

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 16 January 2024 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt (Chairman)

Cllr D Walsh

Cllr W K Wood

County Cllr Mrs C Channon

Mrs E Sampson (Devon County Council Neighbourhood Highways Officer)

Mr A Tilbury (Budleigh Information Centre)

Mr R Wiltshire (Otter Valley Association)

Mrs J E Vanstone (Secretary)

596. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A F Chaplin, District Cllr Ms C Fitzgerald and Mr P Morgan (Devon County Council Neighbourhood Highways Engineer)

Cllr Mrs H Houston (East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council) was not present.

597. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held on 12 September 2023 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

598. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

- South Farm Road/Granary Lane. Christine reported that she had spoken to John Varley from Clinton Devon Estates (CDE) who had confirmed CDE were happy to pay for any Double Yellow Lines (DYL) along South Farm Road. She explained that the road had not been adopted and until it was, the lining work could not be carried out. A request for DYL on the bend near South Farm Cottages would be added to the next Highways & Traffic Orders Committee – East Devon (HATOC) list. Jo added that the road is in “legal limbo” as it is not officially a public highway. The Environment Agency has to do a Stage 3 Safety Audit which then has to be independently audited and any safety problems raised and recommendations dealt with. After this has happened the road can be classed public highway and the subsequent lining work carried out.
- South Farm Road. Emma confirmed that the question regarding the 30mph signage on this road was being dealt with by her colleague Darryl Jagger. She added that the 30mph signs should be covered up until such time the issues in item 1 above were sorted out.
- Knowle Roundabout. Emma explained that Devon County Council would only re-mark junction markings if there was a safety issue. She had checked the area around the roundabout and confirmed that any re-marking would only be done when the road was resurfaced. No further action will be taken by this Group.
- Tidwell Road/Greenway Lane. Emma said she had met with Caz and could see the problems with cars parked at this junction. She thought DYL would help and she would add this to the HATOC list.
There was then some discussion about the possibility of a 20mph speed limit along Greenway Lane. Emma said that evidence and data was needed and she offered to carry out a speed survey. Keith will forward some photographs to Emma to support this request.

- Cricket Field Lane. Christine reported that the hedging on the corner of Dial House had been cut back and the main offender was now Watch Hill! Jo will forward the address of the management company to Emma so she can send out an official notice.
- Station Road. Emma confirmed that she had not obtained any costings for a ramp. Jo updated members that the resident who had requested the ramp, had since passed away. No further action will be taken by this Group.
- Fore Street. Emma reported that she had met with a contractor who was able to repair the railings. She had forwarded his information to Jo, who will contact him.

599. Moormead

The parking issues affecting residents on Moor Lane adjacent to the end of The Green was discussed. Emma advised that she had put in a request for DYL to be added to the HATOC list.

600. Safety within the Town

The response from Cllr Mrs M P Lewis regarding issues she feels this Group should be discussing had been circulated prior to the Meeting and the contents were noted. No further action will be taken by this Group.

601. Potholes/Poor Road Surfaces

A discussion took place regarding which roads need pothole repairs:

- High Street
- Station Road, opposite the Library
- Greenway Lane opposite number 5
- Junction at Pretty Corner (Exmouth Road/Knowle Village)
- Barn Lane

602. Elmside

Correspondence from a resident regarding parking issues at the entrance to this road had been circulated prior to the Meeting. Emma confirmed that she had already been contacted about this problem and had requested DYL be added to the HATOC list. It was also suggested that the residents near the junction with Station Road be asked to put up a polite notice asking for no parking on that section of the road.

603. High Street – Passing Place

A discussion took place on the newly installed passing place and whether it was a suitable size.

All agreed that the space was not big enough and was in need of adequate signage to stop people parking there. Christine added that “kerb blips” were needed too. Emma said she would look at the original Traffic Order and report at the next meeting.

604. Any Other Business at the Chairman’s Discretion

- Christine said the requested grit bin for East Budleigh had not been installed.
- She also said she had lost the list of Traffic Orders – Emma will ask Pippa Grey to re-send it.
- Alan T asked if the reason for the recent cliff fall was a water leak as there was a broken pipe in the exposed cliff. Emma explained that the reason for the fall was the amount of surface water, and nothing else. East Devon District Council were leading on the repairs.
- Jo asked if Greenway Gardens were adopted Highway. Emma advised that she should contact Darryl Jagger.
- Jo also asked if there was to be any further action on the request for a grit bin in Westfield Road.

- Jo asked if the request for DYL on the corner of Coastguard Road and East Budleigh was being progressed. Christine said she would forward the list when she had received it from Pippa.
- Caz mentioned the flooding problem at the entrance to Liverton Business Park. Emma said she was not getting on very well with her requests to sort it out. Christine suggested she contact Cllr Jeff Trail.
- Keith mentioned how dark The Green was at night and wondered if lighting could be installed. Jo advised that this had been discussed some years previously and would dig out the details for a future meeting.

605. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in the Council Offices on Tuesday 19 March 2024 at 2.00pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 3.28pm.

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Chairman

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Date

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