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Minutes of the Meeting of the Highways and Rights of Way Committee held on 24th April, 2018 in the Undercroft Room, St. Mary's Church, North Woodchester at 7pm

Present: Cllrs. Warnes, Dunbar, McNealey

In attendance: The clerk and one member of the public.

2018/9 To receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

2018/10 To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

2018/11 To confirm the minutes of the Highways and Rights of Way Meeting of 24th January, 2018.

These were confirmed and signed as a true record by Cllr. Warnes.

2018/12 To discuss results of recent traffic and pedestrian surveys and agree proposals to put to the Full Council on the 10th May, 2018.

Councillors agreed five proposals to put to the Full Council on 10th May:

1. Selsley Road Speed Limit

The Parish Council may seek to have a 20mph speed limit introduced on Selsley Road from above the Lawns Park junction down to the bottom of Selsley Road at the A46. We believe that this will reduce the risk to the high volume of pedestrians crossing Selsley Road to access the village shop and Post Office, and reduce the likelihood of accidents on the bends around the Church Lane junction. The 20 mph speed limit should also be extended to Southfield Road, Church Road, South Woodchester High Street and Frogmarsh Lane to the A46, Convent Lane and St Mary's Hill.

2. A46 Speed Limit

The Parish Council may seek to extend the 30mph speed limit south through the Parish, for the various reason discussed in section 5, and to implement an enforcement program, the nature of which requires further discussion.

3. Enforcement

The Parish Council may wish to consider various options to enforce existing or new speed limits within the Parish, including:

- a. a Community Speed Watch program
- b. installation of an ANPR Speed Camera on the A46, which might be linked with the Rodborough cameras for average speed monitoring, in order to encourage compliance with the proposed 30mph speed limit on this route
- c. installation of Radar Speed Signs which indicate to motorists their speed and whether they are within the speed limit.

4. Frogmarsh Mill

Councillors have agreed that a letter will be sent to businesses operating at the site to ask that they remind customers to be mindful of the requirement for access by heavy goods vehicles when parking. We will also produce signs to be placed on windscreens of offending vehicles. The clerk will contact the Neighbourhood Warden to make him aware

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of the issue and ask that he intervenes when possible. The P.C.S.O. should be contacted when a vehicle is causing an obstruction.

5. HGV Signage

The Parish Council should request GCC Highways Department to improve the signage at the bottom of Selsley Road making it clear that the road is not suitable for large HGV's and highlighting the weight limit on the bridge.

2018/13 To discuss the issue of parking in the High Street following concern expressed by a resident.

A resident expressed concern about parking on the High Street just south of the War Memorial. There had recently been two incidents of vehicles being abandoned here, with one being set alight.

Councillors were sympathetic to the issue of parking and sorry that the resident had been subject to this worrying incident. Unfortunately there are many areas in the village where parking is a problem and the Parish Council do not have any power to alter the highways with signage or lines. The Neighbourhood Warden, Dominic Everiss has been made aware of the situation.

2018/14 To discuss issues on Rights of Way and agree any further action.

Despite the mud being cleared from Water Lane last year the track is again difficult to pass on foot during wet weather. This is likely to be an on-going issue.

Councillors discussed the s.106 payment agreed for the development of Rooksmoor Mills for the provision of kissing gates in the village. The clerk will determine at what stage of the development process this payment will be made and whether some might be used to replace a wooden gate which is no longer fit for purpose.

The Bike Trail was reported to have suffered no damage following recent flooding.

2018/15 To receive an update on proposals for the 'cycle path' from both Gloucestershire Rights of Way and Stroud Town Council's Parish Cycling Group and agree a formal position of the Committee on the future of the 'cycle path'.

There is a lack of clarity from Gloucestershire Rights of Way concerning their long-term plans for the 'cycle path'.

The Parish Cycle Group met in February with parties interesting in the promotion of cycling to boost tourism. Proposals by Gloucestershire Rights of Way to introduce a status of 'bridleway' raised concerns.

It is believed that resurfacing work, including the provision of passing places is due to begin in August 2018.

The next meeting of the Parish Cycling Group will take place on 16th May; a representative from Gloucestershire Rights of Way has been invited to that meeting to clarify their position.

Councillors agreed their position, which is the desire to see a multi-use track providing a linear park, delivering the opportunity to run, walk, cycle, play, with activity areas along its length.

2018/16 To receive comments from members of the public on items discussed at this meeting.

A resident asked when the drains on Bospin Lane will be cleared. A meeting is being arranged with the Highways Manager, Paul Helbrow and County Councillor, Steve Robinson.

The meeting closed at 8.02pm.

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