

## Traffic & Transport Sub Group Meeting

Minutes of Traffic & Transport Sub Group meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 6pm in the Parish Council Office at Vicars Cross Community Centre

### PART ONE

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| 1 | <p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs Peter Bulmer, Ian Huffer, Amanda Miller, John Salt, Martin Whiteley<br/> <b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Keith Scargill<br/> <b>In attendance:</b> Kath Lloyd, Clerk</p>  |
| 2 | <p><b>Action Planning:</b> the action plan was updated and the following updates noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The speed data for A41 Vicars Cross Rd and the bypass have been received and circulated along with the road traffic collision data from PCSO</li> <li>ii. Marbury Road - a letter to residents was approved and signed by the Chair, Cllr Salt</li> </ul> <p>The meeting noted the latest responses from CWaC regarding the installation of a traffic crossing at Gorse Way and stated their concern that 9 years after the development at Saighton started, the crossing is still not in place. <b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to ask CWaC when to expect the plans to be ready.</p> |
| 3 | <p><b>Traffic lights at Aldi/A41 junction:</b> Added to action plan</p>   |
| 4 | <p><b>Cycleway/footpath:</b> See action plan update. Mandate from parish council on 21/10/19 to go ahead with investigations. Joint walk of route planned with Huntington parish councillors Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 19 at 10am to meet at Rake &amp; Pikle Pub.</p>  |
| 5 | <p><b>Date and Time of next meeting:</b> Wed 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm</p>   |
| 6 | <p><b>Information exchange:</b></p>   |

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## Traffic & Transport Sub Group Action Plan 11/11/2019

| STRATEGIC ISSUES  |  |   |
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| Outcome   | Milestones   | Progress  |
| Reduced traffic congestion on Caldley Valley Road                     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Traffic lights at Gorse Way</li> <li>2. Creation of a slip road from the rear of the petrol station onto the A55</li> </ol>  | <p>1. Signals are proposed as part of the Saighton 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.</p> <p>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></p> <p>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.</p> |
| Safer traffic management on A41 (Doughnut) roundabout                 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction of 40mph speed limit along whole stretch of dual carriageway</li> <li>2. Enhance the appearance of the roundabout with planting/sculptures</li> <li>3. Minimal overgrown hedges, weeds etc, obstructing road signs</li> <li>4. Ensure that all traffic lights are directed so that drivers can see them easily</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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. <b>ACTION:</b> Kay to forward information.</li> <li>3. &amp; 4. Specific issues to be reported online. <a href="http://westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk/">http://westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk/</a></li> </ol>   |
| 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. <b>ACTION:</b> 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<br><br>Meeting on 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept with Huntington PC, presentation from Cllr Salt at PC meeting on 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct, support from PC to continue with investigations. Mandate from parish council on 21/10/19 to go ahead with investigations. Joint walk of route planned with Huntington parish councillors Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 19.   |

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| Improved infrastructure around the city  | 1.Black Dog By Pass (A41 at Waverton): from the rear of the Black Dog, around the back of the Mecure Hotel and linking with the A55<br>2.Link Road between the A41 at the Stamford Bridge around the River Gowy to link with A55  | To be raised with CWaC through Cllrs Board and Collings   |
| <b>OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES</b>  |   |   |
| <b>Outcome</b>   | <b>Milestones</b>   | <b>Progress</b>   |
| 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<br><a href="https://www.chestercyclecity.org/">https://www.chestercyclecity.org/</a><br>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. <a href="http://westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk/">http://westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk/</a>  |
| 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. <b>ACTION:</b> Kay will check when the last assessment was carried out.<br>Double yellow lines – please log location of concern online.<br><a href="http://westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk/">http://westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk/</a> |
| Traffic lights at Aldi/A41 junction  | Incorrect siting of the traffic lights makes it dangerous for pedestrians to cross.   |   |
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