

Minutes of The Traffic and Highways Committee Meeting held at the Jubilee Room on Monday 17th April 2023 at 12:00pm

Present:

Cllr S Cross (Chairman), Cllr K Elvin, Cllr L Kneen (via Teams), Cllr L Walters, Cllr N Pellew, Cllr R Tavinor, Mrs B Frame, Mr M Watson, Mr B Inglis (Deputy Clerk).

TH035/2022 To note apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

TH036/2022 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2023

The minutes of the meeting on 2nd February 2023 were signed by the Chairman.

Miss C Stuart-Adams and Mr C Bowler joined the meeting at 12:10pm

TH037/2022 To receive reports from Community Groups

Mrs B Frame reported that new members of OGAFCA had been identified, and as such the association would be able to continue. Main concerns of the association are speeding, the number of HGVs passing through the area and the plans for access and crossings associated with AL21 project.

A recent article and photograph in the Maidenhead Advertiser which highlighted the dangers of the Fifield crossroads had drawn valuable attention to issues in the area.

Mr M Watson noted on behalf of Bray Traffic Action Group that there is an ongoing issue with the level of traffic using the Bray Throat at certain times, pointing to high Air Quality readings and a series of driver disagreements which had arisen in the area, going on to report that the bridge near the cricket club had suffered damage which was assumed to have been caused by a bus or HGV.

The Chairman introduced Miss C Stuart-Adams and invited her to speak on the Community Speed Watch initiative which runs in conjunction with Thames Valley Police, and this she did, going into detail on the workings and benefits of obtaining the necessary equipment and adopting the system, going on to state that she had registered Bray Village as a potential member. A discussion took place involving all those present, following which it was agreed that Miss Stuart-Adams would alter the registration to Bray Parish Council, and she was thanked for her input.

TH038/2022 A308/Holyport Road Junction improvements

The Chairman reported that the consultation period for RBWM proposals had now ended, and following an email exchange she has arranged to meet RBWM Transport Policy Manager at the site along with Cllr Elvin on 10th May. She noted that she had heard a range of different views from residents on the best overall solution to the junction, although it was agreed that congestion and pollution were likely to increase by the installation of traffic lights. It was felt that the main issues are speeding vehicles and the poor road markings approaching and around the present roundabout, with the problems associated with the A308 in general being more widespread than just at this spot.

Mrs F Allen joined the meeting at 12:40pm via Teams

TH039/2022 Loan of SID Device to community groups

This initiative is ongoing.

TH040/2022 Air quality monetary update

The Chairman reported that the most recent readings had been submitted to Kent University and as such there will be a quarterly comparison figure available for publication soon. A discussion on how to distribute these figures to a wider audience took place, with all present agreeing this would be desirable. Further discussions surrounding this will take place in due course.

TH041/2022 To receive a report of available electric charging points

The Chairman commented on a report, previously circulated, showing available charging points in and around the parish, details of an interactive mapping system and details of RBWM system of pay-and-display parking permits for owners of electric vehicles which is currently in operation.

A finalised EV Charge Point Implementation Plan is expected from RBWM in due course, now that public consultation on the initial draft has ended and as such the matter is ongoing.

TH042/2022 To consider suitable Traffic and Highways projects for available CIL funds

Various ongoing and previously identified issues were discussed, as well as a suggestion that a system of white gates to demark the entry to villages around the parish with associated benefits of traffic calming be investigated, and it was agreed to look into the feasibility of such a project.

Miss C Stuart-Adams, Mr C Bowler and Mr M Watson all left the meeting at 1:00pm

TH 043/2022 Priority List

In addition to the existing Priority List, it was agreed that the issues of Potholes and the Bus Service currently operating within the parish should be added. A wide-ranging discussion took place as a continuation of item TH042/2022 above with positive input.

TH044/2022 Date of the next meeting is to be decided

Councillor N Pellew left the meeting at this point.

TH 045/2022 Local Government Act 1972 Exclusion of the public

The Chairman moved that under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public shall be excluded from the remainder of the meeting whilst discussion takes place on the grounds that they involve likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1-7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Mrs F Allen and Mrs B Frame left the meeting at this point and the meeting closed at 1:20pm