

BARTESTREE WITH LUGWARDINE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Highways Working Group
Notes of meeting held on Thursday 24th March 2022 at 9.30AM
at Bartestree Village Hall

Present: Alan Long (Working Group Chair), Polly Smith, Mike Wilson, Wendy Soilleux, Ron Williams, Alan Tranter, Andy Thomas, Clare Long

In attendance: David Hunter-Miller (Clerk)

1. To note any apologies

Nil.

2. To receive any declarations of interest.

Nil declared.

3. To agree the Terms of Reference for this group

It was AGREED to adopt a Terms of Reference.

4. To agree the notes from the meeting held on the 4th March 2022

The meeting notes were APPROVED.

5. To consider starting to draw together the “aspirational” highways plan for the parishes

It was envisaged that an aspirational highways plan could be prepared, covering all potential projects from short term ‘quick wins’ to longer term projects requiring more significant investment. It was noted that the Parish Council’s existing priority list for highway S106 projects could be utilised as a starting point as parishioners had already been consulted on this.

It was AGREED to post a notice on the Parish Council’s website to ask for suggestions from parishioners and that the Clerk would collate all of the suggestions received from the working group and parishioners.

6. To consider next steps in encouraging parishioners to make their own “traffic scarecrows”

It was noted that work had been started on the first ‘traffic scarecrow’. It was noted that ‘traffic scarecrows’ should only be used on private property and not alongside A-roads.

It was AGREED to hold a competition for the best village scarecrow, possibly to be judged at the Queen’s Jubilee celebrations.

It was AGREED that Polly Smith would prepare a leaflet and circulate a draft to the Working Group for consideration.

It was AGREED to ask the Police to clarify whether 30MPH roundels could be supplied by the Parish Council for use on parishioners’ wheelie bins.

It was AGREED to request an extraordinary Parish Council meeting in April to approve the leaflet and expenditure.

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7. To consider next steps in setting up a Community Speed Watch Group

It was noted that a previous attempt had been made to set up a Speed Watch Group and enquiries would be made to see if those volunteers might still wish to be involved.

It was AGREED to ask the Police to provide a presentation on the Speed Watch initiative at a future public meeting; this could possibly be arranged for the Annual Parish Meeting.

It was AGREED that Polly Smith would make enquiries with the National Community Speed Watch group to see what advice or assistance they could offer.

8. To consider the installation of white gates at either end of the parishes and making a PCC Grant Application

Quotes had been received from JACS for the supply of white gates totalling £1775.20. JACS could also arrange for installation (quote awaited).

It was AGREED to submit a grant request to the Police and Crime Commissioner before the submission deadline of the 31st March 2022.

It was AGREED to clarify ownership of the verges for the proposed locations of the white gates.

It was AGREED to clarify with Balfour Beatty whether the Lengthsman, or Councillors, could undertake maintenance and cleaning of the gates once installed.

9. To consider an update on costs and options for SID's throughout the parishes

It was AGREED to clarify the costs for hiring a SID through Balfour Beatty.

Quotes for SIDs had been received from Messagemaker (£2,450.00 ex.VAT) and Westcotec (£2,800.00 ex.VAT) for the basic unit. A third quote from Elan City was awaited.

It was noted that Balfour Beatty would charge £900.00 for a site assessment and base installation for additional sites.

10. To consider items to seek approval for from the Full Council

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

- Scarecrow leaflet
- 30MPH stickers (following Police advice)
- SID purchase costs (if available)

11. To consider next steps

It was AGREED to review school traffic /parking issues at a future meeting and to increase liaison with the school over these issues.

The next Highways Working Group meeting is scheduled for 9:30AM on Wednesday 27th April 2022.