

BARTESTREE WITH LUGWARDINE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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**Highways Working Group meeting held at
9:30AM on Wednesday 23rd November 2022 at Bartestree Village Hall, HR1 4BY**

Meeting Notes

Present: Alan Long (Working Group Chair), Clare Long, David Welton, Ron Williams, Polly Smith, Andy Thomas

In attendance: David Hunter-Miller, Roy Fullee (ARF Highway Services)

1. To note any apologies

Apologies were noted from Geoff Davies and Suzie Gardner.

2. To receive any declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

Nil declared.

3. To agree the notes from the meeting held on the 26th October 2022

The meeting notes were AGREED.

4. To receive a presentation by ARF Highway Services in relation to the aspirational highways plan

Roy Fullee provided an overview of the services provided by ARF Highway Services and how he could assist with developing the 'aspirational highways plan'. It was noted that the contract fee would cover a thorough site assessment of all roads in the parish, a report on the traffic management options available with supporting plans, and regular updates to the Working Group/Parish Council. It was anticipated that, if appointed, work could start on the project early 2023 and would take around four weeks to complete.

It was AGREED to recommend that ARF Highway Services be appointed to develop the aspirational highways plan.

5. To receive an update on setting up a Community Speed Watch Group

It was noted that the Police had given approval for a Community Speed Watch scheme. It was AGREED that Polly Smith would act as the scheme coordinator.

It was AGREED to advertise the scheme on the Parish Council's website and Facebook page and to ask for additional volunteers.

6. To receive an update on the River Lugg cycleway/bridge project

It was noted that there had been a successful meeting with stakeholders regarding the Lugg Bridge/cycleway project. Herefordshire Council were making enquiries to establish which body was best placed to act in the capacity as project client/owner (Community Group, Parish Council or Herefordshire Council) and also what funding or support might be available to enable the project to progress.

7. To consider grass verge cutting arrangements and Balfour Beatty's 'no spring cut' offer

It was AGREED that the Working Group endorsed staying with the current arrangements of two verge cuts per year. It was AGREED that consideration should be given to reviewing specific verge locations for encouraging wildflowers.

8. To consider potential 20MPH zones and the national '20's Plenty' campaign

It was AGREED that '20 when lights flash' signs to accompany the wig-wags for St Marys High School and Lugwardine Primary School would be preferred over a blanket 20MPH limit for the parishes.

It was AGREED to ask the Ward Councillor to provide feedback on the national '20's Plenty' campaign'.

9. To receive an update on village gateways

It was noted that Herefordshire Council had still not responded to the Clerk regarding approval for this work.

10. To receive an update on dragon's teeth and gateway road markings

It was noted that Herefordshire Council had still not responded to the Clerk regarding approval/costs for this work.

11. To receive an update on upgraded school wig-wag signage

It was noted that Herefordshire Council had still not responded to the Clerk regarding approval/costs for this work.

12. To receive an update on school parking (Lugwardine Primary School)

An update on school traffic issues was received. It was noted that the walking bus was proving successful. It was reported that the no-waiting cones in the turning area of Barneby Avenue had been a partial success but there had been issues with compliance.

13. To consider any recommendations for consideration by the Parish Council

It was AGREED to seek approval for the following items at a future Parish Council meeting:

- Appointment of ARF Highway Services to develop the aspirational highways plan
- Update on commencing the Community Speed Watch scheme

14. To consider any items for the next agenda

It was AGREED to add the following items to the next agenda:

- Bartestree crossroads road safety concerns
- Invite new Locality Steward to future meetings

15. Date of the next meeting

The next scheduled meeting is at 9:30AM Wednesday 25th January 2023.

The meeting closed at 10:43AM.



David Hunter-Miller
Clerk and RFO