

BURWELL PARISH COUNCIL

SAFETY GROUP

Notes of the Meeting held on 20th July 2021 7.30 pm by Zoom

Present: Paul Webb (Chair), Robin Dyos, Helen McMenamin-Smith, Gill Miller, Jim Perry, Liz Swift, Geraldine Tate, and Brenda Wilson.

S/200721/01 Apologies for absence and declarations of interests

There were no apologies for absence or declarations of Interests.

S/200721/02 Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2021

The minutes were approved. Proposed by Jim Perry and seconded by Robin Dyos.

S/200721/03 Consideration of and updates to the Action Sheet

See Appendix One for updates.

S/200721/04 LHII Application

Robin Dyos informed the group that for slowing traffic down there needs to be a physical barrier. Physical barriers can be speed bumps or tables. Tables appear to be the best although there are some negatives. These could be an option for the application.

Paul Webb reported that he thought that the following could all be options:

Zebra Crossing – Swaffham Road

Buntings Path – Automatic signs 20 mph at school times. Also include with this

Similar signs in the Causeway and on Ness Road

Twenty is Plenty in Burwell

Brenda Wilson agreed that speed tables do work and that she had read about the 5-minute traffic exclusion zones on school routes to make children walk part of the way to school. Gill Miller reminded the group of the suggestion for 30 mph bin stickers.

20 mile per hour speed zones may work more effectively now than previously with more roads having the lower speed limit. The group were reminded of the 20-mph zone in Newmarket which had been unsuccessful. A lower speed limit would also work better if it was set for the entire village and not just zones in certain areas. You will also need to have the community behind the reduction and a way to enforce the lower speed.

It was agreed that a recommendation should be made to Full Council for an application to be submitted LHI 22/23 for the installation of Solar powered automatic & programmable 20mph school signs at the school entrances on Buntings Path, Ness Road, and the Causeway.

Robin Dyos agreed to start the application process if approved by Council. The deadline for applying is 30.9.2021

S/200721/05 MVAS and Speed Watch Updates

Paul Webb reported that he still needs to update the MVAS schedule. The batteries have recently been changed. MVAS data can now be submitted to the Police via Speedwatch, and this information will be used to determine areas for the Police to target for speed checks. Permission for Toyse Lane and The Causeway will also be requested from Cambridgeshire County Council for the use of MVAS signs. Some new equipment is being considered by the Police to use for Speed Watch sessions which will make capturing the details of speeding vehicles easier. The need to ensure that operational Speedwatch teams are visible to traffic was explained. This is due to the Speedwatch scheme being an educational tool.

S/200721/06 Buntings Path

A letter has been received from a resident in Buntings asking if anything else is going to be done to slow traffic down. We can respond to the resident about applying for funding for

the School Speed reduction sign. However, it must be express that the application process is not quick, and any work agreed is unlikely to be carried out until 2023.

S/200721/07 Newmarket Road Development – Junction with Newmarket Road

Paul Webb reported that at the recent ECDC Planning Committee meeting concern was raised about the access to the development by the means of a ghost junction in preference to a roundabout. We have previously asked This Land for the data that the ghost junction decision was based on. This has not been provided. We need to chase this and ask for cost differences between having a ghost junction and a roundabout. We need to find out from ECDC what action is going to be taken over the junction concern. A letter also be sent to Joshua Schuman asking for his support for a roundabout.

S/200721/08

a) Traffic Lights – Newmarket Road, The Causeway, High Street

An email had been received regarding the Newmarket Road, Causeway, High Street junction and the possibility of installing traffic lights at the junction. The matter to be raised with Highways when there is an opportunity to have a meeting.

b) Parking Parsonage Lane

An email had been received from a resident regarding extensive parking in Parsonage Lane. There are a few marked parking spaces for the public to use and the provision of double yellow lines is very costly. Several Post Office vans park in Parsonage Lane overnight and it was suggested that they could park in the lane by the old telephone exchange. Yvonne Rix to investigate. Add to Action Sheet.

C) Double yellow lines The Causeway/ Newnham Lane

A request has been made for double yellow lines on the junction of the Causeway and Newnham Lane. Robin Dyos had investigated the possibility, but had found out that it is a very expensive and timely process. Yvonne Rix to pass this information on to the resident.

E) Parking on Low Road

The resident concerned with parking in Low Road had forwarded some photos demonstrating how if a vehicle parks opposite their driveway, they are unable to get out of their driveway. The situation needs to be monitored, with the number of occurrences known

F) Scams and Vulnerable People

Paul Webb reported that at a recent meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner he had been made aware of a scheme to make people aware of scams Particularly vulnerable people. It was agreed that the Parish Council could subscribe to the scheme and pass the information on to the village via Facebook and the website.

S/200721/09 Any other business

Robin Dyos asked the group to consider whether to continue with the proposal for the installation of gates at the entrances to the village. £5,000 CIL funding has been earmarked for the project. It was agreed that with there was no need for the gates now that buffer zones are due to be installed.

The Group recommends to Full Council that the Safety Group has agreed to no longer pursue the installation of gates at the entrances to the village and therefore the £5000 CIL Funding earmarked for the project should be returned to the general CIL Fund.

A suggestion was made that greater public awareness needs to be made that the car park in front of the British Legion includes an area for public parking. The matter to be raised with ECDC.

Paul Webb explained that the Safety Campaign had not been discussed at this meeting but suggested that the Village Carnival Event due to be held on 4th September 2021 would be a good opportunity to start promoting the campaign. Robin Dyos informed the group that he felt that a full year was too long for the campaign to last and felt that we would not have enough content to sustain a scheme for this length of time. Initially discussion needs to take place on the content and possibly, involving Lyn Hesse, the Road Safety Officer at Cambridgeshire County Council. Launching of the campaign is likely to be around Easter 2022, but whatever the duration of the campaign, it must be completed by May 2023, the end of the Council's term. Burwell at Large due to take place next March will also be an opportunity to launch or publicise the event. Working with the school may or may not be a possibility.

S/200721/10 Date of the next meeting 21st September 2021 (TBC)

The next meeting will be held on 21st September 2021.

The meeting ended at 20.56 pm

Signed

Ended