

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group held online via Zoom on Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Cllr A L Jones (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs M P Lewis
Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt
District Cllr A J Dent
County Cllr Mrs C Channon
E Sampson (Devon County Council Neighbourhood Highways Officer)
A Tilbury (Chamber of Commerce)
G Maddaford (Otter Valley Association)

Secretary: Mrs J E Vanstone

557. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr A F Chaplin, Cllr Mrs H Houston and Phil Morgan (Devon County Council).

558. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held on 4 October 2022 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

559. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

- West Hill/Exmouth Road – Community SpeedWatch. Jo advised that she was still to hear from the Police regarding speed checks and would contact the relevant officer. Penny asked if the speed check carried out by Devon County Council had been for a day or longer. Emma confirmed the equipment was active 24 hours a day for a week.
- East Budleigh Road – Cycle Path. Emma said she did not have a lot to report. The project would cost a huge amount but she would put in a request to the transport planners and report at the next meeting.

560. Evans Field

The ongoing problems encountered by the residents of this new development were discussed:

- Lack of footway to link up with Bedlands Lane
- Lack of street lighting

Christine said she was disappointed that there was still no progress. Emma asked if it was worth asking Darryl Jagger (County Planning Officer) to the next meeting and answer any questions regarding this development. She will forward his contact details to Jo.

561. Granary Lane

Consideration was given to registering an expression of interest for a 20mph limit on all or part of this road.

George said that the real problem was with cyclists rather than vehicles!

Emma said there was very little collision data and it was agreed no further action will be taken.

562. Boyne Road

An application for a disabled parking bay outside 23 and 25 Boyne Road was noted. Emma explained that this space was being made “mandatory” to stop other non-disabled car users parking there.

563. Traffic Speeds

An email from a resident, relating to perceived traffic and speeding issues around the town, had been circulated prior to the meeting and the following comments were made:

- Knowle – Emma advised that there was some collision data here. The Community SpeedWatch team were doing a good job as was the speed sign outside the Village Hall. The Group were not sure what else could be done to reduce speeds in this area.
- Dalditch Lane – Christine suggested that hatching be introduced at the junction with Knowle Village, or possibly Double Yellow Lines (DYL). Emma will speak to the Traffic Team and report at the next meeting.
- Coastguard Road – Emma confirmed there was no collision data. We will monitor this road.
- High Street – the issues mentioned in the email will be monitored once the passing place is created. George suggested an additional set of traffic lights be installed but Christine said she was not in favour of this idea.
- Bedlands Lane/Barn Lane – all agreed that this part of the town is busy but only at the start and end of the school day.

Jo will reply to the resident thanking her for her concern and explain that the Group will continue to monitor these areas.

564. Any Other Business at the Chairman’s Discretion

- Christine asked Emma when the DYL outside Seachange would be installed. Emma advised that this was likely to be the summer but she would chase the Traffic Team.
- Christine then reported on a letter received from a resident of Westfield Road. The resident was worried that during the recent cold weather the road had become very dangerous, so much so that she had damaged her car. Christine suggested moving the grit box from outside the church. Emma asked if there was a Snow Warden in the town. Caz suggested speaking to Cllr A J Harris who is the Chairman of the Council’s Emergency Group.
- Caz asked if the speed and weight limit signs on Barn Lane could be looked at as the road was not capable of taking the size of vehicles which were currently travelling along it.
- Alan T mentioned the potholes outside the library. Emma said that Station Road was due for resurfacing in 2024 but would get the Reactive team to look at these. Christine advised that the same team was currently gritting the roads!
- George said he had received a letter from a neighbour regarding the traffic lights at the War Memorial. He realised the suggestions might not be feasible but thought it was worth considering. Emma said the two-way traffic lights at Salting Hill would remain in place until after Easter and if it worked well, she might apply for an extension. Penny asked what measures were used to monitor the lights. Emma said she would be monitoring them!

565. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Zoom on Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 2.00pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 3.26pm.

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Chairman

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Date