

## Burwell Parish Council Safety Group Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Minutes

Present: Paul Webb (Chair), Liz Swift, Ian Woodroffe, Jim Perry, Lea Dodds, and Geraldine Tate.

Apologies Helen McMenamin-Smith and Gill Miller.

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

#### LHI - 20 Miles Per Hour

The 20 mph LHI application needs to be submitted by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. County Councillor Joshua Schumann has to be in support of the application. The application has to demonstrate that the Council has support for the speed reduction from the community. Paul Webb explained the timeline for the applications, which will be accessed during May-July and reported to the Committee in July. Pricing and construction will take place in 2024. It was felt that it would be less confusing if the entire village was designated a 20 mph zone.

**Recommendation to Full Council – That Burwell Parish Council submits an LHI application for the village (all roads) to have a speed limit of 20 miles per hour.**

#### Buffer Zone Markers

Liz Swift questioned if it is worth installing the additional markers if we are applying for the village to become 20mph. Clarification to be sought as to how the buffer zone would work if 20 mph limits were installed in the village. Should the group consider that it remains worthwhile to install the markers, then it is likely that an application will need to be through a privately funded scheme.

#### MVAS and Speedwatch Update

Jim Perry reported that he was almost there with sorting out Speedwatch. He has the report from Stephen. Two other volunteers need to be found so that 2 further groups can be operating from April, with Jim Perry leading one group and Paul Webb leading the other.

Paul Webb still needs to draw up a site rota for the MVAS signs. 2 street lamps have been identified in Reach Road. Approval is still required from Balfour Beaty before use. Paul Webb has yet to remove the data from any of the signs.

#### Safety Campaign

Paul Webb informed the group that he is in the process of writing a report on the Safety Campaign for those who have provided funding such as the Community Safety Partnership and Vision Zero. A draft of the report to be presented to the Parish Council on April 11<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Paul Webb reported that he still has to deliver the bin stickers to those who live in North Street.

There is still a number of bin stickers available which can be issued around the village.

The group agreed not to purchase any quantity of Hi-Viz items. However, should any non-allocated funding from CSP or Zero Vision be available then could be spent on Hi-Viz items instead of having to return the funding. Any other funding provided by the Parish Council could be earmarked for the LLI 20 mph application. Lea Dodds stated that he wished to remain open minded with regards to purchasing goods and asked if it was possible to purchase advertising space on social media platforms. It was noted that this is an option and that often, adverts are 'pinned' at the top of the Burwell Community Page.

#### Burwell to Exning Cycleway Update

There are no further updates for the cycleway. Lea Dodds reported that he had looked through the file for the project. It may be worth having a face to face meeting to see how the project is moving forward.

#### Walk around with Highways.

A walk around the village to look at highway issues with Bob Rossiter is due to take place in April. The previous report for road markings should be located.

### Safety Issues

Footpath Isaacson Road – High Street area

Concern has been raised by a resident about this area as the footpaths are very narrow and are dangerous to walk along. This area to be visited during the meeting with the Highways Supervisor, Bob Rossiter

### Buntings Path

The Clerk reported that she had responded to a resident about their concerns for safety on Buntings Path.

### The Causeway

Safety concerns raised by Mr Doyle to be discussed with the Highways Supervisor at meeting.

### Response from SLCC regarding liability

The Clerk read out the response (below) she had received from SLCC regarding the parish council possibly being held liable should they become involved in the trip hazard at the entrance to Swan Alley.

The response:

Dear Yvonne,

Your query has been referred to me

The Parish Council has no standing in this matter as it is not responsible for the works which have been carried out, nor is it the adjacent land owner. In these circumstances the best advice is that the Council should not interfere. If there is any liability it is on the parties who have created the hazard.

If the Parish Council warns the owner who then does nothing, there is no power for the Council to force them to take action. The Parish Council could advise the Highway authority (who I assume carried out the works) that there is this hazard and leave it to them as to any action that they wish to take to protect themselves.

Yours sincerely

The logo for Wellers Hedleys, featuring the word "Wellers" in red and "Hedleys" in blue, with a stylized blue circular graphic element between them.

**Roger Taylor**

Consultant

### Major objectives for the group following the elections.

Paul Webb thanked the Clerk for her work in supporting the Safety Campaign and continued by thanking all that had been involved in the campaign and other work carried out on behalf of the Safety Working Group. He felt that some components of the campaign had been good. He felt that the village had been made aware of some of the safety concerns.

He asked the group members to consider what the group's objectives should be after the election and give some thought as to who should be chair

Date of next scheduled Safety Meeting – to be confirmed

Signed

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