



ROAD SAFETY GROUP MEETING

Monday 9th September 2019

Meeting Notes

- Present:** Cllr S Collingridge (Group Leader) Cllr C Edginton White (Deputy Group Leader), Cllr P Harrison,
- In Attendance:** Sharon Hudson, Town Clerk, The Mayor, Cllr J Byng, PC Stephen Thomas
- Apologies:** Cllrs A Coleman, R Coleman and R Stanczyszyn

1 GROUP LEADERS OPENING REMARKS

Cllr S Collingridge (Group Leader) apologised but was unable to stay for the meeting and handed over to the Deputy Group Leader Cllr C Edginton White to conduct the meeting in his absence.

Cllr S Collingridge left the meeting

2 Approve the notes of the previous meeting 06.08.19

The notes from the previous meeting were agreed.

3 COMPLAINT FROM NORTHWOOD LANE

The email complaint received did not specify where the incident referred to was situated, part of Northwood Lane site within the Kidderminster Foreign parish.

- Forward complaint to WCC Cllr Ian Hardiman.

4 WELCH GATE CONGESTION

Worcestershire County Council have previously suggested various traffic calming options which, as yet, have not been progressed; one option related to a one-way traffic management system. The group thought that this option may lead to additional standing traffic, increasing pollution, and speeding. The previous traffic management study had not been followed up and consideration should be given to starting it again.

- Cllr S Collingridge to approach WCC Cllr Becky Vale to provide an update on the previous report and to ask that the Welch Gate congestion issue is put back on the WCC agenda.
- Contact WCC Cllr Becky Vale to request an update on the scoping exercise.

5 ILLEGAL PARKING

Parking on pavements & Parking on double yellow lines

WFDC are holding a multi-agency meeting on 23/09/2019 to discuss parking issues in Bewdley.

The Police Chief Inspector James Baker had previously agreed to undertake a number of patrols with the Civil Enforcement team; PC S Thomas confirmed that

the WFDC Civil Enforcement team did not feel intimidated while carrying out their duties in Bewdley. On Sunday 08/09/2019 PC S Thomas spoke to Bikers parked on Severnside South and discussed the complaints received about perceived obstruction and noise issues. The Bikers took note and within the hour had left Bewdley.

- Following up with WCC Cllr Becky Vale on her agreement to provide new bollards in the Severnside South area.

The Town Clerk has contacted Stratford on Avon Council with regard to their Bikers Wednesdays. No response has yet been received. It was thought this maybe an option that Bewdley could consider, further investigations are required.

PC S Thomas also spoke of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which WFDC currently has in place in Bewdley. This order only covers certain areas and would need to be reviewed and updated.

- Invite Kathryn Underhill to the next Road Safety Group meeting to discuss the PSPO currently in place.
- Send copy of PSPO guidance to Councillors

There have been parking issues on Red Hill with cars parking on the pavement meaning that mobilise scooters are having to pass on the road. PC S Thomas confirm that tickets had been issued in this area for obstruction.

Consideration was given to erecting additional signage on Severnside South and North, Redhill and Dog Lane near the doctors surgery.

- Contact WCC Highway to identify what signage is available and at what cost.

6 SPEED AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Speed restriction regulations for the conservation area

Police speed cameras' have been in action on the Habberley Road. The Safer Road Partnership have speed cameras on Dowles Road.

- Contact Safer Road Partnership –
 - ask for a representative to attend the next meeting
 - request information with regard to current sites of speed cameras.
- Contact community speed watch to request increased signage.

Abuse of 7.5 ton weight limits

The signage on Bewdley gateways needs to be reviewed to identify whether it is adequate.

- Councillors to assess the gateway signage and report back (Cllr R Coleman may already have is information)
- Contact WCC Cllrs Becky Vale and Ian Hardiman with regard to improved signage.

7 ANY OTHER ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

- Cllr C Edginton White reported that she had received a complaint with regard to Anti-Social behaviour of a number of youths in the town. PC S Thomas was unaware of the issues.

- Parking near the school – work is currently in process with the School, the Police and other agencies.

8 **Next Meeting Date** - 08.10.2019

Meeting closed 12.13pm