



Present: Broadclyst Parish Council Traffic Committee Members

Also present: Broadclyst County Division Members, Cllrs

Bloxham and Randall-Johnson

In attendance: Clerk; Deputy Clerk

MOP: 1

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BROADCLYST PARISH COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Draft)

As a Committee of the Parish Council, this meeting was open to Members of the Press and Public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (1) (2)

There was a Traffic Committee meeting of Broadclyst Parish Council held on Wednesday 26th June 2019 at 14:00hrs at Blackhorse Inn Function room, Blackhorse, for the purpose of transacting the following business:

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MINUTES (Draft)

T19/01 CHAIRMAN

Cllr Gent as former Chairman opened the meeting; Cllr Liz Straw proposed Cllr Gent be elected as Chairman for the Traffic Committee for 2019/20. This was unanimously agreed

T19/02 APOLOGIES

The Committee accepted apologies from Cllr Baker, Jackson, and Waldron (work commitments)

T19/03 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no DPI's reported.

T19/04 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There was one member of public present who was invited to speak when the meeting reached the relevant parts of the agenda.

MOP reported his car being hit twice on old Coach Road, with it being written off the second time; he has also been hit by a car whilst pushing a pram. There is a 7.5t weight limit except for access, and speed humps are ineffective. School coaches and heavy vehicles are using it as a cut through rather than turning in at Dog Village, which is in contravention of the 7.5t weight restriction. A no-exit from the northern end of Old Coach Road was suggested as an option.

Action: this to be consulted on and taken to PC for a recommendation to request this be progressed by DCC. Prioritisation of exiting traffic past the old Baptist Chapel was also discussed.

T19/05 COMMITTEE DELEGATION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee noted the resolved Committee Delegation and Terms of Reference for the Traffic Committee. It was also noted that as a Traffic Committee all meetings are open to public.

T19/06 DRAFT TRANSPORT / TRAFFIC PLAN

- i. The Committee considered the potential scope of the Plan and what it should / should not include. It was noted that DCC is the Principal Authority for Highways, Public Rights of Way, and public transport. Whilst there is no wish nor need to duplicate the work of the County Council, a Transport Plan for Broadclyst Parish will contain policies that help address issues and concerns of residents. The Committee works to serve residents of Broadclyst Parish; the relationship with DCC to be informative and collaborative.
- ii. The Committee received copies of the 2012 and 2016 adopted Traffic Plans, a draft revision for 2019, and an alternative layout of the Plan which contained the following draft recommendations:

Blackhorse Recommendations:

5.2.1. That evidence gathered through the Neighbourhood Plan be utilised to support the spending of CIL on 'soft' traffic calming measures (there is potential for co-funding by DCC if the need for calming is set out in community-led policy and is evidenced through the NP);

Cllr Bloxham gave an update ref Blackhorse and the question of speed limit reduction at Blackhorse, in relation to recommendation 5.2.1.: central refuges for bus stops, interactive VAS signs, historic SCARF review, future traffic calming as the village becomes more 'urbanised'.

5.2.2. to ensure the delivery of the Clyst Valley Regional Trail and/or other crossing points; (NB: County Division Members have requested this be prioritised and progressed.)

5.2.3. to work with DCC to address overgrowth and associated issues along the cycle-path and Blackhorse Lane;

(NB: It was noted landowners are responsible for hedgerows and that there is a balance to achieve between overgrowth and hedge preservation / bird nesting.)

5.2.4. to work with DCC to address speed of cyclists and visibility along the cycle-path and Blackhorse Lane;

5.2.5. to support DCC and Highways England in updating signage in the area to route HGV's via the A30, exiting at the Airport junction and using the by-pass tunnel;

5.2.6. to work with DCC and partner agencies to upgrade Sat. Nav. Mapping in this area.

Cllr Randall-Johnson reported on Sat Nav routing to avoid weight limits, the limits must be permanent (rather than relating to construction traffic).

Broadclyst Recommendations:

5.3.1. that a village-wide speed limit of 20pmh be introduced, encouraged by traffic calming measures along the length of the B3181 through the village and village gateway signage on all entrance points, and that the speed limit between Budlake and Broadclyst Primary School be standardised to 40mph.

(NB: County Members reported that DCC is trialling this in some villages in the South Hams, its own policy dates back to 2009 so is out of date. Police have confirmed they will enforce a 20mph speed limit.)

5.3.2. that a TRO to put double yellow lines between Broadclyst Primary School and into the top of Town Hill be progressed;

(NB: this is currently scheduled to go to HATOC for approval in 2019.)

5.3.3. to carry out an accessibility audit on pavements and walkways, including all bus stops in the parish, working with DCC and local landowners to explore practical solutions and funding options for addressing findings and maximise inclusivity;

(NB: Cllr Straw has looked at Westclyst and Broadclyst pavements and will summarise his findings in a report to Council; the Clerk is progressing access to bus stops and footpath works to improve accessibility.)

5.3.4. that pavements in areas of heavy pedestrian use be widened, especially around Clyst Vale and Broadclyst Primary, with new pavements installed where there are currently no pavements (ref 5.3.6);

5.3.5. New: to work with DCC and Civil Enforcement Officers to enforce/address repeated issues with parking on double yellow lines in the parish;

5.3.6. that 'shared space' schemes be considered for roads – it was noted that the Government is no longer backing shared space schemes due to safety for those with limited visibility. Revised policy: that creation of a 'school street' outside all parish schools be progressed; that a residents parking scheme be trialled (after public consultation)

5.3.7. to work with DCC to explore safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists, with particular focus on the narrow road past the former Baptist Chapel, Bustard Hill, Old Coach Road, rear of Post Office/shop, and Town End, where absence of pavement forces pedestrians to have to walk in the road;

5.3.8. to work with DCC to revisit options for the northern end of Old Coach Road, including potential access only from the B3181;

(NB: Cllr Randall-Johnson to liaise with DCC and school bus operators to re-route busses/coaches which are currently using Old Coach Road.)

5.3.9. to work with local landowners through the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) to identify any additional parking opportunities;

5.3.10. to explore possibility of creating a one-way circuitous route: from the B3181 by shop/hairdressers - the public toilets car park – EDDC main car park – Hellings Gardens – Town Hill – B3181.

Broadclyst Station Recommendations:

5.4.1. to echo the Council's recommendation (to work with strategic planners to make necessary changes to existing infrastructure which will benefit the flow of vehicular and non-vehicular traffic that is not just east-west but also north-south);

5.4.2. to work with DCC to explore options to improve traffic flow over the railway bridge, including relocation of on-street parking and traffic light control;

5.4.3. to work with local landowners through the NP and the Cranbrook Consortium to identify off-street parking;

5.4.4. to work with EDDC Green Infrastructure Officer and Cranbrook planning team to provide off-road cycle and foot paths in this area;

5.4.5. as per the recommendations in the Cranbrook DPD: to support the urbanisation of London Road and request that developers' financial contributions be conditioned so that the delivery of London Road improvements be relative to residential parcels coming forward, especially in relation to safe crossing points.

Westclyst Recommendations:

5.5.1. to work with DCC to progress a TRO for double yellow lines on/around the Hawkins Road junction to prevent parking obstructing the traffic lights and their approaches;

5.5.2. to liaise with developers and EDDC planners to address lack of defined parking in strategic sites during the development stages, planning consent to condition construction traffic during the construction phase;

5.5.3. to monitor school parking for morning drop-off/afternoon collection (NB as of the date of this report, DCC's Park and Change facility is on schedule to be ready for September 2019);

5.5.4. to monitor residents' feedback with regard delays leaving the Westclyst new estates, reporting significant changes to DCC;

5.5.5. to monitor queuing traffic on the B3181 through Westclyst, reporting significant changes to DCC;

5.5.6. to liaise with DCC, EDDC planners and Stagecoach to ensure the new developments meet their sustainable transport obligations.

- iii. The Committee will present a draft version of the 2019 Transport Plan to the Parish Council at its next meeting on 5th August 2019. Once the Council has agreed the draft Plan in principle it will be shared with DCC Highways Officers and Engineers as appropriate for feedback. The draft Plan will then be further revised before being presented as a final draft for adoption to Council later this year.

T19/07 ACTIVE MAINTENANCE WORKS UPDATE

The Committee received an update on current active maintenance works in the Parish including bus shelters, dropped kerb access to the recreation ground,

T19/08 STREET DESIGN / ARTWORK

The Committee considered replicating a trial project by St Michael's Primary school in Exeter to encourage drivers to slow down outside schools¹. As this particular Sustrans initiative is no longer running, the Committee agreed that the Transport Plan includes a broad policy 'to explore trialling initiatives to calm traffic and encourage the safe use of 'shared space'.

T19/09 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 15:50hrs.

Signed:.....

Print:.....

Date:.....

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¹ <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/news/exeter-pupils-design-street-dragon-encourage-cautious-driving>