

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group held in the Council Offices, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton on Tuesday 4 July 2023 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Cllr A F Chaplin

Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt

County Cllr Mrs C Channon

Cllr Mrs H Houston (East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council)

Mrs E Sampson (Devon County Council Neighbourhood Highways Officer)

Mr A Tilbury (Budleigh Information Centre)

Mr R Wiltshire (Otter Valley Association)

Secretary: Mrs J E Vanstone

573. Election of Chairman

Christine proposed, Alan C seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Caz be appointed Chairman.

574. Apologies for Absence

Mr P Morgan (Devon County Council Highways Engineer).

Christine asked if any District Councillors would be in attendance. Jo explained that because of work/family commitments it was difficult for them to come along. District Cllr Ms C Fitzgerald had asked if the meetings could be moved to 1.00pm which may allow her to attend. Group members agreed this was not feasible.

575. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held on 21 March 2023 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

576. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

- West Hill/Exmouth Road. Jo advised that she had still not heard back from the Community SpeedWatch officer. No further action will be taken by this Group.
- East Budleigh Road – Cycle Path. Emma advised that this request had been added to the list but the team was concentrating on cycling in the larger towns. She will try and get a project cost from Nigel Flowers. The path is well used by children from Budleigh Salterton and East Budleigh going to the new Cricket Club.
- Dalditch Lane – double yellow lines (DYL). Emma said she would try for white lines first. Christine suggested it be put on the list for the September HATOC meeting.
- South Farm Road/Granary Lane – double yellow lines. Emma said she would speak to Darryl Jagger (DCC Highway Agreement Officer) about this. She thought it a good idea to install DYL on the slope and wondered if Kier could cover the cost of this.
- South Farm Road – 30mph signage. Emma said this was supposed to be 30mph and the signs would be switched over when the scheme was completed.
- Salting Hill/Coastguard Hill – temporary traffic lights. Emma had been in the area over the weekend and the trial had received positive feedback. However this was ending in September and she doubted permanent lights could be installed due to funding limitations (she estimated the scheme would cost in the region of £200000). No further action will be taken by this Group.

577. 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 explained that the agreement was in place but the developer had not paid the associated fees.

It was agreed there is nothing further this Group could do but Darryl Jagger will continue to work with the developers for a satisfactory outcome.

Jo will forward the planning application details to Emma in time for her meeting on 10 July.

578. Tidwell Road

Access for emergency vehicles was discussed. Caz explained that the Fire Service struggled to access this road and Hayes Close, Tidwell Close and Salterne Meadows. Emma will visit the road with Christine and if necessary will request DYL at the junction with Greenway Lane.

579. St Peter's School: Active Travel feedback

The comments from the children and families had been circulated prior to the Meeting. Christine said she had spoken with the Head Teacher, Steve Hitchcock about a crossing warden. Parked cars are also a concern.

Jo will write to Steve Hitchcock regarding the following items which this group feels could be dealt with by the PTA:

- reinstatement of the virtual bus
- bus for out of area children
- cycling proficiency

Heather left the meeting.

580. Upper Stoneborough Lane

The parking issues at the junction of Westfield Close were discussed. Christine said that more cars seemed to be parking in this area which was causing problems for drivers using Westfield Close. She suggested DYL on the corners and asked Emma to put this on the HATOC list.

581. Knowle Roundabout

Consideration was given to a suggestion that arrows be installed on the road to aid drivers exiting to Exmouth and Woodbury Common.

Emma will take a look and report at the next meeting.

582. War Memorial

The installation of higher kerbs around the War Memorial was discussed.

Emma explained that this was not a highway issue and had previously suggested that Jo contact the War Memorials Trust for advice on how to best protect the memorial from collisions.

583. Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

- Alan T wondered if the 30mph limit on East Budleigh Road could be moved to include the new Cricket Club.
- Bob asked about the passing places in the High Street. Emma reported that this scheme had been approved and would be installed at the end of the summer
- Christine commented on the amount of over-hanging bushes at Dial House and Watch Hill. Emma will send a letter to Dial House and Jo will write to Watch Hill.

- Jo said that she and Emma had been in touch about the No Cycling signage for Marine Parade. Jo said that East Devon District Council were of the opinion that it was DCC responsibility (and vice versa). Jo will again request that EDDC do this.
- Jo mentioned that the residents of Palm Court had again contacted her about the caravan parked on Coastguard Road. Emma said the only way of moving it on was legal action but she would try and speak to the owner again.

584. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in the Council Offices on Tuesday 12 September 2023 at 2.00pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 4.10pm.

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