

## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 28 September 2016 at 2.30pm.

### **PRESENT**

Cllr S V Hall (Chairman)  
Cllr A J Dent  
County Cllr Mrs C Channon  
Ms J Fergusson (DCC Highways)  
Ms A Pitchford (DCC Highways)  
PCSO C Major  
G Maddaford (Otter Valley Association)  
A Tilbury (BS & District Chamber of Commerce)

**Secretary:** Mrs J E Vanstone

### **302. Election of Chairman**

Alan D proposed, Alan T seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Steve be appointed Chairman.

### **303. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr T D Wright and Cllr J White.

### **304. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held on 2 March 2016 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

### **305. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting**

No matters arising.

### **306. Town Traffic Order**

Amanda advised that all the measurements had been done and as the Order had been added to the East Devon HATOC list, there would not be any cost to the Town Council. Christine's funds would be returned to her. She said that the East Devon order was a big order and Lee Cranmer was working through it. She was not sure of the timings but was hopeful the lining would be carried out before the end of March 2017. Christine asked about Disabled Spaces. Amanda said that the white lines were painted by DCC but were advisory only. If a blue post plate was required, it would have to be included on a full Traffic Order.

### **307. Knowle Village**

The email from Mr G Watson had been circulated prior to the meeting. Steve thanked DCC for carrying out the surface dressing works and he wondered why the edge of carriageway white lines had not been done. Amanda said she would check this. Chantalle thought vehicles were travelling even faster now there were no white lines. Christine disagreed and said that idea worked well. She then advised that the VAS fund raising was going well. Amanda was working on the group's plans with Mr Watson. Chantalle reported that the Community Speedwatch group had been up and running for approximately five months. She said that quite a few letters had been issued to drivers who were travelling over 36 mph. Some second letters had also been issued and Chantalle had visited these drivers. If a third letter was issued they would be added to the ANPR list and if that vehicle is stopped the traffic officer is notified this driver is a regular speeder. She said that all the data collected by the Speedwatch group goes to a central office.

There was then some discussion on the Bedlands Lane junction. Chantalle said that there was definitely a kerb located under the hedge. Jo said this job would be too much for the Town Handyman to cope with.

Alan D asked if the Group needed to respond to Mr Watson. Christine suggested that KVTG is congratulated on its fund raising for the VAS and tell them that the BSTG will continue to monitor the situation in the village.

Jo will forward a copy of the KVTG suggestions to Julie.

**308. East Budleigh Road/Upper Stoneborough Lane Junction**

Alan T said he was concerned about the parking situation at this junction, particularly on Upper Stoneborough Lane, outside 19 East Budleigh Road. He wondered whether the cars were from the bed and breakfast accommodation on the other side of the road. Christine thought there seemed to be less white hatching on the opposite side of the junction and added she would speak to Kathryn Hislop at Stoneborough House to see if she could assist.

Julie said she would check the road collision data for that junction.

**309. Granary Lane**

The road subsidence adjacent to the dike was discussed. Alan said that the road actually dipped between the Cricket Club entrance and the Lime Kiln car park. Julie said she had not received any reports about the structure of the road. She was aware of a collapsed drain and wondered if it needed some more work to it.

Alan T added that it was a danger to cyclists and motor cyclists.

**310. Potholes**

There was some discussion about the issue of potholes in the town.

Christine mentioned the pothole outside the Football Club. Julie said she had inspected this and it was not a defect and not a danger and was therefore not a priority. Christine mentioned a pothole in Bedlands Lane. She said she had asked for details of other potholes but so far had not received any information.

Chantalle mentioned a pothole outside Greenhaven flats

Julie advised that the area outside Shandford would be resurfaced early next year.

Steve asked about the effect of South West Highways (SWH) losing its contract with DCC.

Christine said that she did not know why SWH had not won the contract and we would all have to wait and see!

She then said she had received one or two emails about the travellers who had taken up residence in the lay-by on East Budleigh Road. Julie said the Traveller Liaison Officer had visited them and asked them to move on – they had been told there would be deliveries and the lay-by was needed!

**311. Chapel Hill**

The collapsed wall belonging to Dial House was discussed. Steve said part of the wall was coned off at the moment and wondered if DCC could write to the owners asking that they address the problem.

Julie said she had been to take a look – there were five flats and it was the owner's responsibility. She was not sure if DCC could do anything but she would ask the Structures team to take a look.

Christine added this was a longstanding issue and there was a lot of vegetation growing out into the road. She was concerned that if the wall failed and trees came down it would block the road and worse still, could damage houses in East Terrace.

**312. Future Meetings**

Steve asked if it would be beneficial to invite representatives from the Fire/Ambulance Service to discuss parking in some roads in the town and all agreed that it would be most helpful.

**313. Parking along Greenway Lane and the adjacent roads**

A letter from Mrs D Nicholls, addressed to Chantalle and copied to DCC, Christine and the BSTG, had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Chantalle said she had liaised with DCC before responding. She had informed Mrs Nicholls that it was not possible to have marked bays and residents' permits had been discussed previously and was not a suitable solution.

Christine said she had looked at parking in Greenway Gardens and suggested that residents park there!

It was agreed that no further action should be taken.

**314. Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion**

1. West Hill Lane – Planning. Steve asked if someone from DCC could take another look at the exit from West Hill Lane. Christine agreed, she said it was a very dangerous junction. Julie said she presumed an officer had already looked at the site but would see if someone else could visit.
2. Exmouth Road Bus Stop. Steve said he had received an email from a lady who wanted the wooden bus stop moved nearer the Knowle junction. Julie said she had been in touch with this lady and would deal with a formal request if it came via the Town Council. There was some foliage which needed cutting back and it was agreed that it is a danger. Jo will respond to Mrs Martin advising that if there was a safer location for the bus shelter, the TC would support a move but unfortunately, there is no safe alternative.
3. Brick Cross, Otterton. Christine asked that the road markings at Brick Cross be altered as the first arrow (when heading towards Sidmouth) was too soon and traffic was maneuvering to the right of the cross into oncoming traffic. She asked that the second arrow was OK and just that one should be left.
4. Bicton Gardens. Steve said at a meeting of East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council, the owner had mentioned that the wall by the entrance was regularly being hit. All BSTG members agreed that there was not a great deal the Group could do about that.
5. Neighbourhood Plan. Steve said that there were a lot of items on the NP which had been flagged up for the BSTG to look at over the next year or so.

**315. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 March 2017 at 2.30pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 4.27pm.

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Chairman

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