

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 12 September 2023 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt (Chairman)
Cllr A F Chaplin
Cllr D Walsh
Cllr W K Wood
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

Others Present: Two members of the public

585. Apologies for Absence

Mr P Morgan (Devon County Council Highways Engineer)

586. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held on 4 July 2023 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

587. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

- East Budleigh Road – Cycle Path. Emma advised that there was no chance of this project going ahead in the short term. The idea had been put to the Transportation Planners but they were concentrating on urban projects. No further action will be taken by this Group for the time being.
- Dalditch Lane – double yellow lines. Emma advised that this was on the Traffic Regulations list and would be considered later in the year. No further action will be taken by this Group.
- South Farm Road/Granary Lane – double yellow lines and 30mph signage. Emma confirmed she had passed these items to Darryl Jagger and he and Nigel Flowers would undertake a Safety Audit.
- Knowle Roundabout – better road markings. Emma said she was struggling to see the problem at this location. She will carry out some observation and report back to the Group at the next meeting. She added that the road might just need re-marking. David mentioned the condition of the junction at Pretty Corner. Emma said she knew about that problem, but the repair was not suitable for the surface dressing team to carry out.

588. Moormead

An email from a resident, regarding parking issues on Moor Lane, had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Emma said she had met with the residents and now better understood the problems they were encountering. She said they lived at the end of The Green where the cycle/pedestrian path meets the footpath and dropped kerb. She explained cars were parking in front of their driveway making it difficult for cyclists and pedestrians to see if there are any cars coming.

She suggested some no parking signs outside the house and East Devon District Council could be asked to install better signage on The Green. She also thought a section of Double Yellow Lines might help and explained that this did take time to be authorised.

Christine added that the verge needed more regular cutting as this impaired the visibility of cars coming down Moor Lane.

The members of the public left the meeting.

589. High Street

Consideration was given to a suggestion from Cllr R D Sherriff to install a wide sleeping policeman in the vicinity of David Rhys Estate Agents. He felt this would slow traffic and provide a safe crossing place for those with pushchairs and using mobility scooters.

Christine asked when the passing place was going to be installed. Emma said she could not understand why the work had not happened yet and would chase it up.

Christine thought that Cllr Sherriff's suggestion be put on the back burner until the passing places had been in position for some time. She also thought that a hatched box outside Staddons Garage would be useful.

590. B3178

Caz explained that the road markings in the vicinity of Barn Lane and Tidwell Barton were faded. Emma will look at this section of the road and if necessary request replacement markings.

591. Station Road

A request for a small ramp at the steps between 24 and 25 Station Road, facilitating easier access for those with mobility issues, was discussed.

Whilst members could see why the request had been made, it was felt the path was too steep for a ramp. Emma added there would not be any funding for such a project, especially without sufficient justification.

Christine asked Emma to do a costing of the project and report to a future meeting.

Heather left the meeting.

592. Westfield Road

An email from a resident regarding parking issues on Westfield Road was received and considered.

Whilst members have some sympathy for residents, it was noted that this is one of the widest roads in the town and the perennial issue is a seasonal one. No further action will be taken by this Group.

593. Safety within the Town

An email from Cllr Mrs M P Lewis, regarding issues she feels this Group should be discussing, had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Jo was asked to write to Cllr Lewis requesting examples of the unsafe pavements and areas which need dropped kerbs and when received, this Group will give them due consideration.

Cllr Lewis will also be asked for some ideas to encourage residents to leave their cars at home.

Christine added that she had been contacted by the Patient Group about an issue with the footpath outside the Medical Centre.

594. Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

- A request for a replacement post at the junction of West Hill and Sherbrook Hill had been received. Emma said a new verge marker was needed and she would order one.
- A copy letter from Palm Court Management Company regarding the caravan parked on Coastguard Road was received and noted.

- Emma advised that the residents of Watch Hill and Dial House will receive notices from Devon County Council requesting they attend to the overgrown hedges etc.
- Christine said the gully on Chapel Hill needed cleaning. Jo will ask the town handyman to do this.
- Caz requested a site visit to Tidwell Road to view the number of parked cars. Emma said she would be able to visit in the next two weeks. Keith said the number of work vans along Greenway Lane was causing the biggest problem.
- Jo reported that the railings on Fore Street were in quite a bad state of repair. She wondered whether now was the time to replace them! Emma said she would forward the names of suppliers.
- Christine asked Emma to investigate why the work on Knowle Hill had not been carried out when scheduled.
- There are a lot of campervans parked around the town, particularly Raleigh Road/Clinton Terrace/Upper Stoneborough Lane. Whilst they are taxed and insured there is nothing that can be done to move them on, but the owners should be encouraged to park more sensibly!
- Alan reported that the bollard at the end of the seafront, by Raleigh Wall, had been hit. Bob explained that the owner of 1 Marine Parade had been driving the car which had caused the damage; Emma will forward the information to Tom Buxton-Smith at East Devon District Council.

595. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in the Council Offices on Tuesday 7 November 2023 at 2.00pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 3.50pm.

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Chairman

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Date