



Minutes of the Highways & Transport Committee meeting of
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL held at St. Margaret's Hall,
Bradford on Avon on 22nd October 2019 at 7.00p.m.

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr A Kay
Cllr D Garwood
Cllr D Newton (Chairman)
Cllr S Gibson (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr T Lomax
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie
Cllr M Roberts
Trevor Bedeman Streets Ahead
Ian Brown (Director of Operations)
Sandra Bartlett (Town Clerk)

Apologies: None

Members of the Public: Dorna Daw, Joyce Shaw, Beryl Turner, Ann Marie Cooper Peter Larkin, Rod Johnson, Glenys Lunt and David Eccles, Jeremy Wire, Anna Roland-Price and 1 other.

21. Declarations of interest

Chairman and Cllr Lomax declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item concerning Whitehill, as they were residents.

22. Minutes

After one amendment was made, it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 28th August 2019 were approved as a correct record.

23. Matters arising - none

24. Action Plan 2019-20

The Action Plan was considered and approved. It was noted that safer pathways will also require more budget next year.

25. Lorry Watch

The update from July to September 2019 noted. Joyce Shaw said that 33 reports submitted over July though to September. 30 vehicles found to be over the 18-tonne weight limit. A first letter had been sent to 23. Cllr Roberts reported that 7 vehicles/companies were repeat infringement and sent to Wiltshire Council's Trading Standards. Cllr McNeill-Ritchie asked Cllr Roberts to find out from Trading Standards what had happened to these reports over the last 12 months.

26. Strategic updates

(i) KERB (Key Evidence Review Board) and computer remodelling of traffic. Chairman and Cllr Gibson reported that a meeting was in the process of being arranged with Wiltshire

Council Officers and Councillor to discuss modelling and open discussions. Cllr McNeill-Ritchie reported that the Bath Clean Air Zone had glossed over the effect it will have on other areas. He said that BANES had produced a long document about this. Trevor Bedeman read out the response sent from the KERB: "Jacobs'3 19 Report Appendix C greatly underestimates the likelihood of non-complaint vehicles, e.g. LGVs and HGVs using Bradford on Avon (BoA) instead of Bath. The report assumes that HGVs will be replaced at a higher rate on the Bath routes, as many belong to national fleets. It does not take account of substitution of routes by non-complaint vehicles. It does not mention LGV – do we assume these substitute more slowly? Will BoA become a key non-compliant route to keep such vehicles in operation? Traffic (mainly intra-regional) in BoA is already at high capacity, causing illegal air pollution and serious pedestrian safety issues. Para 2.4 analysis of traffic model provides detail on cars (PCUs) and none whatever after the first two paragraphs on LGVs or HGVs. Why the gaps? Is that because the analysis is unfavourable? Is this analysis trying to avoid major implications for non-compliant vehicles especially LGVs and HGVs switching to routing via Bradford on Avon." Cllr McNeill-Ritchie said that the traffic in Bradford on Avon should be monitored before and after the Bath Clean Air Zone

(ii) New off-street residents permit charges from the 19th November 2019. It was noted from the Variation Notice that not all the towns had the same charges. Cllr Gibson agreed to find out why it had gone up so much and also to find out their strategy in setting the charges.

27. Tactical updates

- (i) It was noted that a WR1 completed at Belcombe Lodge for local resident and sent to Wiltshire Council CATG for action in November 2019, as the resident had a terminal illness.
- (ii) Turleigh Hill speeding issues. Cllr. Roberts reported that he had invited this resident to this meeting. This narrow lane has a 60-m.p.h. speed limit with no streetlights and no footpaths. WC/CATG have carried out site visit and are investigating advisory on carriageway footway option and carrying out some footway clearance. It was decided to defer this item to the next agenda.
- (iii) Steps on the McKeever bridge Church Street end, Cllr Roberts has been approached by members of the public to have a handrail to aid those who are less mobile. After discussion, it was decided to obtain a quote for this new handrail.
- (iv) Cllr Roberts has had complaints from residents about speeding vehicles, in Frome Road between Junction Road and Station Approach, although there is a 20mph limit in place, Cllr Roberts suggests that a traffic count be put in place to substantiate claim. Cllr Gibson reported that she would arrange a metro count. Cllr Kay suggested a 'smiley face' monitor to advise motorists. Anna Roland-Price said she liked that idea. Cllr Gibson said she would find out about this.

Unitary Councillor Sarah Gibson to report on the following:

- (i) Lower Woolley Street - Improvements from WC/CATG will cost £2,226 for new signs at each end of the street and new road markings at no entry point. Glenys Lunt said that these signs were unnecessary and a waste of money. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** To pay £1,113 towards this subject to WC/CATG also contributing same amount.
- (ii) Whitehill – Chairman reported that he was waiting to hear the latest proposals from WC/CATG.
- (iii) St. Margaret's Street bus shelter – Cllr Gibson reported that this would be erected on the 11th November 2019.
- (iv) Station Approach substantive bid application – Joyce Shaw asked if the proposal had been revised and Cllr Gibson explained it was the same proposal. She said that the bid had been submitted and that we should know in about one month's time. She said that there were more bids than money available.
- (v) Woolley Street (Woolley Green end) - Request for raised road hump at 20/40 terminal point. Town Council to undertake site visit to look at options.

(vi) Market Street - vehicle overruns on footway top of the hill. Cllr Gibson reported that she had no reports from Wiltshire Council following the removal of the yellow boxes. Cllr Garwood reported that rather than bendy bollards a line on the road may help motorists to give way if necessary. He said it was difficult at the top of Market Street without a crossing for pedestrians to cross the road safely.

(vii) Rickfield (off Grove Leaze) – Cllr Gibson reported that this footpath had been repaired. Cllr Gibson had asked Town Council to add this area to the new handrails list. Cllr Gibson reported that she would be meeting Trevor Bedeman on site to discuss this.

(viii) Trowbridge Road - kerb/footway overruns - Works now included in pedestrian crossing scheme funded through School Travel Plan. Works delayed due to difficulties with working methods (road closures).

Two other matters mentioned not on the agenda.

(i) Cllr Kay asked the Highways & Transport Committee to give their comment to the Environment and Planning Committee on the 5th November 2019 on the planning application for 42 dwellings on the Holt Road. This was an outline application which looked at access/highways' issues. She said that a recommendation had to be sent by the 8th November 2019 to Wiltshire Council.

(ii) Cllr Roberts reported that he had reported on the Wiltshire app the pavement at the top of Woolley opposite the George a length of 8m with subsidence 9" deep.

28. Climate Emergency Actions

(i) Electric Charging Points – It was reported that enquiries had been made with the Head Office of the petrol station on Trowbridge Road. Sainsburys had no plans to extend their charging places at the moment which are mainly in London. If they received a petition that might have some impact.

(ii) Holt Road roundabout – Clerk reported that no news had been received yet on a possible sponsor to have a biodiverse planting scheme on this roundabout. Cllr McNeill-Ritchie said that he was in discussions with the Preservation Trust over a scheme for this roundabout.

29. Footpaths

Safer footpaths – Clerk had read out the replies from Wiltshire Council on these footways. Clerk reported that the handrail contractor had sent in a report with his advice on a uniformed approach for handrails in Bradford on Avon. Clerk to get costs for handrails on the Safer Handrails Report.

30. New enquiries from the public and other parish councils

(i) Enquiry from resident requesting Traffic Survey on corner of Huntingdon Street/Ashley Road. Preferred location for survey equipment – near empty playing field opposite Huntingdon Street. Chairman advised that this will help Dorna too. Clerk to pass to WC/CATG.

(ii) WR1 form from resident of Luccombe Quarry. Agreed to pass this onto Wiltshire Council.

31. Date of next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for the 18th December 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.20p.m.

Appendix 1

Members of the public who spoke at Highways & Transport Committee on the 22nd October 2019

1. Rod Johnson explained that the recent opening of the Lock Up had gone well with many visitors. He thanked the Lock Up Team Max Brown, Inca Piergies and David Eccles for volunteering. Whilst volunteering they witnessed the difficulties the public had in crossing the bridge. Rod presented the committee with a drawing of the town bridge with a widened pavement on the library side and no pavement the other side. Cllr Gibson said it was a lovely idea but due to the 18-tonne weight limit a 60° angle had to be allowed for their loads. She said that the bridge had no buttresses to support it. Cllr McNeill-Ritchie thanked Rod for the suggestion and he welcomed the input of ideas but this solution will be kept with others for future use.
2. Dorna Daw explained that she had written to the Chairman and Cllr Gibson on the 18th May 2019. She had complained about a pavement which has since been re-surfaced and she thanked the council for this. She was concerned about the speed and volume of traffic along Ashley Road sometimes mounting the pavement outside her house. She also mentioned that a local farmer used Ashley Road with an overloaded lorry dropping bits of straw or dung off along the way. She was also concerned about loose dogs taken into the playing field. She requested when this park is in the Town Council's ownership next year that new larger signs be erected to keep dogs on a lead. Town Clerk reported that she had made a note of this. Chairman reported that many of these issues will be covered in Christchurch's School Travel Plan. He said he would raise it at a meeting next month. Cllr Roberts said that this area had been tested for the 20mph limit but did not fit the criteria at the time.
3. Peter Larkin complained about the camper vans parked in Woolley Street. He said these vehicles were parked legally but sometimes left for weeks at a time. Chairman advised that if it was taxed there was nothing the Town Council could do about this. Glenys Lunt said that she had seen these vans and did not think they were a problem. Mr Larkin had made various reports to the Police on 101. Chairman advised that he go and have a look. All the details left with the Clerk. Clerk to pass onto the Police.
4. Beryl Turner complained about the 'no cycling' sign outside the swimming pool. She said it was located in the wrong place for cyclists to see. Cllr Gibson agreed to take this to WC/CATG.