanent ones were required they should be funded by the clubs. It was suggested that on match days, the clubs should put out temporary direction signs. The Clerk was requested to write to the clubs with this suggestion.
8. Accessibility Audit: The Accessibility Audit had been passed on to the GCC Safety Team for review. The Committee agreed that the priorities were to deal with the lack of dropped kerbs by the disabled parking bays and by Post Office Corner. Also, to improve the foot path surfaces along the riverside walk; Chestnuts area; by Halford House and the path to Mousetrap lane. It was suggested that the Coop could improve signage to the store for people using the zebra crossing. Cllr Roberts would raise these points with GCC Highways and the Coop. It was also felt that some village shops could do more to encourage disabled access and a letter from the council might be beneficial. The Clerk was requested to add this proposal as an agenda item to the next Parish Council Meeting.
9. Review of TAG Group Report.
- Signage improvements to direct traffic via Station Road to the car parks were in hand. With Cllr Hodgkinson's assistance, the council would now move forward to request that GCC investigate the previously approved proposals to limit peak-time access via Lansdowne and High Street as well as other estate roads, and also investigate the feasibility of village centre pay and display. It was proposed that the disabled spaces by the Church Rooms be moved further towards Moore Road to allow a bus pull-in bay to be created. This would need full council approval. The Clerk was requested to add this item to the next council meeting agenda.
10. Correspondence:
- (a) Parking in Lansdowne. The Committee noted the residents' concerns but there was a limit to what could be done if drivers chose to deliberately ignore the restrictions or were inconsiderate in blocking driveways. If the resident wished to contact GCC directly they were at liberty to do so. It was noted that vehicles had been ticketed, and Traffic Warden patrols have increased for the summer. The development of the Ebley site should deter illegal parking, but the free spaces in front of the hairdresser were necessary for customers and did slow the traffic. The proposal to limit vehicle access to Lansdowne off the Fosse Way should help. The Committee would keep the situation under review. The Clerk was requested to respond to the resident.
11. Any Other Business (items to note only)
- (a) CDC have unblocked the drainage ditch by the Rissington Road Car Park. There is a plan in October to reduce the length of the culvert and create just one entry/exit point and to construct a new trash screen on the culvert inlet point to stop debris from entering.
 - (b) To note that a temporary road closure in Moore Road for a street party on Sat 4th June from 16.00-20.00 has been granted.
12. Date of Next Meeting – 6pm on Monday 16th May 2022 in the Windrush Room.