

# **Bewdley Town Council**

## **ROAD SAFETY GROUP**

**MINUTES 25 October 2022 12.00 – 1.30pm**

Guildhall Meeting Room

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

The Chairman opened the meeting and noted the following:

**Present:** Cllr John Byng (JB), Cllr Calne Edgington White (CEW) (Chairman), Cllr Paul Gittins (PG), Cllr Rod Stanczyszyn, Anita Bickerdike (Office Administrator)

#### **Apologies:**

Tracy Bodley (TB), Town Clerk, Cty Cllr I Hardiman, Cllr D Morehead (DM), Police-PC Thomas & PCSO Bray,

The Chairman indicated that TB suggested bi monthly meetings going forward to give more time for actions to be completed. This was agreed for 2023. The group also agreed that there should still be a meeting in November 2022, if possible, to enable actions to be reviewed before the end of the year.

The group also agreed that Cllr DM's continued assistance was vital to the progress outstanding items and that the date of the next meeting should be fixed in accordance with his availability to attend.

#### **Action**

- i. **AB request Cllr DM's availability to attend a meeting preferably in November but if not, on a later date. Once his availability had been obtained, a date for the next meeting will be fixed.**

### **2. MATTERS ARISING from Minutes of the meeting on 30 August 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 DM, see attached.

The group noted the attached update from Cllr DM dated 26.9.22.

#### **Actions**

- i. **Cllr DM to provide an up date to the group on his meeting with Hayley Steele.**
- ii. **Cllr DM to provide an up date the group on the progress of the 20 mph scheme and the work of the project team at WCC.**
- iii. **Cllr DM to provide an up date the group on his further enquiries regarding the yellow lines at Welch Gate, the possibility of "Access Only" sign at Welch Gate, and the white lines around St Annes Church.**

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- iv. **Cllr DM to provide an up date to the group on the progress of the cycle/pedestrian bridge scheme passed to WCC for consideration.**

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

The group noted police advice regarding this issue at the previous meeting and agreed that Cllrs would advise members of the public to (and would themselves) record incidents they see and report them, at the time via Operation Snap.

However concerns were expressed that when issues are reported via Operation Snap as requested by the police, the police take no action on the reports.

Cllr JB reported a specific problem from a resident relating to regular parking of a vehicle causing an obstruction in Wassell Drive, which had been properly reported to the police. The police response was unsatisfactory advising the resident to complain to the Council and request painting of yellow lines, which they would support.

Cllr PG stated he had also reported regular, illegal parking of a taxi adjacent to The Hollow to the police and no action has been taken, despite assurances that it would be dealt with.

#### **Actions**

- i. **Cllr JB to liaise with AB to bring the issue relating to Wassell Drive to the attention of the police.**
- ii. **Police representatives attend the meetings as their input is vital to progressing items on the agenda.**

#### **5. ADDITIONAL VAS**

The group noted a forthcoming meeting between Hayley Steele WCC and TB to discuss the siting of the solar powered VAS in Dowles Road.

The Group thanked Cllr IH for the contribution and agreed that a request for funding for a further VAS device be submitted to Full Council.

#### **Action**

- i. **TB to report back on the meeting in due course.**

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

a) **20 MPH** speed limit, this was discussed at item 3 above.

b) **Community Speed Watch**

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AB reported back that the police had confirmed that a minimum of 6 people were required to run the CSW training course and the Scheme.

It was noted the following people would be willing to be trained:

Cllrs JB, CEW, RS and the Mayoress, Mrs L Stanczyszyn.

**Action**

- i. Group members attempt to recruit more people to enable the course to be run.**

**7. “20 IS PLENTY” WHEELIE BIN STICKERS**

It was noted that the following Cllrs had previously volunteered to distribute the stickers:

Cllrs JB, CEW, RS.

Cllr JB reported he had attempted to deliver stickers in Stourport Road, Beales Corner and Kidderminster Road but unfortunately many doors were not answered. However those who did answer accepted the stickers and were positive about the scheme.

Cllr RS also reported he had distributed stickers in High Street, that he had a very positive response and suggested this be reported back to Full Council to encourage others to participate.

**Action**

- i. Cllr CEW to take this positive feedback to Full Council to encourage others to participate in the distribution of the stickers.**

**8. REPAINTING OF YELLOW LINES AT WELCH GATE**

This was discussed at item 3.

**9. PAINTING OF WHITE LINE ON ROAD ROSENHURST DRIVE TO BARRETS STILE LANE**

It was noted that it was not possible to achieve this as the criteria were not met, however Cllr DM would explore other options.

**Action**

- i. Cllr DM to provide an up date to the group on the progress of this item.**

**10. ANY OTHER ROAD ISSUES (standing item)**

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a) Cllr PG referred to an e mail he had circulated to the group regarding a resident's complaint about speeding motorists on the By pass and the island near Long Bank. It was noted that this was a police matter and had already been reported.

The group debated incidents of speeding and bad driving in the vicinity and it was suggested that improved road signs indicating straight/turning lanes near to the island and sign indicating the actual speed limit, rather than national speed limit signs may be helpful.

#### **Actions**

- i. Police to respond regarding this possibility of additional signage**
- ii. Cty Cllrs DM and IH to consider if this is a possible option and feedback to the group.**

b) The group debated the following concerns regarding the road outside the Safari Park:

- very deep flooding following heavy rain
- insufficient lighting
- incidents of speeding motorists
- previous fatalities
- potential for an increase in traffic and related problems due to planning permission to build additional properties in the area.

It was agreed to request Cty Cllr IH consider these issues and report back to the meeting on what measures are required to alleviate these concerns.

#### **Action**

- i. Cty Cllr IH consider these issues and report back to the group on what measures are required to alleviate these concerns.**

#### **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The date of the next meeting was to be confirmed once Cllr DM's availability had been obtained.**

#### **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

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**Invite** PC Steve Thomas and rural policing team, send to both addresses:

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