

Traffic & Transport Sub Group Meeting

Minutes of the Traffic & Transport Sub Group meeting on Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 6pm in the Parish Council Office at Vicars Cross Community Centre

PART ONE

1	<p>Present: Cllrs Peter Bulmer, Ian Huffer, Amanda Miller, John Salt Apologies: Martin Whiteley In attendance: Kath Lloyd, Clerk & John Tacon (Marbury Rd resident)</p>
2	<p>Minutes of the last meeting: the minutes of the sub group meeting held on Wed 6th November were agreed as accurate and matters arising were on the agenda</p>
3	<p>Marbury Road: this item was brought forward so that Mr Tacon could leave afterwards. The meeting considered the summary of comments received by the Clerk in response to Cllr Salt's letter to residents in Marbury Rd and discussed potential actions. The following priorities were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCSO Beth George to be asked to monitor the parking and to do regular speed checks. A letter from her has already been delivered regarding inconsiderate parking. • The parish council to lobby Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council to improve the road surface in Marbury Road and CWaC Ward Cllr Steve Collings already working to move this forward. • A "Love and use your drive" publicity campaign aimed at encouraging people to use their driveways whenever possible • Cheshire West and Chester Council to be asked to re-instate white lines around the Cedar Park junction, making the right of way clearer. • Cheshire West and Chester Council to consider using different coloured tarmac at the junctions, which has been proved to act as traffic calming in other areas. • The parish council will continue to lobby Cheshire West and Chester Council to introduce 20 mph speed limits on Pearl Lane which will potentially reduce speeds in the wider area. <p>RESOLVED: The Clerk will draft a letter with above actions to go to Marbury Rd residents John Tacon left the meeting at this point.</p>
4	<p>Action Planning: the action plan was considered and discussion focused on the traffic lights at Gorse Way, which are specified in the original planning application as a 3 way scheme but there seems to be a suggestion that a pedestrian pelican type crossing may be considered. This will not allow for synchronisation with the traffic lights at the Sainsburys (donut) roundabout. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact CWaC Highways and ask</p>

	for plans and timeframes.
5	<p>Cycleway/footpath: Cllrs Salt, Bulmer, Huffer, Scargill, Miller and Pearson walked the proposed footpath on Saturday 30th Nov and reported back to the meeting that although the footpath at the moment is very muddy, it is passable between Great Boughton and Christleton. However, it is not clear whether it would be practical to extend it under the A55 and a further walk is needed from Huntington to be able to judge the viability of the scheme. Cllr Bulmer intends to attend the Christleton Parish Council meeting to raise awareness of the potential for a footpath and will report back.</p> <p>A walk from Saighton to Christleton is planned with Huntington Parish Council RESOLVED: Clerk to check and confirm date.</p>
6	<p>Date and Time of next meeting: Change of scheduled date to Wed 15th January at 6pm</p>
7	<p>Information exchange: None exchanged</p>

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STRATEGIC ISSUES		
Outcome	Milestones	Progress
Reduced traffic congestion on Caldley Valley Road	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traffic lights at Gorse Way 2. Creation of a slip road from the rear of the petrol station onto the A55 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signals are proposed as part of the Saughton Camp development. Kay Parry, Principle Engineer, Place Operations, CWaC has confirmed that the traffic signals at Gorse Way are planned but she doesn't yet have a date for the installation. *Email 17/09/19 Cllr Salt asked that the traffic lights on the Sainsburys roundabout be synchronised with the new Gorse Way ones to minimise congestion at Strawberry Fields. CWaC Email 5/11/19 <i>"The developer's designers are currently working up the detailed design and once these have been submitted and then checked and agreed by us and the requisite legal agreement signed we will look to programme a date in for the works to go ahead"</i> 2. The A55 is the responsibility of the Highways England and it was agreed that the creation of a new slip road was unlikely to be approved, given the close proximity of the existing slip road.
Safer traffic management on A41 (Doughnut) roundabout	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction of 40mph speed limit along whole stretch of dual carriageway 2. Enhance the appearance of the roundabout with planting/sculptures 3. Minimal overgrown hedges, weeds etc, obstructing road signs 4. Ensure that all traffic lights are directed so that drivers can see them easily 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The speed limit on the A41 has been assessed against national guidance and 50mph is recommended speed limit supported by the police. Kay advised that this is unlikely to be changed. 2. Kay has confirmed that action is being taken to ensure regular maintenance at the Sainsburys roundabout. Cllrs expressed a wish that a landscaping plan be created and asked for guidance on parish councils adopting roundabouts/public space. ACTION: Kay to forward information. 3. & 4. Specific issues to be reported online. http://westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk/
Safer traffic management at peak times at Vicars Cross traffic lights	Introduction of yellow markings at junction	Not appropriate as junction too large hence the lines put down and signs. Kay parry has provided latest data on speed of traffic at the junction in order for the parish to consider asking for an assessment of the speed limit between Sainsburys roundabout and Vicars Cross traffic lights. ACTION: Clerk to follow up with CWaC Project lead for A51 widening scheme re safety issues at Vicars Cross traffic lights
Improved Greenway facilities	Investigate potential of cycle/footpath across river at Sandy Lane Huntington to Christleton via Great Boughton cycle and footpath	This will be raised with CWaC Cllrs Board and Collings for their input and support Meeting on 23 rd Sept with Huntington PC, presentation from Cllr Salt at PC meeting on 21 st Oct, support from PC to continue with investigations. Mandate from parish council on 21/10/19 to go ahead with investigations. Great Boughton Parish Council walk of route took place on Sat 30 th Nov 19, joint walk planned for January 2020.
Improved infrastructure around the city	1. Black Dog By Pass (A41 at Waverton): from the rear of the Black Dog, around the back of	To be raised with CWaC through Cllrs Board and Collings

	the Mecure Hotel and linking with the A55 2.Link Road between the A41 at the Stamford Bridge around the River Gowy to link with A55	
OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES		
Outcome	Milestones	Progress
Safer crossing at Aldi/A41 junction	The pedestrian crossing at the Aldi/A41 junction is unsafe due to poor visibility for walkers and no pedestrian crossing traffic lights.	Clerk to make site visit, take photos and report to CWaC in first instance.
Improved cycling routes and information for users of public transport and cyclists	1.Publicity campaign in partnership with Chester Cycling Campaign https://www.chestercyclecity.org/ 2. Lobby CWaC to re-paint existing cycle routes and improve signage, including floor signage for cyclists and drivers	Specific issues to be reported online. http://westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk/
Improved local speed awareness	Implementation of mobile speed device	Liaison with Ian Jones from Street Lighting underway.
Reduced parking issues	Work with CWaC to implement one way systems (Marbury Road?) and double yellow lines where appropriate.	Unlikely CWaC would support as tend to increase speeds on roads. ACTION: Kay will check when the last assessment was carried out. Double yellow lines – please log location of concern online. http://westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk/
Traffic lights at Aldi/A41 junction	Incorrect siting of the traffic lights makes it dangerous for pedestrians to cross.	