

## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 14 October 2015 at 2.30pm.

### PRESENT

Cllr S V Hall (Chairman)  
Cllr A J Dent  
County Cllr Mrs C Channon  
Ms H Selby (DCC Highways)  
Ms A Pitchford (DCC Highways)  
Ms A Garwood (DCC Highways)  
G Maddaford (Otter Valley Association)  
A Tilbury (BS & District Chamber of Commerce)  
Ms H Warren (Budleigh in Business)  
Cllr J White (East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council)  
Canon A R Henderson

**Secretary:** Mrs J E Vanstone

### 281. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from PCSO C Major and Cllr T D Wright.

### 282. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held on 20 May 2015 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

### 283. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

- (i) The Town Council had said "no" to black-top. Helen advised that there were now only two options available – renew that existing paving or have black-top. Christine added that County was trialling a different surface in Exmouth called Imprint. It was expensive but it could be a possibility for Budleigh. Helen said that its durability was not known. Christine thought it would be good to have a record of those who had tripped on the existing paving.
- (ii) Jo advised that the Council's Foreshore & Footpaths Committee had looked at the fencing above Steamer Steps shelter and it was agreed that no further action would be taken to renew the diamond-shaped wire fencing. A lot of plants/shrubs had grown up behind the fencing and it was felt the hole was not so obvious.  
She then reported that the Town Council would be funding the installation of replacement railings from Steamer Steps up to the shelter. It was hoped the work would be carried out during the current financial year.

### 284. Raleigh Wall, Marine Parade

Helen reported that the Pinch-point scheme had failed a Safety Audit and there had been concerns from the Conservation Officer – apparently the scheme would need Listed Building Consent!

Steve added that the pinch-point had been a 'dream' project and the request for vertical Double Yellow Lines [DYL] (loading lines) was still on the Town Traffic Order.

### 285. Knowle Village

Information received from the Knowle Village Traffic Group [KVTG] had been circulated prior to the Meeting. KVTG had previously raised a number of points and Christine had spoken to Lee Cranmer and Paul Downes at Devon Highways about them. They were covered as follows:

- Extension to the 30mph limit at Knowle Hill – current DCC policy stated that when setting a speed limit, what the road looked like to road users should be taken into account. As the houses on Knowle Hill were set back quite a way from the road, that section had the feel of being outside the built up area. No Further Action would be taken.
- Rumble Strips at Knowle Hill – KVTG were not happy with the rumble strips and would like a quiet, yet effective type. Highways were only aware of one form of rumble device which guaranteed reduced sound outside the vehicle but these were no longer available. No Further Action.
- Knowle Corner Reconfiguration – DCC had checked the amount of probable/possible development and it was unlikely there would be enough funding from S106 to cover the cost of this. Christine added that a number of residents in that locality had suggested a reconfiguration could make matters worse. KVTG had also asked if any scheduled resurfacing projects could be delayed and the cost of that put towards any reconfigurations works but this was not possible.
- Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) – KVTG had suggested that the VAS on Exmouth Road could be moved to Knowle Hill. A VAS must be more than 100m from the start of a speed restriction and therefore, No Further Action.
- Centre White Lines – KVTG had asked if the central white lines could be removed as they felt this gave the illusion of the road being wider than it actually was. The road is being resurfaced during 2016/17 at which time the lines will not be repainted.
- 'Slow' markings to be repainted – the road markings by the Village Hall are wearing away. They will be repainted when the road is resurfaced during 2016/17.
- Introduction of a 20mph limit – KVTG wanted a 20mph for the whole village. It is understood that the Police have advised some 20mph areas are being removed, so it seemed unlikely a new area would be introduced. Christine added that DCC no longer had the facility to undertake cable speed checks. An alternative could be a radar survey but the team was fully committed at present. KVTG was in the process of setting up a Speedwatch team with the assistance of Chantalle.
- VAS at Knowle Village Hall – KVTG wants to fund a VAS outside the Village Hall. This project has Christine's support and the group has been advised of costs, etc and is holding various fundraising events.
- Reconfiguration of Bedlands Lane/Knowle Village junction – KVTG had suggested that the footpath on Bedlands Lane be extended to remove the blind spot. Christine had inspected the junction and had been accompanied by a young mother. They had noticed places where vegetation/weeds had encroached onto the path – she felt the footpath did not need extending but the vegetation should be cleared. It was agreed that the Town Handyman could carry out this work.

Alan D added that one other issue, the relocation of the bus stop opposite the Dog & Donkey, had been actioned by DCC.

#### **286. B3178 at East Budleigh**

Information regarding the situation in East Budleigh had been circulated prior to the Meeting.

Amanda said she had written to Jon explaining that DCC Policy was drawn up from Department of Transport advice. Jon thought that there were more traffic movements through East Budleigh than through Knowle Village and he quoted from his email of 1 September (details are on file). He felt it was unacceptable that East Budleigh was not being helped. Amanda explained that speed limits could only be re-examined if there had been a certain number of collisions and then any changes would be at current policy.

After a lengthy discussion it was suggested that East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council write to Hugo Swire MP detailing their concerns. Christine added that she was happy to write to Mr Swire with her support. Jon said he was very unhappy that in his view DCC was acting outside government principles and he would write to the Secretary of State.

**287. Westfield Road**

A letter from Mr J Madden regarding parking issues in this road was received and considered (a copy is held on file).

Mr Madden addressed the Meeting on behalf of himself and his wife and the residents of Hibberd House. He explained that the amount of vehicles parking on the road had increased and residents were concerned that if users had to pay to park at the Upper Station Road Car Park, this would exacerbate problems. He said the main problem was that when they were exiting their properties they could not be seen as visibility splays were blocked by parked cars. He asked that DCC put right what had been incorrectly been done in 2003 by extending the existing DYL by 3 cars on the south side of the road and by 4 cars on the north side.

Amanda advised that there was no funding available for parking restrictions. Christine said she was happy to support Mr Madden's request but it had to have the agreement of the Town Council and the Police. If this agreement was forthcoming the DYL extensions could be included on the Town Traffic Order.

Steve said he would add the request to the agenda of the Town Council meeting to be held on 26 October 2015.

**288. Green Mews**

Parking problems outside Green Mews were discussed. Alan T explained that residents were having difficulty exiting the Mews as vehicles were parking on DYL against the wall.

It was suggested that a sign could be put on the wall along the lines "No Parking – Causes Obstruction for Exit". The sign could be purchased by residents. Alan T will pass the suggestion on to residents.

**289. Greenway Lane**

Traffic problems along Greenway Lane were discussed. Christine said she had received a number of complaints from residents, especially that the bus has difficulty getting through because of the parked cars on the road.

Alan D said he had not encountered any problems since he had moved to Greenway Gardens. It was agreed the situation be monitored until the next Traffic Group meeting.

Steve added that there is additional parking available to all on the left hand side of Greenway Gardens.

**290. High Street**

The problems encountered by drivers outside Card Shop Too/Staddons was discussed. Steve said that Cllr Alan Jones had brought up this topic at a recent Town Council meeting – Cllr Jones was concerned about problems when drivers gave way to vehicles travelling in an easterly direction down the High Street.

It was agreed that there was no simple solution and common sense must prevail.

**291. Town Traffic Order**

The various items on the Town Traffic Order were discussed and the locations were clarified.

The Town Traffic Order locations are as follows:

- DYL on West Hill from the junction of Meadow Road to the junction of Little Knowle
- DYL outside St Peter's School in Moor Lane
- Extension of DYL at Westfield Road (if agreed by BSTC)
- Extension of DYL at Leas Road towards Upper Stoneborough Lane
- DYL on Chapel Hill
- The East Terrace scheme
- Loading Lines (blips) on Marine Parade/South Parade
- Loading Lines (blips) at The Lawn outside St Peter's Church
- DYL on the west side of High Street, East Budleigh from Hayes Brow to Laurel Cottage

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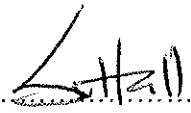
**292. Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion**

No other business was raised.

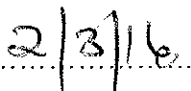
**293. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 March 2016 at 2.30pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 16.30pm.

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Chairman

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