

## Twyford Parish Council Highways Meeting Minutes

A meeting hosted by Twyford Parish Council held at 12.30pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Loddon Hall, Twyford.

Attendees: Bridget Ditcham (Twyford Parish Council), Martin Heath (Wokingham Borough Council), Roy Mantel (Twyford Parish Council) & Charles Wickenden (Twyford Parish Council).

Minutes: Lynn Povey (Assistant Clerk).

### 1. Introductions were made.

- Mrs B Ditcham – Chair of Planning & Amenities.
- Mr R Mantel – Chairman of Twyford Parish Council.
- Mr C Wickenden – Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan and Vice Chair of Planning & Amenities.
- Mr M Heath – Traffic Management, Parking & Road Safety Team Manager

Mr Heath stated that he wants to be proactive and engage with Parish Councils and suggested holding a meeting every 3 months. Mr Heath also advised that he is also liaising with other Councils to ensure that any works carried out has limited impact on neighbouring Councils & Parishes.

### 2. Highways Structure and Key Contacts:

- Rob Curtis – Transport Planning.
- Martin Heath – Traffic Management, Traffic Signals, Parking & Road Safety.
- Aivaras Jaisunas – Assets Manager (Liaison with Volker).

### 3. Parking

- Commuter Parking:
  - Current actions about bad parking are reactionary and moves the problem on to another area of the village.
  - Residents are suffering.
  - Discussions within WBC suggests Stanlake as a potential area for additional parking (Note: No action has been taken on this).
  - Any new developments would need to contribute to providing additional parking facilities.
- Actions:
  - Generate a Parking Management Plan to look at Twyford as a whole.
  - TPC & WBC to liaise with GWR/Network Rail to come up with potential solutions.
  - WBC to look at the whole of Twyford with regards to parking enforcement. Considerations - stop commuters from parking on the local streets and come up with a solution that then allows parking for residents and their visitors.

### 4. Cycling

- Lack of secure storage/parking at the station for bikes.
- Increase of cycle routes/safer cycle routes.
- Actions:
  - Mr Wickenden to provide Mr R Curtis of WBC a cycle map for Twyford and the surrounding areas.
  - Mr Wickenden to arrange a meeting with Mr Curtis for a wider investigation of cycle routes or Mr Heath if certain areas are to be looked in to.
  - Investigate the possibility of increasing and improving the bike storage facilities at Twyford station.

## **5. Bus Services**

Bus Services stop in Twyford at 6.30pm. Does not encourage people to use facility especially if they are due to arrive back after this time – only option is to drive & park.

## **6. Gateways**

Martin Heath confirmed that he has requested a quote from Volker. Assistant Clerk to chase Mr Heath for the quote.

## **7. Speeding/Safe Route**

- Wargrave Road Device – Not working properly.
- Hurst Road – Speeding hotspot
- London Road – Speeding hotspot
- A4 – Consideration of the speed limit. Suggested a speed restriction of 40mph 100m both sides of the A4 Wargrave roundabout be applied.
- Pedestrian Crossing near Stephenson Close.
  
- Actions:
  - Martin Heath to arrange for a maintenance check on the Wargrave Road device.
  - Martin Heath to arrange a speed survey to be completed on the Hurst Road.
  - Martin Heath to arrange a speed survey to be completed on the London Road.
  - Martin Heath to arrange a speed survey & come up with suggestions to improve the safer route scheme.
  - Martin Heath to arrange a survey to look at the volume of cars at various points of the day to see if a pedestrian crossing is necessary.

Surveys to be completed by the next meeting.

## **8. Twyford Crossroads**

Issue with the queue detection units

- Actions:
  - Crossroad traffic-light loop devices to be renewed by WBC.
  - Signal upgrade to be actioned by WBC.

These actions have been added to the 2020/21 schedule of works.

Mr Heath confirmed that he is happy to be included in the next air quality meeting.

## **9. Weight Limit through village**

Aim to discourage HGV's by setting weight/width restrictions within the village.

- Actions:
  - TPC to speak with Mr Curtis to discuss options on how to achieve this – TPC to think of ideas on how to implement this (divert traffic). Reasons for its consideration is air quality, pedestrian safety etc.

Possible date for the next meeting – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

Bridget Ditcham thanked everyone for attending.

**The meeting closed at 15:00**