

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group held online via Zoom on Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Cllr A L Jones (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt

District Cllr A J Dent

D Jagger (Devon County Council Highway Agreement Officer)

Mrs E Sampson (Devon County Council Neighbourhood Highways Officer)

P Morgan (Devon County Council Highway Engineer)

A Tilbury (Chamber of Commerce)

R Wiltshire (Otter Valley Association)

Secretary: Mrs J E Vanstone

The Chairman advised that the item on Evans Field would be discussed first.

566. Evans Field

Darryl explained that the developer, Sunningdale House (SH), had agreed to a 278 Agreement; this would allow SH to carry out works on the Highway. SH had to forward funds to Devon County Council (DCC) which would act as security in the event the work was not carried out. SH would install a footway to link the development with Bedlands Lane, install street lighting and fund the extension of the 30mph limit. Darryl advised that this work would need to be included in a Traffic Order which in turn would need the usual advertising and approval.

Darryl said the street lighting would run from the junction of the existing footpath to the new development.

Emma asked if SH had a time scale to get the funds to DCC. Darryl said that the legal agreement needed to be in place before that could happen.

Alan J thanked Darryl for the update – things looked promising. He suggested the item be kept on the agenda until the work had been completed.

566. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr A F Chaplin.

Cllr Mrs M P Lewis, County Cllr Mrs C Channon and Cllr Mrs H Houston were not present.

567. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held on 24 January 2023 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

Bob advised that George had attended the last meeting but his name was missing from the Minutes. Jo said she would add his name before they were signed off..

568. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

- West Hill/Exmouth Road – Community SpeedWatch. Jo said she had still not heard from the Police and would contact them again.
- East Budleigh Road – Cycle Path. Emma had spoken to the Cycling Team but they were concentrating their efforts in the towns and cities. There was no funding at present but it was on their list and Emma suggested it be kept on the agenda. Emma also suggested that Jo write to them with the proposal, especially with the relocation of the Cricket Club happening soon.

- Dalditch Lane – addition of white hatching. Emma advised that no hatching would be installed unless it was part of an bigger scheme. She suggested Double Yellow Lines (DYL) but that would need to be approved by the Highways and Traffic Order Committee. The closing date for the current year was September 2023.

Penny joined the meeting – she had had difficulty with Zoom.

569. Granary Lane/South Farm Road

Consideration was given to requesting Double Yellow Lines at the following locations:

- from the junction of Granary Lane along South Farm Road to the start of the new road
- from the northern end of Granary Lane south to Otters Reach

Emma said she would monitor these roads, especially over the Easter holidays, and report at the next meeting. She would take some photographs and Jo said she would too. She wondered if Kier could be asked to contribute to the cost of a Traffic Order. She added that derestricted speed signs on South Farm Road had been bagged. She would speak to Darryl as to why this road was not included within the 30mph limit.

570. Salting Hill/Coastguard Hill

Consideration was given to requesting the temporary traffic lights on Salting Hill be made permanent once the present work is finished.

Emma said the lights were part of the Lower Otter car park works and the Environment Agency were going to apply for an extension of the current system.

She added that congestion problems were mainly during the summer months.

Phil said installing permanent traffic lights was very costly (in the region of £250000). He also wondered if air quality checks had been carried out while the current lights were in situ, as this data would be useful.

Emma advised she would visit the area over the Easter holidays and see how things were going – it was vital the lights were active at weekends!

571. Any Other Business at the Chairman’s Discretion

- Caz wondered if a “slow” sign could be installed between Knowle roundabout and Oak Barn Furnishings following a couple of recent nasty accidents. No obvious location could be seen but Phil and Emma will investigate and Emma will also speak to Nigel Flower to see if he has any suggestions.
- Caz asked if the cables across the road at Evans Field were counting traffic numbers. Emma said she was not sure although this was probably the case!

572. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Zoom on either Tuesday 27 June or Tuesday 4 July 2023 – Jo will circulate the Group after the Elections for the preferred date.

Jo advised that Alan J was retiring from the Town Council in May and she thanked him and Alan D, who was retiring from East Devon District Council at the same time, for their contributions to the Group over recent years.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 3.04pm.

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Chairman

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Date