

MINUTES

Traffic & Transport Sub Group Meeting on Monday 29th March 2021 at 7pm via zoom

1	<p>Present: Cllrs Peter Bulmer, Ian Huffer, Amanda Miller, John Salt Apologies: Cllr Martin Whiteley In attendance: Kath Lloyd, Clerk</p>
2	<p>Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting on 1st February 2021 were approved as accurate and the following item was discussed:</p> <p>The proposed traffic lights on Gorse Way. Cllr Salt reported that due to the temporary traffic lights on Aldford Bridge, the traffic is pulsing along Caldly Valley Road and having a positive impact on the usual congestion. RESOLVED: Clerk will follow up with Cllr Collings.</p>
3	<p>Terms of Reference: the sub group scrutinised, discussed and considered the Terms of Reference in detail and some amendments were made – attached. RESOLVED: that the meeting becomes the Sustainable Travel Working Party and that the Clerk would clarify the difference powers and duties between a working party and a sub group (see attached)</p>
4	<p>A51 Bus Lanes Sub Group: Cllr Salt has presented the parish council’s vision to the Experimental Active Travel Lanes Group which was favourably received and the EATL has now split into two groups, one focusing on a short term fix and the other on a longer term strategy. Cllr Salt has a place on the longer term strategy group but there may be a need for a representative on the short term group in due course. There are discussions over shared ticketing between Stagecoach and Arriva buses which would bring some synergies to the public transport system. The minutes of the EATL group are not currently published but there is a shared vision statement that Cllr Salt will ask to be released. Discussions are sometimes sensitive and although there is a desire to share information, there is also a recognition that the debates are still at a planning stage and will probably change over time.</p>
5	<p>Sustainable Travel Task Group: Cllr Bulmer reported that there have been moves to contract a Highways Engineering Consultancy which CWaC have used before to create images as part of the planning process. There was a discussion about whether the images produced should lead the vision or the vision should lead the development of the images. It was agreed that images can be very powerful and have the potential to form the public’s perception of the scheme before any decisions are made. Cllr Bulmer reassured that meeting that a detailed brief had been drawn up and that the creation of images to assist in the visualisation of a proposal was part of the process, not the end of it. An application has been made to access around £8 – 10K of s106 funding to enable this piece of work to be undertaken and it is hoped that the visualisation imaging will take place in early summer. Cllr Bulmer expressed a concern that without senior officers from CWaC involved, that the work of the group will be delayed but this issue is being addressed by the Chair. RESOLVED: that Cllr Salt will support this proposal when it is presented to the EATL.</p>

6	SE Chester Pilot Taskforce: There was nothing further to report.
7	Pentland Close: Kay Parry from CWaC has assured Cllr Bulmer that the work will be carried out on "Wednesday" as it is still in place, it is unclear which "Wednesday" she meant. Cllr Bulmer and the Clerk will continue to monitor and remind CWaC.
8	Date and Time of next meeting: Monday 26 th April at 7pm via zoom
9	<p>Information exchange:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Miller asked if conversations could be carried out at local shops to understand why people use their cars locally and what might persuade them to leave the car at home? After a discussion, it was agreed that this might be most effective as part of the wider consultation later in the process. 2. Cllr Miller, prior to the meeting, had circulated her concerns about the damaged barriers and grass verges along the footpath between Vicars Cross Rd and Watling Court. There is a sign telling cyclists to dismount although it is a designated cycle path. After a discussion, it was agreed that the barriers provide a mechanism to slow cyclists down on entry to the 40mph A41 Vicars Cross Road and therefore it is unlikely that CWaC would move them. There was a further discussion about the unadopted nature of most of the footpaths and raised planters in the Watling Crt/Broadmead area. The Clerk's research shows that the original developer now no longer exists and CWaC only has responsibility to ensure safety in the area. RESOLVED: Clerk will attempt to confirm ownership. 3. A small number of councillors had attended a recent webinar focused on improvements to the A41 Christleton to Vicars Cross road, attended by Chris Matheson MP. Cllr Whiteley had provided some thoughts towards a response to the MP which the members of the sub group agreed with. RESOLVED: The Clerk will draft a letter to the MP and circulate it to the sub group for approval.

PARISH COUNCIL WORKING PARTY	PARISH COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE/GROUP
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Powers The Working Party has no spending powers nor can it make decisions on behalf of the Parish Council. It is an advisory group with no delegated powers of the Parish Council 2. Responsibilities and areas of operation Working parties are not a public meeting so do not have to be advertised. Working parties look at specific areas of work which are identified when the working party is set up and advise the council. 3. Reporting Working parties report monthly to The Parish Council for a resolution on any important decisions recommended; and for a resolution to spend money on a particular item. The Working Party has no spending powers nor can it make decisions on behalf of the Parish Council. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Powers The Sub Group has a specified budget and can make decisions on how to use it. It has delegated powers from the Parish Council and can act on its behalf. 2. Responsibilities and areas of operation Sub Groups are a public meeting so do have to be advertised and the public are allowed to attend. Agenda must be published 3 clear days ahead of the meeting and minutes made public for accountability. 3. Reporting Sub Groups report monthly to The Parish Council on decisions made and money spent on behalf of the Parish Council.

Sustainable Transport Working Party

Terms of Reference

The role of the Sustainable Transport Working Party:

1. To consult with residents, businesses and other stakeholders in the area to gain an understanding of their sustainable transport issues and needs.
2. To identify and quantify the major transport management problems (parking, congestion, speeding, air quality etc.) resulting from all transport routes through Great Boughton.
3. To identify and evaluate feasible options for improving the transport management problems in the area of Great Boughton through liaison with other Parishes, Ward Councillors and other partners.
4. To develop, manage and implement a Sustainable Transport Plan for the Parish Council area, which addresses realistic improvements to local transport issues, including the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, drivers and businesses including consideration of environmental issues such as local air quality and traffic noise.
5. To elect representatives from this sub group, to be part of sustainable transport working groups with representatives from other parish councils, to lobby the Borough Council for changes.
6. To develop and lobby to enhance the existing walking and cycling infrastructure in the area and promote safer routes to school and improvements to public transport.
7. To identify, explore and help secure funding opportunities support sustainable transport measures across the Parish Council area and connecting routes in/ out. Funding could include the Saighton Camp 106 fund/ other S106 funds, CWAC Members Award, Central Government and Private Sector
8. To lobby CWAC for agreed traffic measures that affect Great Boughton and work with Highways England, local and national government where appropriate to agree further measures.
9. The Working Party should consist of no more than five parish council members and two co-opted members and will report regularly on its progress to the Parish Council and may make recommendations.