

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 11 October 2017 at 2.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr S V Hall (Chairman)
Cllr A J Dent
Cllr T D Wright
Cllr A L Jones
County Cllr Mrs C Channon
A Tilbury (Chamber of Commerce)
Cllr J White (East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council)
R Henderson
E Stamp (DCC Highways)
R Elliott (DCC Highways)

Secretary: Mrs J E Vanstone

344. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Chantalle.

345. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held on 12 July 2017 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

346. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

There were no matters arising.

347. Various Issues around the Town

Emma said she had been in post since May and found the visit around the town very helpful. She then reported on her site visit with Christine and Steve on 17 August:

- High Street/Fore Street – A-boards and state of the pavements

DCC policy was for a board to leave at least 450mm gap on the pavement but she would look at each shop on its own merit. She had spoken to the owner of the beauty shop (Fore Street). The sign for the Fish & Chip shop was OK but that area needed a tidy up. She would keep an eye on the issue with the shop in Chapel Street.

She had looked at the possibility of bollards on the pavement from the Co-op to Bradleys Estate Agents but felt there was not enough width of pavement to install bollards.

Christine asked if it was possible for the paving that was being taken up in Exmouth to be re-used in Budleigh. Richard said there was nowhere to store the slabs once they were taken up and as an order had not been produced, it would be some time before any work could be done. If there were problems, the pavements would probably have to be tarmacked. Christine said that tarmac was not "dementia friendly".

Christine added that outside the Co-op was the worst area and there was a record of trip accidents there. Emma said she would check accident data with the asset team.

Steve asked about the idea for a priority sign. Emma explained that it needed to be supported by a Traffic Regulation Order and Lee Cranmer was the person to talk to about that! We could ask for this idea to be added to the list and Lee would assess the request.

- Pathway between Station Road and The Lawn – safety barrier
Emma explained that the pathway was not Highways' responsibility. Christine explained that the path was part Library/part Medical Centre. However, the barrier was required at the end of the path on The Lawn. Emma will get the costings and report at the next meeting.
- Greenhaven, Greenway Lane – dropped kerb
A dropped kerb is not needed at this location. She had also looked at the entrance to the Football Club and advised that this section belonged to the Football Club. Alan J said he would report this to the Club's management committee.
- Salting Hill – priority system
This was another request which could go to Lee Cranmer for assessment.
- War Memorial – options for protecting the War Memorial
- Two issues here – (1) Stopping people parking on the pathway behind the memorial (2) Stopping cars damaging the posts around the Memorial.
Emma said that this section was not Highway - it may be Clinton Devon Estates ownership. Richard wondered if a collapsible bollard could be installed there. Steve suggested Jo writes to CDE to see if they can help. Emma gave Jo information on bollard suppliers
Steve wondered if the cost of a bollard could be covered by the Town Improvement Fund if CDE were unable to help.

348. East Terrace

The possible removal of "no parking" signs, which have been erected by residents over the years, was discussed.

Steve said the road markings were all but done here and this item had been brought up at a recent Council meeting.

After some discussion it was agreed to take no further action until the legality of the signs was investigated.

Christine then mentioned the missing lines at the junction of East Terrace and Chapel Street. Emma said she will chase this.

Alan J added that some lines were missing at the entrance to Thornton Close. Emma explained that these should be reported via the Customer Services website/telephone number who would then action any work.

Steve added that the recent Traffic Order just covered new double yellow lining (DYL) around the town.

349. East Budleigh Traffic Order

The relocation of the 30mph sign in East Budleigh section of B3178 was discussed.

Jon advised that Lee Cranmer had now agreed to move the 30mph sign level with the East Budleigh sign near Pulhayes Farm. He said that the Parish Council had the funding for this work but not for the Traffic Order costs.

Christine said she was meeting with Lee Cranmer on 12 October and would see if this could be added to another Traffic Order which was due to be advertised in the near future.

350. B3178 – East Budleigh lay-by

A discussion took place on what action could be taken to prevent travellers setting up home in the lay-by in the future.

Steve said that the travellers had gone but the main concern was now the future. Jon said that Tom Pyne needed access to the lay-by to get to his field. Emma said that as it was technically still Highway it could not be permanently blocked. Christine wondered if something similar to the lay-by at The Bowd, Sidmouth could be done here.

Jon wondered if it could be made a community green space.

Emma agreed to look into this suggestion and would report at the next meeting.

351. East Budleigh Road/Coastguard Road – Junction with Fore Street Hill

Correspondence from Mr I Christie regarding this junction was discussed. Mr Christie had said that when crossing from East Budleigh Road to Fore Street Hill visibility was obscured and he wanted a mirror on each side of the road. Emma said that it was not DCC policy to install mirrors. Alan T added that most people cross the road earlier and walk in the road! No further action would be taken.

352. The Lawn

The condition of the pavement outside the Health Centre was discussed. Christine explained that the Chairman of the Patient Group had contacted her. Emma said that she had put in for this section to be resurfaced although it was unlikely to be done before 2019/20.

353. Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

1. Christine said she had been asked for a bus stop on Marine Parade. Jo said this was discussed at the last meeting (Min 341) and the matter was in hand.
2. Alan Tilbury said he was delighted with the new DYL. He had been approached by a resident of Marine Parade who was concerned that cars were now speeding up as they proceeded along that part of the road.
3. John thanked Emma for getting the lanes cleared around East Budleigh. He said that Tidwell Lane still needed attention. Emma said she had some funding to get this done.
4. Tom asked about the No Loading signs on Marine Parade. He explained there was a serial offender who was still parking at this part of the road. He wondered whether there should be more publicity explaining what these new markings are.

Emma said this could be reported via the DCC website.

5. Roy Henderson said that the owner of Budleigh Cobblers parked his motorbike in the High Street all day which caused problems for cars trying to park there.
6. Steve asked when the resurfacing would be carried out in Vision Hill Road/Honey Park Road/Bridge Road.

Emma said this down for patching and then resurfacing later.

7. Christine said the pothole in Cricket Field Lane had been filled but wondered what was happening about the wall at Dial House.

Emma explained that she had met with the owner. Western Power had done some tree work but needed a road closure to complete it. She was working with the owner to get the trees cut back and the wall repaired.

8. Jo asked if Emma or Richard could help with the issue at Kersbrook where water was coming up through the road surface.

Richard said they had been to look at this problem before the meeting and after speaking to the owner of Blakemore House had located a stopcock which had been turned off. This had stopped the water!

354. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 2.00pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 3.40pm.

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Chairman

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