

BURWELL PARISH COUNCIL

SAFETY GROUP

Notes of the meeting held on 21st July 2020 7.30 pm

Virtually using Zoom

Present: Paul Webb (Chair), Robin Dyos, Gill Miller, Liz Swift, and Brenda Wilson

S/210720/01 Apologies for absence and declarations of interests

Apologies for absence had been received from Helen McMenamin-Smith, Jim Perry, and Geraldine Tate.

S/210720/02 Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2020

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2020 were approved.

S/210720/03 Consideration of the Action Update Sheet and action taken following previous meeting.

Please see Update Sheet (Appendix 1).

The Clerk informed the Group that she had reported the uneven path edge with stone infill in Swan Alley to Highways and that she believed that the Rights of Way Officer had or was due to look at the path when he was next in the village. There have been some incidents of dog fouling on the stones. The Clerk to obtain a 'no dog fouling' sign for each end of the alley.

S/210720/04 MVAS update, deployment, and data

The sign is currently on Swaffham Road. The battery is due to be changed next week. The sign picks up traffic speeds from the quite a distance which means that it could show a different speed to that of the car passing. Movement of the existing sign and the two new signs can resume subject to risk assessments being carried out for each location both for battery replacement and movement of sign. Paul Webb will try to obtain data from all three machines for the September meeting. It was agreed that the MVAS sign in Swaffham Road should remain for the time being to get data available to support the latest LHII application.

S/210720/05 LHII 2021/22

The deadline for applications is now the end of September. After further investigation, the cost for buffer zones at all three entrances is around £15,000 and if rumble strips are included, the cost will be an additional £1,000 per entrance. There is concern that Swaffham Road may not be suitable for gates due to the cycle path. Paul Webb will take photographs of all village entrances/pathways. The Clerk informed the group that there had been a complaint about blocked visibility due to the village sign when exiting Barkways. Consideration will need to be given to this when looking at gate position.

S/210720/06 Safety Campaign

It was agreed that the Safety Campaign should be given further consideration in September with a view to launching during the first quarter in 2021 and a further launch at the Carnival in June if the Carnival goes ahead. There is a new head at the school and following an introductory letter from the Council, a meeting will hopefully be arranged for Liz Swift as Chair of the Council with the head. Time needs to be allowed for the new head to settle in and for Covid-19 arrangements to establish.

Paul Webb suggested that Council is asked to earmark the £3,000 in this year's budget for the campaign and for this to be carried forward to next year, along for a request for a further £3,000 allocated from next years precept. Brenda Wilson suggested that when requesting further funds, it would be necessary to support the request with some detailed costings. The Clerk pointed out that if the campaign was to start early in 2021,

then this would still be in the current financial year and the funds would be better earmarked when it is known that they will not to be needed this year. Requesting funding from next year's precept needs to be done October or November when the budget is discussed by the Finance and General Purposes Group.

Robin Dyos raised concern about the visibility of the school warning signs in Buntings Path and that the dragon's teeth outside the sports centre entrance have still not been painted. The Clerk agreed to check this out and notify Highways.

S/210720/07 Any other business

Speedwatch

Paul Webb suggested that Speedwatch should be an agenda item for the September meeting. The Group needs to consider if Speedwatch data should be included with MVAS information provided to the public. Paul Webb and Robin Dyos are currently not doing sessions due to Covid-19. Paul Webb believes that Jim Perry wishes to relinquish his responsibility for Speedwatch, and consideration now needs to be given to whether Speedwatch should be taken over by the Parish Council. Brenda Wilson informed the group that she is still willing to help. More volunteers need to be trained to run the sessions. The MVAS signs can be used for Speedwatch. A further 3 to 6 locations for the MVAS signs need to be identified – Paul Webb to check and identify.

A letter still needs to be sent to the resident with the overhanging hedge in Silver Street.

S/210720/08 Date of the next meeting

As several members of the group are unable to make the meeting on 15th September, it was agreed that the meeting should be held on 22nd September instead.

The meeting closed at 8.19 pm.

Signed

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