

Minutes of a Meeting of the Rodington Parish Council Transport Working Group held at Longdon-Upon-Tern Village Hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7pm.

Present:

Cllr Sue Hodgskin from Rodington Parish Council. Six residents.

Apologies:

Two residents sent apologies.

Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated.

Matters Arising

Enquiries had been made about putting up extra signs through Longdon-Upon-Tern. Information had come back - it was up to Telford & Wrekin (T&W) where signs were sited, and the cost would be around £750 each.

**Action**

**It had been noted that the speed sign just past Longdon Hall had fallen over (it appeared that the pole had corroded). Telford & Wrekin to be notified.**

SIDs

The SIDs data sheets for Longdon Upon Tern, Rodington Heath & Somerwood were circulated to the meeting. The data for Longdon-Upon-Tern was still showing reduced volumes of traffic. Is this due to the temporary traffic lights on the bridge?

Longdon-Upon-Tern Bridge Update

SH – Unfortunately there had been no update from Telford & Wrekin on the plans for the bridge. The council had been written to. The clerk had asked for a face-to-face meeting as well as a progress report. T&W had said work should start between April and June, so it was disappointing there had been no contact. There were still issues with the temporary lights – they were failing too often. Another problem was some drivers were blatantly ignoring the red signals and just going through. The meeting felt this was a real road safety problem and was dangerous to drivers as well as pedestrians. The lights appeared to be on a timer (rather than a sensor) and this caused some drivers to go through red lights as they did not seem to be sure if the lights were working. Some drivers were jumping the lights (and overtaking waiting vehicles to do so). Potholes on the bridge had recently been repaired but were starting to appear again. Access from Isombridge Lane was still problematic.

The question of car transporters was raised. The group felt the numbers traveling through were still the same. However, there had been a couple of occasions where a transporter had been spotted outside the permitted weekend and Bank Holiday hours (10.00am – 4.00pm). SH had seen one at 9.35am on Easter Sunday.

**Action**

**SH to report back to RPC and ask for another letter to be written to T&W emphasising residents' concerns about safety (the number of vehicles going through red lights, access from Isombridge Lane, potholes, the frequency of the lights failing). The TWG wanted to know what the plans for the bridge were; what work was planned for the bridge and when it would start. Residents to make sure that traffic light failures and problems with potholes were always reported.**

**Residents to ensure that any transporter traffic outside permitted hours should be reported to Sue Hodgskin. SH to contact the resident who had access to a camera to see if it could be used to monitor the weekend traffic.**

### Housing Development at Bratton

Still no news on planning applications.

#### Action

To keep monitoring.

### Update on traffic calming

White Gates – The forms were now available, and an application would be going in.

Unfortunately, there had been another accident on Easter Sunday in Longdon-Upon-Tern at the same place as the crash on 26<sup>th</sup> February. The latest occasion involved one car which had rolled onto the side. The occupant, an elderly driver had to be extracted from the vehicle. According to subsequent police appeals for witnesses, the driver died the following day. This latest incident brought the total of serious accidents in Longdon-Upon-Tern to four since June 2025. A previous enquiry about double white lines in the village had prompted a reply from T&W outlining the criteria and advising that a history of injury collisions was required. The TWG felt a further approach should be made to T&W.

#### Action

RPC to be asked to formally write and inform T&W of this latest incident which needed to be seen in the context of general safety concerns

### Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7pm at Longdon-Upon-Tern Village Hall. (In the event of any update from T&W, SH will post details, and if required arrange an earlier meeting)

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.