

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group held online via Zoom on Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Cllr A L Jones (Chairman)

Cllr A F Chaplin

Cllr Mrs M P Lewis

Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt

Cllr H Houston (East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council)

County Cllr Mrs C Channon

E Stamp (Devon County Council Neighbourhood Highways Officer)

A Tilbury (Chamber of Commerce)

G Maddaford (Otter Valley Association)

Secretary: Mrs J E Vanstone

458. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from District Cllr A J Dent.

459. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held online via Zoom on 17 November 2020 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

460. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

- East Budleigh Road – speed check results. Emma advised that she had not received a response from the Traffic team and would chase this up.
- Exmouth Road/West Hill – patching works. Emma advised that the work was in progress. The work was being carried out during the day, rather than at night, as the traffic count was low due to lockdown.
- High Street – creation of a passing place. Emma explained that the suggestion [to remove two or three parking spaces (opposite Hays Travel) and the addition of a parking space outside High Street Fruit & Veg] would be added to the next Traffic Regulation Order list. The scheme would then be designed and if approved would go to the East Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC) and, after that, formal advertising. She advised that this process could take 18 months.
- High Street/Fore Street – obstructions on footways. Emma confirmed that she checked this every time she visited the town. She also confirmed that any signs should be taken in at night unless they were securely padlocked. It was suggested that the Chamber of Commerce raised the issue of signs near shop doorways with its members; signs could cause a problem with social distancing.
- Coastguard Road/Fore Street Hill/East Budleigh Road – Replacement bollard. Emma reported that the bollard was on order and would be installed by contractors in due course. Alan T said a local resident had asked if something could be done to “pretty up” the bollard and Emma said she would like to see any designs but was happy with the suggestion in principle.
- Dial House, Chapel Hill – vegetation/wall. Emma reported that this was being dealt with by County officers.
- Fore Street – damaged railings. Emma reported this was with Devon County Council (DCC) Structures Team but would chase it up.
- Lane between Station Road and The Lawn – the ‘No Cycling’ signs were now installed.
- Coast path to Rosemullion Flats – No Cycling signs. Jo will chase this up with East Devon District Council (EDDC).

- Dark Lane – speeding issues. Jo reported that she had not heard anything from the residents
- West Hill/Exmouth Road – speeding issues. Emma said it was possible to install a ‘pedestrians in road’ sign and would look into that possibility. All agreed that there was a need to find a solution to the issues on these roads!
 - Flexible Bollards. It was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting as traffic levels were low due to the lockdown. Emma confirmed that she will organise a site visit with the engineer to discuss this suggestion.
 - Community SpeedWatch. Jo advised that she had not done anything about this as yet but hoped to have time to do this before the next meeting.

461. Upper Stoneborough Lane

The installation of wheelchair access from this road onto East Budleigh Road was discussed. Emma and Alan D were going to organise a site visit. Jo added that the problem was a lack of dropped kerbs.

Christine said she will speak to the resident who raised the issue.

Emma will look at this with the Road Safety Officer and report back to the Group.

462. Middle Street and Lower Budleigh, East Budleigh

The traffic issues along these roads (both traffic speeds and parking problems) were discussed. Heather reported that there were concerns about the speed of traffic along Middle Street as well as the parking issues at the Pound.

Emma advised that she had carried out a traffic speed check recently and during the hour she had been in situ, had not seen much speeding. She added that there was no accident data for that area.

Heather asked if it were possible to set up a Community SpeedWatch group for East Budleigh Road, particularly in the region of The Rolle Arms.

Emma agreed to meet with Heather and walk around the roads in question.

Emma asked if Drakes School had a Travel to School Plan and Christine confirmed she will raise the issue at the next governors’ meeting.

463. Any Other Business at the Chairman’s Discretion

- High Street/Fore Street – one way system. George thought this issue should be raised again. He knew the subject had been discussed many times but the traffic and pedestrian problems in the High Street continued. It was agreed that this should be discussed again but not for 12 months.
- Moormead – parking issues
 - Parked boat. Emma will log this
 - Parked lorries. Emma advised that she was aware of this issue and will continue to monitor the situation.
- Caz confirmed that the Fire Service had put notices on vehicles causing an obstruction in Tidwell Road but unfortunately this had moved the problems elsewhere. She confirmed the jet-ski had now gone.
- Boucher Road – Christine advised that she had received a complaint about an order for Double Yellow Lines (DYL) and had agreed with residents that DYL were not needed. Emma added that this had been raised a couple of summers ago when beach-users had been parking on this road. Christine confirmed the Order would be shelved.
- South Field Lodge, Bicton. Christine reported that she had received a complaint about HGVs using this lane and causing issues with the banks along the lane. She wondered whether a restriction could be put in place as it was mainly HGVs and tractors that were the problem and horseboxes were not an issue. Emma confirmed she would look into this issue.
- Alan T reported the hole on Marine Parade, just along from the War Memorial. Jo confirmed it had been reported to DCC.

- Alan T also reported that the problems with parking on Redhills and Penlee continued. Emma confirmed Penlee was a private road but the request for DYL for Redhills would be considered.
- Evans Field – lack of street lighting and footway linking the development to Bedlands Lane. Christine confirmed that the legal agreement for lighting had been issued by DCC Legal team and the developers’ solicitors had not returned it. She felt EDDC Planning Enforcement now needed to be involved and the Housing Association/home-owners should have raised this before the site was occupied. The following action was agreed:
 - Street Lights – Christine will chase this up with County Solicitors
 - Footpath – Jo will contact EDDC Planning Enforcement Officers. Emma will ascertain the cost of installing the footpath. Jo will ask EDDC StreetScene to clear the existing footpath from Bedlands Lane.
 - 30mph Limit – Christine will look at the possibility of extending the 30mph limit to take in the development.
- Stoneborough Lane/Otter Court – DYL. Jo confirmed that this work was supposed to be carried out in November but had still not been done. She had chased this up with the DCC Traffic Team.
- Fore Street Railings – Jo reported that she had received an email from DCC Structures Team during the meeting which confirmed that, all being well, the replacement railings would be installed by the end of February.

464. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 2.00pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 4.32pm.

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Chairman

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