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Minutes of The Traffic and Highways Committee Meeting held at the Braywood Memorial Hall on Monday 20th November 2023 at 12:00pm

Present:

Cllr S Cross (Chairman), Cllr K Elvin, Cllr J Filipczak-Korczak, Cllr R Tavinor, Cllr L Kneen (via Teams), Mr M Hall (OGFRA), Mr B Inglis (Deputy Clerk).

TH019/2023 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies from Cllr Walters and Mrs F Allen. There were no declarations of interest.

Due to non-attendance of some members of the committee with no apology, Cllr Kneen suggested that the Deputy Clerk send a reminder on the morning of the meeting to help make sure that committee members turned up. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would send a reminder in future.

TH 020/2023 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2023

The minutes of the meeting on 18th September 2023 were signed by the Chairman.

TH 021/2023 To receive reports from Community Groups

No reports submitted.

The Chairman reported that a spate of roadside crime had taken place in Bray, with cars having been vandalized and one vehicle having been stolen. Police have attended and Bray Community Watch Group are working to raise awareness and encourage residents to report incidents. Cllr Kneen reported that a residents' group in Holyport are making similar attempts to make residents aware of the need to report incidents to TVP and that this can be done anonymously.

The Chairman gave an update on safety concerns at the junction with Ascot Road near Holyport Lodge, reporting that an RBWM Highways Officer had visited the spot on 31st October and while he had seen nothing of note at the time of his visit, could see how easily a safety issue could arise. It was agreed that a solution involving bollards or kerbing to make The Green a cul-de-sac would solve the issue, but a case would need to be built to justify this, and as such residents would be encouraged to report as many near misses as they could, including photographs or videos whenever possible. Such non-emergency reporting can be done by calling 101 or by using Thames Valley Police's online reporting form at <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

TH 022/2023 Community Speed Watch - Update

The Chairman reported that Community Speedwatch operations throughout the TVP area in the previous 30 days had shown 4314 offences, including 71 untaxed vehicles, 88 vehicles with no MOT and 4 vehicles which were declared SORN.

Since the last meeting, 172 non-compliant vehicles have been reported in Bray Parish.

There are 20 current operators, including 5 as a result of the parish newsletter. Cllrs Kneen and Tavinor indicated a willingness to become involved, with Ascot Road through Holyport being considered as an additional site. There are currently 22 sites being monitored in the parish.

A WhatsApp group is proving to work well in co-ordinating the team of operators, and there are training sessions scheduled for early December on the automatic speed watch camera. The new speed indicator devices (SIDs) have been delivered to Simone Surveys who are awaiting instructions on approved sites for these. Various sites were discussed, taking into account the positioning of lamp posts owned by the parish, and this project is ongoing.

Cllr N Pellew joined the meeting at 12:30pm

TH 023/2023 Safety barrier at The Willows – Update

Cllr N Pellew commented on the drawing submitted by RBWM for a safety barrier, reporting that the residents are not satisfied with this planned solution and intend to approach RBWM Cllr Da Costa with their campaign for a more sympathetic, greener solution to the safety issue.

Deputy Clerk pointed out that the site of the proposed barrier is out with the parish, but it was agreed that the safety issues at the crossing have been brought about by developments within the parish and as such the matter would remain on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

TH 024/2023 Village gateways – Update

The Chairman reported that discussions had been held with RBWM Cllr Hill to inform him of plans to install village gates, initially at entrance/exit points of Bray village, also having liaised with Cllr Graham (Chairman of Bray Parish Council Land Management Committee) to look at the optimum positions for such gates.

The Chairman would distribute details of design options to members of committee for perusal.

Mrs B Frame (OGAFCA) joined the meeting at 1pm and The Chairman asked if there were any points to raise on behalf of the association. BF stated that the association wished to restart the plea for a reduction in speed limit along Oakley Green Road B3024, given the successful campaign on the A308 and the safety concerns surrounding increased levels of HGV traffic, the dangerous junction, the high level of cyclists using the road and the proximity of Braywood School. It was agreed that this issue would be added to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

TH 025/2023 Hibbert Road – Parking issues

The Chairman reported that residents of Hibbert Road had contacted her and suggested the idea of a questionnaire to residents could be revisited to give the option of a parking scheme, stating that she would approach RBWM Parking Manager for guidance. Cllr Tavinor agreed to canvas the opinion of residents on an informal basis and the issue is ongoing.

TH 026/2023 Date of the next meeting Monday 22nd January 2024

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1:36pm