

## Traffic & Transport Sub Group Meeting

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

### MINUTES

1	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs Peter Bulmer, Ian Huffer, Amanda Miller, John Salt and Martin Whiteley  <b>Apologies: none</b>  <b>Visitors:</b> Cathy Harrington (20's Plenty for Chester &amp; Chester Cycling Campaign) and one resident, a second resident joined the meeting at Item 9.  <b>In attendance:</b> Kath Lloyd, Clerk</p>
2	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> the minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 were agreed as accurate (proposed by Cllr Salt and seconded by Cllr Bulmer). Matters arising were addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ACTION:</b> that the Clerk should contact Paul Parry (CWaC Principle Development Officer) and ask for evidence of need for the crossing and a copy of the original travel plan approved by the Secretary of State when the planning permission for the Saighton housing development was approved.  <a href="https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&amp;keyVal=MMYCEPTE6V000">https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&amp;keyVal=MMYCEPTE6V000</a>            ES VOLUME IV - APPENDIX 12.1 (TRANSPORT ASSESSMENT)</li> </ul>
3	<p><b>Public Forum:</b> the Chair welcomed the visitors and invited them to share their questions, which had been circulated prior to the meeting and are attached to these minutes. There was a discussion about the enforcement of the 20mph speed limits on Green Lane, the parish council are working with Cheshire West and Chester Council to install a speed indicator device as soon as possible and regular speed checks are made by the local PCSO. There was a query about how enforceable the 20mph speed limits are and the Clerk later sought clarification <a href="http://www.20splenty.org/police_enforcement">http://www.20splenty.org/police_enforcement</a> <b>RESOLVED:</b> that Cathy Harrington will forward details of the 20mph signage for front gardens to the Clerk <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Clerk will invite the resident to the Planning Sub Group meeting to discuss her second question in detail.</p> <p>The meeting then considered the remaining questions that had been submitted and asked Cllr Bulmer to take them to the Sustainable Transport Task Force on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. There was a discussion about the apparent lack of communication from CWaC and a need for an overarching, clear and joined up transport strategy for the city and surrounding areas.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> that Cllr Bulmer take the questions received to the Task Force and also ask:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the end date of the 6 month review and how soon after that will the results be published?</li> <li>2. Is a fair review possible as traffic has been disrupted due to Covid 19 lockdown restrictions?</li> </ol>
4	<p><b>CWaC Bus/Cycle Lanes in Boughton:</b> the meeting acknowledged and thanked residents for</p>

	<p>recent questions and feedback. The Clerk has responded to all comments and queries and has shared them with CWaC Cllrs with residents' permission. <b>RESOLVED:</b> that following a nomination process by the parish council, Cllr Peter Bulmer will represent the council on the Sustainable Transport Task Force. <b>RESOLVED:</b> in order to ensure a consistent approach by parish councillors, Cllr Bulmer will report to the Traffic &amp; Transport Sub Group and the full parish council and will provide a briefing note to accompany minutes so that a full understanding can be gained by other councillors.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Pentland Close:</b> Cllr Bulmer has been working closely with Chester Cycling Campaign members and CWaC Senior Officers to ensure that the replacement barriers at Pentland Close/Hoole Lane are accessible whilst being effective to reduce the speed of cyclists. There is no specific progress to report but Cllr Bulmer and the Clerk will continue to pursue CWaC Officers.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting:</b> the next scheduled meeting is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 but it was agreed that a meeting at the end of Nov/beginning of Dec would be useful for an update on the Task Force. <b>RESOLVED:</b> the Clerk and Cllr Bulmer will synchronise dates following the Task Force meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov and the Clerk will circulate an additional meeting date.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Information Exchange:</b> Cllr Salt has the Air Quality Monitor and is keen that it is used as soon as possible, it has been suggested that a young person (maybe from Christleton High School) could carry it so that it reflects the quality of the air enroute to school and back. <b>There</b> are a number of data protection issues with this proposal as the iphone would track the young person's whereabouts. <b>RESOLVED:</b> that parish councillors contact Cllr Salt or the Clerk with realistic suggestions that would enable the air quality around the A41/A51 junction (Sainsburys roundabout).</p> <p><b>Boughton Heath Retirement Village:</b> councillors felt that it was important for the council to continue a dialogue with the developers and asked that the Clerk make contact.</p> <p><b>Huntington – Christleton footpath/cycle way:</b> this has been discussed with Retirement Villages UK who are broadly supportive of the section up to Caldys Valley retail park, however, it has been suggested that CWaC feel that the proposed footpath between Huntington and Christleton is too expensive. Councillors are keen to see the analysis and a breakdown of costs and the Clerk was asked to follow up with CWaC.</p>

## QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC – TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT SUB GROUP

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### Resident A asks:

1 What are the plans for enforcing the 20mph in Vicars Cross? Too many cars are still racing down Green Lane or even into the various cul-de-sacs. I was told that electric signs would be installed to warn when drivers are driving too fast. Is that still the plan?

2. Will the council consider introducing a campaign to raise awareness of the negative effect of reducing the green spaces in this neighbourhood? Due to lack of planning constraints on wide scale paving over of front gardens, there has been an increase in homeowners taking out whole

front gardens. It reduced the ecological biodiversity and wildlife and it is interrupting wildlife corridors.

**Resident B asks:**

1. I have major concerns regarding the design changes that were made to the Boughton/Hoole Lane Junction last week with the inclusion of a cycle lane now floating in the outbound lane. It appears that the lane used by the buses has had its width removed to accommodate this and is now too thin for the buses meaning they have to straddle the cycle lane. As a cyclist this seems incredibly dangerous and goes against any design principles I've seen when it comes to cycle lanes. Can this be reviewed as soon as possible before a serious accident occurs?

2. Cllr Gahan told the recent council meeting that there wasn't a problem with the traffic in Boughton since the introduction of the bus lanes. Therefore, is the new taskforce you are going to be part of a waste of time? Is it going to be able to give a fair assessment?

3. As Boughton is the second most polluted road in Chester, standing traffic and slow moving traffic is now a daily issue where as this only really happened at peak times before. What steps will be taken to provide accurate monitoring on Boughton? As this is an experimental TRO it should have clear measurable objectives, what are these as they haven't been published? What's the success or failure criteria?

3. Is cycling usage being recorded in the new lanes?

**Resident C asks:**

Funding received by CWAC was for 'active travel' (no motorised traffic) The lanes installed by CWAC are bus lanes. Will this non compliance be addressed by the taskforce?

2. As there was no consultation with any organisation, fire, police, disabled groups or highways prior to the implementation of the bus lanes. Will this issue be addressed by the task force?