



**Bradford on Avon
Town Council**



Minutes of the Sustainable Travel Council meeting of
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL held

on Tuesday 27th September 2022
at 7p.m in St. Margaret's Hall

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr S Blackwell
Cllr D Garwood
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie *
Cllr T Trimble (Chairman)
Cllr K Vigar
Ian Brown (Director of Operations)
Sarah Howe (Committee Clerk)
Matthew McLaughlin (Communications Officer)

Apologies: Cllr S Gibson, Cllr J Parker, Cllr J Vittles

*Cllr McNeill-Ritchie left at 7.50pm

Members of the public: Joyce Shaw, Beryl Turner, Jeremy Wire, Patrick Douglas plus 9 other members of the public

20. Declarations of interest – Cllr Garwood declared that he was a resident of Market Street so any discussions to do with town centre streets or related issues would reflect the fact he is resident there.

21. Minutes - It was proposed by Cllr Trimble and seconded by Cllr Vigar and with all in favour **RESOLVED:** To accept the minutes of the last meeting held on 19th July 2022 as a true record.

22. Matters Arising – Chairman confirmed the latest with regards to Appendix, item 1. Minutes 19.07.22, pedestrian improvement scheme at Station Approach: Cllr Trimble has been in contact with Wiltshire Traffic Engineers and the concerns will be assessed at a safety audit to be held in the next month or two.

23. Great Big Green Week Presentations

Presentations were given to those assembled on the following:

- (i) Co-cars shared use E-cars and E-bikes Clubs: noting that a new survey to determine interest in these schemes went live on 22nd September - given by Cllr Trimble
- (ii) The Big Lemon Electric Bus: an update on progress with other Town Councils, Wiltshire Council and The Big Lemon - given by Cllr Trimble
- (iii) Cargo Bike Epiphany: the environmental benefits of these bikes given by Winsley resident Andy Kelly

Cllr McNeill-Ritchie left at 7.50pm.

24. Chairman's Report – the attached report was noted by the committee and included updates on the following:

- (i) Air quality monitoring – Cllr Trimble added that Westbury has some real time air quality monitors with results regularly updated on their town council website. Cllr Garwood agreed that the renewal of our air quality monitor licenses would be worthwhile but what to do with and understanding of the data/results was a concern. The Mason’s Lane monitor in BoA does have its results updated to a website by Wiltshire Council so the public can view the data.
- (ii) Pedestrian Bridge Working Group
- (iv) Traffic consultation
- (v) ASW camera update
- (vi) Residents parking permit Lower Woolley Street – A resident of Lower Woolley Street is collating responses to the survey supplied by Wiltshire Highways.

25. Wiltshire Council Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)

- (i) Winsley Road Active Travel Scheme – completed at the beginning of September 2022, with positive feedback coming in and possibly a detectable reduction in traffic speed along the Bradford Road as a consequence.
- (ii) Whitehill No Entry at the top – request passed to Cabinet member for Transport and Wiltshire Council has been in touch to say required signage to be installed by middle of September, but nothing so far.
- (iii) Sladesbrook – Christ Church School entrance improvements – flashing 20mph signage to be installed shortly.

26. Wiltshire Council’s Highways Improvement Forms

Attached report was noted by the committee from the delegated working group to consider LHFIG form requests with the following approved suggestions to be submitted to Wiltshire Council

- (i) Morris Hughes. Huntingdon Rise: support of resurfacing request on section of the road
- (ii) Margaret Thompson. Conigre Hill: support request to resurface part of footpath.
- (iii) Andrew Nicolson. Greenland View to The Strips: support request to improve access to The Strips outside No.21 and path from Bridge Street to The Strips.
- (iv) Andrew Nicolson. Poulton Lane: Support improvements to section of footpath/cycle lane but it is privately owned and is a right of way not a cycle track.
- (v) Andrew Nicolson. Kennet and Avon Canal Bridge. In principle support improvements but ask LHFIG to review possible improvements
- (vi) Andrew Nicolson. Trowbridge Road at Widbrook. Grange: Support better signage
- (vii) Jennie Parker. Culver Rd/Southville/Loddon Way: Support requirement to slow traffic down perhaps with raised islands and dropped kerbs.

Overall, the new delegated working group to assess the LHFIG requests received by the town council is working out well. However, Cllr Trimble requested a couple more volunteers for the working group as it currently consists of Cllrs Trimble, Parker and Vigar only. Cllr Vigar suggested recruiting ad-hoc extra Cllr help by emailing round just before the working group convenes to review a set of requests.

27. ‘No Idling’ banners

Following a discussion to design and deploy two ‘No Idling’ banners at two points around town, it was proposed by Cllr Garwood and seconded by Cllr Blackwell and with all in favour **RESOLVED**: to agree a budget of £500 for the purchase of No Idling banners to be designed and displayed periodically around the town.

28. Station Car Park EV charging points

Director of Operations provided a verbal update from Wiltshire Council who has been revisiting its Green Strategy and is agreeing to replace all the broken electric car charging points in the area. Apart from the town council applying pressure for them to just get on with this, there are two unpalatable grant proposals on offer: (i) £2.5K towards the cost of fixing charging points and the town council pays the rest. WC would then operate and collect the charges. (ii) £1K grant towards the cost of fixing the points and town council must lease the parking spaces from WC.

29. SIDs proposal

Director of Operations reported that three companies had been contacted for prices to purchase a SID camera. Two companies had responded quoting the same price. Cllr Trimble is very keen to purchase this device having spoken to Officers in Westbury who confirmed that these devices work well particularly with inadvertent speeding motorists. Cllr Blackwell asked if the device is fixed or mobile and Cllr Trimble confirmed they are mobile and most effective when moved regularly to different locations. It was proposed by Cllr Trimble and seconded by Cllr Vigar and with all in favour **RESOLVED**: to agree a budget of £2500 for the purchase of a SID (Speed Indicator Device) camera.

Cllr Garwood also offered to investigate a noise camera to monitor the activities of 'hot hatch' vehicles which have modified exhausts and are driving at speed around the town centre late into the evening being a nuisance. Cllr Trimble thanked Cllr Garwood for his offer to investigate.

30. Date of next meeting

The next meeting has been arranged for 29th November 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.

APPENDIX 1

Members of the public who spoke at the Sustainable Travel Committee meeting on the 27th September 2022

1. Joyce Shaw – There are various road works signs left around the town and down by the river. Joyce has spoken to the Wiltshire Council about removing these but so far little response to the situation. She also had a copy of 'Bradford's Foot-bridge Saga' and wishes to check that all the members of the pedestrian bridge working group had read it. Cllr Trimble confirmed that he is aware of the complaints around abandoned signage and has been in touch with WC. He would chase the matter up. Cllr Trimble confirmed he had read the booklet about the town footbridge.
2. Beryl Turner – is concerned that the bus stop on St Margaret Street will be closed for 9-10 months due to the railway bridge works and not resited nearby. The next nearest bus stop is a long way down Trowbridge Road. WC is sending someone to have a look. Cllr Trimble has been in touch with the Bus Network manager and is awaiting a reply.
3. Pat Douglas – Offered thanks to the Committee for help facilitating the Residents Parking Scheme for Lower Woolley Street, particularly in supplying the forms to canvas. He is hoping an equitable solution can be found as a result of the process in line with other Residents Parking Schemes agreed in BoA town centre and adjacent to town centre areas.
4. Jeremy Wire – asked a couple of questions in relation to an email sent to Cllr Trimble from another member of the public. Cllr Trimble confirmed he would write directly to the author of the email to answer the questions posed.

Chairman's Report

Air Quality Monitoring

Wiltshire Council will report back following a visit to the Air Quality Exhibition in October on possible new equipment to replace that on Mason's Lane. They have offered the option of moving the equipment to a new location, should the Town Council request it. We will press them on renewing the licenses for the two AeroQual monitors currently in place.

Pedestrian Bridge Working Group

Currently consisting Cllrs Vittles, Vigar, Gibson, and Trimble, plus Director of Operations.

First meeting held 3rd August. Technical help on Bridges, Conservation issues requested from Wiltshire Council.

Next meeting 28th September with Wiltshire officers.

Traffic Consultation

Cllr McClelland's latest response (31st August) indicated that Wiltshire are still working on funding and modelling of a possible new traffic system. We are in touch with them to expedite their deliberations.

AutoSpeedWatch Camera

This has now been purchased, and preparations are underway to deploy it on Trowbridge Rd, close to the site of two recent collisions, and where we receive frequent reports of speeding.

Residents Parking Permits

Lower Woolley St. residents parking permits survey now underway with Wiltshire Council. Over 50% of residents need to support the request for changes to be made.