

BURWELL PARISH COUNCIL

SAFETY GROUP

Notes of the meeting held on 18th February 2020 7.30 pm

Present: Robin Dyos (Chair), Helen McMenamin-Smith, Liz Swift and Brenda Wilson

S/180220/01 Apologies for absence and declarations of interests

Apologies for absence had been received from Gill Miller, Jim Perry and Paul Webb.

S/180220/02 Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2020

The minutes were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

S/180220/03 Consideration of the Action Update Sheet and action taken following previous meeting

Please see appendix 1 Action Update Sheet dated 18.2.20.

The group agreed that item 1 LHII Ness Road Zebra Crossing should be removed.

The next meeting with Matt Staton from Highways is to be held on 12th May 2020.

An update has been received from Suffolk Highways on the Burwell to Exning Cycleway – Please see Action Sheet.

S/180220/04 Report from the meeting with Highways

Please see appendix 2 Notes of the Meeting with Matt Staton on 4th February 2020.

Line markings and rumble strips throughout the village remain a concern. These are apparently repainted as a part of a three-year rolling maintenance schedule and are checked monthly to ensure that they have not faded to an extent where intervention outside of the schedule is required. Robin Dyos has informed Highways that he would like to attend the monthly check when it is next carried out.

S/180220/05 Buntings Path

Initial readings from the MVAS machine indicate no excessive speeding in Buntings Path, although these readings do need to be verified. Accurate figures need to be presented to the resident's group at the meeting on 3rd March 2020. Helen McMenamin-Smith informed the group that when she took part in the resident's survey at school times at the end of last year, most of the traffic was school related.

The zigzag lines outside the entrance to the Sports Centre are faded. Clerk to chase Highways about them being repainted. Parish Council could fund the repainting themselves.

There are numerous educational road safety schemes that the school could become involved with such as the Banner Scheme, 5 Minutes to School Scheme and the Walking Bus. Some of the schemes are recognised by OFSTED.

Flashing speed reduction signs could be considered on all the main routes to the school.

S/180220/06 MVAS

The two signs being delivered through the CCC LHII Scheme should arrive around the end of March 2020. Westcotec has manufactured a machine to monitor pollution levels and the company may be willing to loan the machine to the Parish Council for a trial year.

S/180220/07 Cycle Path Survey

Burwell Bike Club is currently carrying out a survey to look at paths in the village which may be suitable to be dedicated for dual use (cycle and pedestrian).

S/180220/08 Correspondence from residents

1. Traffic at junction of Silver Street and North Street

An email had been received from a resident regarding traffic safety in the area of Silver Street and North Street just before Chestnut Rise, which is made worse by the quantity

of traffic and parked vehicles. The group agreed that this should be discussed with Highways to see if anything could be done. He also asked about the option previously suggested of a one-way system. Unfortunately, group members feel that this is not a workable option.

2.The Causeway/Newnham Lane

A resident had written to the Council suggesting that there should be a footpath along Newnham Lane for pedestrians. The group agreed that providing a footpath is likely to be too expensive for the Parish Council to do and is not a high priority. The resident had also suggested that there should be double yellow lines along the Causeway between Newnham Lane and Hythe Lane. The Group members are aware about concerns with park vehicles along this stretch of road. Helen McMenamin-Smith to ask if those visiting Elk could park their vehicles in the pub car park. This is an area that can be targeted through the Road Safety Campaign.

S/180220/09 Winter weather – Gritting and Snow Clearing

This matter was deferred until the next meeting.

S/180220/10 Road Safety Campaign

It has been confirmed by ECDC that using appropriate wording to ensure that the relevant criteria can be met, a Parish Council can use their CIL money to support village gates at village entrances. Using some form of speed buffering on the approach to the entrances to the village could be done through the 2021/2022 LHII Scheme.

The Group recommends to Full Council that the provision of village gates and speed Buffering is investigated in order to reduce speed and improve road safety in the village, with a possible LHII application being submitted for the speed buffering and privately funded scheme using CIL funding for the village gates. Applications for the LHII 2021/2022 being accepted from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2020.

The Safety Group is considering a name for the Safety Campaign, with the suggestion of Think Safe, Be Safe being a possible option. Helen McMenamin-Smith to come up with some logo ideas.

S/180220/11 Any other business

There was no other business.

S/180220/12 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 21st April 2020 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm

Signed

Dated