

Twyford Parish Council Highways Meeting Notes

A meeting hosted by Wokingham Borough Council held at 11:30am on Friday 6th May 2022 via Teams.

Attendees: Andy Glencross (Wokingham Borough Council), Martin Heath (Wokingham Borough Council), Bridget Ditcham (Twyford Parish Council), Ray Sunley (Twyford resident & Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Member) & Lynn Povey (Assistant Clerk to Twyford Parish Council).

1. **Welcome.**

Mr Glencross welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Apologies:**

Mr M George (Twyford Resident & Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Member), Matthew Gould (Wokingham Borough Council) & Mr C Wickenden (Twyford Parish Council).

3. **Village Centre Infrastructure. Discussion points as follows:**

- 3.1 **Stanlake Lane bridge – Reroute traffic from centre.** Update following WBC's review of the document (Item within Mr R Sunley's document presented to WBC in February 2022). Carried forward.
- 3.2 **Heavy Goods Vehicle ban.** Update following WBC's review of the document (Item within Mr R Sunley's document presented to WBC in February 2022). Carried forward.
- 3.3 **London Road – making it pedestrian friendly.** Mr C Wickenden to provide an update following the appointment of High Street Infrastructure Consultants. Assistant Clerk to arrange a meeting between the Neighbourhood Plan High Street Infrastructure Team, the High Street Infrastructure Consultants and Rob Curtis of WBC.
- 3.4 **Parking facilities – Need for increase.** Update from WBC following the completion of surveys. Results from the surveys have been received and the Parking Management team are finalising proposals and waiting times. Consultation to commence in due course.
- 3.5 **Approach Roads** (Document produced by Mr R Sunley circulated). Carried forward.
- 3.6 **Blanket 20MPH through village – To discuss suitable roads.** Carried forward.

Note:- Mr R Sunley, Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Volunteer has produced documents on the above with his proposals (documents circulated). Mr A Glencross & Mr M Heath to review Mr R Sunley's document and provide feedback. Mr R Sunley to attend the next meeting.

4. **Gateways.**

- 4.1 **London Road – Outstanding.** Mr M Heath to chase installation date.
- 4.2 **Heritage Sign.** Mrs L Povey to send photos of the sign with the view of it being replaced. Carried forward.
- 4.3 **Twyford/Hurst border – Can Quincy be added?** Mr M Heath or Ms J Yeboah to send through two costings for the Parish Council to consider. One for a completely new sign for the Twyford/Hurst gateway and the second for a smaller sign that would sit under the existing sign simply stating 'Twinned with Quincy'.

5. **Streetlamps.**

- 5.1 **Non-WBC Lamps – Update on ownership considerations.** Mr A Glencross confirmed that a meeting is due to take place next week (week commencing 9th May 2022). Await update.
- 5.2 **Turn your engine off signs.** All banners to be removed soon and replaced by 'No Idling' signs. It was requested for Hurst Road & Station Road to be included within the roll out.

5.2.1 Timing device – Indication as to when lights will turn. Currently there is no device that can do this that is DFT approved. Noted.

- 6. Hanging Baskets.** Notification received from Dave Halley at WBC after the February Highways Meeting stating that columns due to support hanging baskets require stress testing before authorisation for the said erection can be given. Mr A Glencross confirmed that the following statement met with his understanding for the arrangements made:

WBC have confirmed that the initial type 1 & 2 stress testing on both WBC & TPC owned streetlamp columns that have hanging baskets on them will be paid for by WBC (Approx. 74 columns). It was discussed and requested for TPC to arrange for the inspections to be carried out due to time restraints and WBC will reimburse TPC thereafter.

Once the testing has been completed, a copy of the column testing report must be provided to WBC along with proof of TPCs Public Liability Insurance and a fee of £45 paid enabling a licence permitting the erection of hanging baskets within Twyford Village throughout the year to be issued.

Finally, all future column testing (duration will be specified within the stress test report) will form part of the responsibility of the lamp column owner.

- 7. Speed Device (Hurst Road/Waltham Road).** Mr M Heath to provide an installation date.
- 8. Safe Route to School/Pedestrian Crossing (Wargrave Road)** – Two locations are being focused on in Wargrave Road, south of Amberley Drive and north of Longfield Road. Surveys have been completed. Mr M Heath to chase results and provide an update.
- 9. A4 Speeding/Safe Route.** TVP have declined a trial of a reduced speed. WBC are continuing to work on a speed reduction past The Piggott School. TPC to consider raising the safety issue with Highways Executive Member Pauline Jorgensen.
- 10. Potential Bridge Farm Development – Impact.** Mr A Glencross stated that this item is not currently being investigated by Highways. Noted.
- 11. Keep Clear Signs.**
- 11.1 Section near Miles & Daughters (Needs re-doing).** An order for the works has been submitted and the sign is to be reinstated within 28 days. Noted.
 - 11.2 Sign needs re-doing for entrance at the side of Hunt & Nash.** An order for the works has been submitted and the sign is to be reinstated within 28 days. Noted.
- 12. Parking on pavements & verges.**
- 12.1 Longfield Road with Hilltop Road – Junction.** Mrs B Ditcham provided an overview of the problem.

Mr R Sunley raised the London Road shop area and Mrs B Ditcham raised the section of Colleton Drive outside the school as other areas of concern. Mr A Glencross to arrange for the enforcement team to visit the area.

- 13. Integrated Travel.** It was recommended to hold discussions with Rebecca Brooks at WBC in her capacity as Community Transport Manager.
- 14. Hurst Road – Fencing next to Gas Lane (contradicting actions).** Attendees advised of the broken sections of fencing at both Hurst Road by Gas Lane (W2128783) & outside Bridge House, Twyford (W2236478). Mrs L Povey to email Mr A Glencross of the details for investigation.
- 15. Electric Hook-Ups** - Mr A Glencross confirmed that there are 70 EV Charging Points within the Borough being considered. Mrs L Povey to forward any suggested locations within Twyford to Sofia Charalampidou for consideration.
- 15.1 Residents without driveways.**
 - 15.2 Will there be enough electricity to support charging?**

Next meeting to be held 5th August 2022 (TBC).

Mr Glencross thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed 12:47