

# Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Highways Committee held at 6pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in  
The Windrush Room, The George Moore Community Centre

**Those Present:** Cllr A Roberts (Chairman & minute taker), Cllrs B Hadley, M Macklin and B Wragge

**Members of Public:** None

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs N Randall and L Wilkins.
2. Declarations of Interest: None
3. To receive and approve the minutes of the Highways Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.  
Proposed by Cllr Macklin, seconded by Cllr Wragge and unanimously APPROVED.
4. Opportunity for members of the public to speak. No members of the public present.
5. Matters Arising:
  - (a) 47 Roman Way boundary hedge and tree. The Clerk wrote to the resident, who wrote back about two nesting sites. The Clerk responded requesting that the hedge and tree are cut back at the appropriate time.
  - (b) TAG Group Report: Proposal to move disabled spaces further towards Moore Road to allow a bus pull-in bay to be created. Cllr Hodgkinson was meeting the Deputy Area Highway Manager soon to discuss this and other highways matters.
  - (c) Footpath on The Avenue between the church gates and School Hill Road. Repair work has been carried out on the worst potholes.
  - (d) Hedges at Georgeville, Station Road and South Lawn, Victoria Street. Both hedges have been cut back. Information to householders and landowners about keeping pavements and footpaths that border their property clear of foliage was being published in the Browser.
  - (e) Repainting of yellow lines outside Willoughby Place. Cllr Roberts emailed GCC Highways but had not had a response. It is hoped that Cllr Hodgkinson will be able to provide feedback from his forthcoming meeting with GCC Highways management.
  - (f) Email address for ANPR system administrator. The Parish Council has agreed in principle to continue with the existing website domain name from September. This would mean the old style email address could be retained at no additional cost.
  - (g) GCC Highways Local Fund. Cllr Hodgkinson has reported that he will look at the possibility of the fund being used to repair the footpath linking Mousetrap Lane to School Hill.
  - (h) Village improvements - matters for consideration – a reminder that the report author is to attend the VEC meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July to discuss matters raised.
  - (i) Bent railings at the bottom of The Avenue. The railings have been checked and there is adequate space for buggies and wheelchairs to pass.
6. Police. No report.
7. Footpaths: To note that a temporary repair to stabilise the bulging wall on The Naight footpath has been carried out by the owners. They intend to fully repair or replace the wall at a future date.
8. Traffic & Highways
  - (a) Coach unloading in the High Street: To note that the Clerk has contacted three coach companies in the past few weeks to advise them that they were operating illegally. Information wording for the website was still to be agreed as it had to be clear what the legal situation was and limit of the Council's advice.
  - (b) Resident request for grit bin on The Steeps: Cllr Roberts had conducted a site visit and identified 6 spots where a small bin could be placed. GCC Highways Customer Services were about to put in an order for bins and when costs were known they would advise.
9. Grant Funding:
  - (a) Community Speedwatch Safety Fund: Applications can only be made for Road Safety Officer support, a Speed Survey; Twenty is Plenty wheelie bin stickers, and either a Mobile vehicle activated sign (VAS) or a Community Speedwatch Camera but not both. The Committee agreed that the roads worst

affected by speeding were already well know, so Road Safety Officer support or another speed survey would not be the best use of resources. The cameras are cheap compared to the ones we have installed but have limitations. e.g. daylight or well-lit areas only, unidirectional, on-going costs, and questions about the practicality of operation. However, other parishes are installing them, so it would be useful to see how they get on with them first before we consider perhaps purchasing them independently. It was therefore decided that a Mobile VAS should be bid for, as drivers might respond positively to flashing reminders rather than just a camera. Also, 100 Twenty is Plenty stickers would be requested. Proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Macklin and unanimously APPROVED. Cllr Roberts would complete the application process.

**10. Correspondence:**

- (a) A resident of The Furrows had raised concerns about road safety at the nearby zebra crossing on Station Road – vehicles were occasionally not stopping when pedestrians were trying to cross. Was it an issue with visibility for the drivers? Could a 20mph limit be introduced and the crossing turned into a Puffin push button type.
- A site visit had been conducted and it appeared that the Belisha lights were bright enough and there was no distraction from the traffic lights as they were too far away. There were also warning notices about the crossing as drivers approached. Moreover at the start and end of the school day, when the flashing school warning lights were activated, Station Road was limited to 20mph anyway. However, it was noticed that there was a lot of foliage around the south side of the crossing which may obstruct drivers being able to see pedestrians waiting.
- The Committee decided that the Clerk should respond to the resident appropriately thanking them for raising the matter. GCC Highways should also be contacted to request whether the crossing could be made a push button Puffin type. The owner of the hedge would be asked to cut it back from the pavement.

**11. Any Other Business (items to note only).** There were no other items.

**12. Date of Next Meeting – 6pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18:32 hours.