

# **Bewdley Town Council**

## **ROAD SAFETY GROUP**

**MINUTES 28 June 2022 12.00 – 1.30pm**

Guildhall Meeting Room

### **1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairman opened the meeting and noted the following:

**Present:** Cllr Calne Edgington White (CEW); Cllr Paul Gittins (PG)

**Apologies:** Cllr John Byng (Deputy Chairman), WCC Cllr Ian Hardiman, Cllr D Morehead, Cllr Rod Stanczyszyn.

**Quorum:** It was noted that the group was not quorate in accordance with the Terms and Reference as only 2 members were present. It was decided to continue with the discussion of items on the Agenda.

### **2. MATTERS ARISING from Minutes of the meeting on 10 May 2022 and AGREED Actions**

Matters arising and actions were discussed under the relevant Agenda headings below.

#### **3. WELCH GATE Air Pollution and Pedestrian Safety.**

To consider feedback from Cllr D Morehead (DM) regarding the groups' suggestions of traffic lights in Welch Gate and changing the traffic priority at the High Street Junction. Separate meeting date to be agreed.

The up date from Cllr I Hardiman(IH) dated 30.5.22 was noted indicating that Cllr D Morehead (DM) was to pursue Paul Green (PG) for clarification regarding the possibility of traffic lights in Welch Gate, re-prioritising direction for High Street traffic and the possibility of widening the pavements in Welch Gate. A previous report suggesting a one way system was mentioned.

#### **Actions**

**Cllr DM to contact PG (WCC) regarding the above and arrange a separate meeting date for the RSG to discuss possible options.**

**Cllr DM to invite PG to the meeting.**

### **4. ILLEGAL PARKING (Standing Item)**

Police requested for more specific detail on illegal parking; one of the priority issues confirmed at the June Full Council meeting.

PC Thomas required specific examples of this with location, date, time, registration number, photo/description of issue.

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The group noted problems with vehicles parking on the hatched lines near Murray's pharmacy adjacent to the Bewdley Medical Centre to collect or delivery items, and comments of a vehicle regularly illegally parked at locations in the town.

It was agreed that if members of the public or councillors report an issue to BTC, the location, date, time, registration number, photo/description of the issue should be noted. This should be passed to Anita who will keep a log to share with PC Thomas to establish if these are one off instances or persistent/repetitive issues.

#### **Actions**

**AB to create a log to record reported details of illegal parking as noted above.**

#### **5. Additional Vehicle Activated Signs.**

- a.) A new sign in Dowles Road in the Vicinity of the Medical Centre and turning into Dog Lane. Consider allocating the current funding for a VAS on Lamp Post number 6 as suggested by Paul Green County Highways.

Cllr CEW stated that PG (WCC) confirmed it was acceptable to site the device on lamp post 6 on the opposite side of the road and she suggested that this is taken forward.

- b.) Investigate grant funding for VAS from the Police and Crime Commissioner who is offering 50% grants towards the cost of new signs.

Cllr EW located a link to enable a grant application to be pursue and she would forward it to AB.

#### **Actions**

**Cllr CEW to forward the link.**

**AB to submit and application.**

- c.) Relocation of Cleobury Road VAS.

TB reported that the VAS had been relocated on 27.6.22.

#### **6. SPEED AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS (Standing Item)**

**a) 20 MPH.** Consider feedback from WCC Cllr Dan Morehead. Reference notes presented to June Full Council following a meeting between the Chair of this Group and Cllr Morehead on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Cllr EW stated that an original map of June 2021 contained locations in the town for a 20mph limit. It was confirmed that the original locations should be adopted. Regarding High Street, it was noted that a different engineering solution was required and that was being looked at by WCC. There would be consultation on this

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in due course and the outcome will be addressed by WCC. There was a discussion on the precise locations for the 20pmh limit and Cllr EW said that Cllr DM would confirm locations and update on the timeline and progress of the project.

#### **Actions**

**Cllr DM to provide an up date on the locations being considered for the 20mph signs and the timeline and progress of the project.**

#### **b) Community Speed Watch**

In order for this to commence there must be 6 volunteers who will then be trained by the police. The group wished clarification from PC Thomas on the following points:

- i) if such a group is formed and trained by the police, will the police cease to enforce speed limits in the area?
- ii) it was noted that the police were going to supply literature to promote the scheme but none had been received. Is this available?

#### **Actions**

**AB to contact PC Thomas to ascertain the answers to ii and ii above.**

#### **7. ANY OTHER ROAD SAFETY ISSUES (Standing Item)**

- i) 20 is plenty wheelie bin stickers had arrived and a strategy for distribution was discussed. It was decided that AB would e mail all councillors to ascertain who would be prepared to distribute them in their own ward and throughout the zone. It was noted that the stickers would raise awareness of it being a residential zone with increased potential hazards for drivers to be alert to. Cllr CEW noted that Cllr DM had prepared a map of the zone.

#### **Actions**

**AB to ascertain refuse collection days for the town from WFDC.**

- ii) Cllr PG noted that the yellow line markings on Welch Gate required re-painting/repairing.

#### **Actions**

**Cllr DM to raise this with WCC and report back to the group.**

- iii) Cllr EW stated a resident had requested painting of a white line on the road adjacent to wall to raise driver's awareness of pedestrians as the road was

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narrow and there was no footpath. Location is – from Rosenhurst Drive to Barratts Stile Lane.

**Actions**

**Cllr DM to raise this with WCC and report back to the group.**

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 26 July at The Guildhall 2.30 – 3.30pm.**

**Group members Town Councillors:**

John Byng (Deputy Group Leader)

Calne Edginton White (Group Leader)

Paul Gittins MBE

Daniel Morehead

Rod Stanczyszyn

County Councillors: Daniel Morehead, Ian Hardiman

**Invitee** PC Steve Thomas [stephen.l.thomas@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stephen.l.thomas@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)