

Traffic & Transport Sub Group Meeting

Minutes of Traffic & Transport Sub Group meeting on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 6pm in the Parish Council Office at Vicars Cross Community Centre

PART ONE

1	<p>Present: Cllrs Ian Huffer, Amanda Miller, Keith Scargill, John Salt (from 6.30pm) Martin Whiteley Apologies: Cllr Peter Bulmer In attendance: Kath Lloyd, Clerk</p>
2	<p>Action Planning: the action plan was updated, the responses from Kay Parry, Principle Engineer, Place Operations, CWaC were noted (attached) and the following actions agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Clerk to request speed data for A41 Vicars Cross Rd to support the maps previously sent by Kay Parry. ACTION: the new parish council SID will be used to collect data from Vicars Cross Road and then a consultation carried out with residents before deciding next steps ACTION: Clerk to request road traffic collision data from PCSO ii. Marbury Road - ACTION: Clerk to draft a letter consulting with local residents about the parking and/or speeding and circulate for comments
3	<p>Joint Working Party: Cllr Miller gave a verbal overview of the meeting with and Huntington Parish Councils, on Monday 23rd September at 6:15pm at Huntington Village Hall, attended by Cllrs Salt and Miller. The working party had discussed the potential footpath/cycleway from Huntington to Christleton with an access point for Great Boughton residents from the end of Whites Meadow. There was also a discussion about a potential pedestrian link from Huntington, over the bridge past the waterworks and over the river towards Wrexham Rd which would greatly alleviate the traffic in Huntington and Great Boughton. Cllr Salt is keen that the planned crossing at Gorse Way goes ahead although there seems some resistance to it from Huntington councillors ACTION: CWaC Cllrs Board and Collings to be lobbied to insist that this goes ahead. ACTION: Cllr Salt is creating a map which will show the various potential pedestrian routes and will circulate it to the group for individuals to be able to walk the routes.</p>
4	<p>Date and Time of next meeting: Wed 6th Nov at 6pm</p>
5	<p>Information exchange: The Clerk updated the sub group on the recommendation from the Planning Sub group to the full Parish Council meeting on 21st Oct; that the council follow Cheshire West and Chester Council in declaring a climate emergency and work towards becoming carbon neutral by 2030. The discussions about footpaths and cycle ways will support this aim.</p>

CWAC RESPONSES TO ISSUES RAISED 4TH SEPT 2019

(Email from Kay Parry, Principle Engineer, Place Operations 17/09/2019)

- a) The Cllrs shared concerns about the speed limits on Vicars Cross Road – could it be assessed as 30mph all the way up to the traffic lights? If the parish council wishes to ask for an assessment, CWaC would carry one out but the Parish Council would be expected to contribute towards costs of consultation and implementation. **ACTION:** Kay to clarify whether the speed camera is working and forward copy of the last assessment. **ACTION:** Clerk to ask Police for road traffic accident data

I have been advised that the most recent speed data collected in 2018 shows the average speeds recorded were 32.5mph at the east site and 33.4mph at the west site, with locations shown on the attached plan. The safety camera there does work and periodical safety checks are carried out.

I have checked and we do not have a current speed limit assessment in place for Vicars Cross Road. As discussed the PC can request this be carried out if they can confirm they will fund 50% of the cost of implementing the limit if it meets a lower speed limit criteria. (*potentially around £1500 – KL*)

- b) Cllrs expressed concerns about the speed of traffic on Pearl Lane which has not been included in the recent 20mph implementation. **ACTION:** Kay to send latest data on speed assessment on Pearl Lane

Pearl Lane – data attached.

- c) Huntington to Christleton cycle/footpath – Huntington Parish Council are lobbying for a path between Saighton and Christleton using s106 funding and Great Boughton would be keen to explore the potential of a linking path to Strawberry Fields. Cllrs Salt and Miller are meeting with Huntington Parish Councillors on 23rd Sept to discuss potential joint working on this. **ACTION:** Kay to confirm which CWaC Officer is leading on this.

I have been advised to ask you to raise this with your local Council Members.

- d) Whilst work is being carried out improving the A51 access road, Cllrs asked if additional pedestrian crossings at Vicars Cross traffic lights and the large roundabout could be considered. **ACTION:** Clerk to liaise with Littleton Parish Council to see if they share concerns. **ACTION:** Kay to clarify which CWaC officer is leading on A51 project

The officer leading on the A51 works is Kristy Littler: Kristy.littler@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

- e) Cllr Salt raised concerns about the use of Caldley Valley Road by large goods vehicles – the signage states 7.5 tonnes for access only but some seem to be using the road as a through route. Kay advised that this was a police matter, although the police state that they have no evidence of such usage. **ACTION:** consideration of larger and more prominent signage.

I have arranged for the signage to be reviewed but would encourage the PC to raise this concern with the police as it is within their remit to enforce and to please let me know if you are advised that is not the case and by which officer(s).

I can confirm there is no change to the signals being installed at the Gorse Way junction but a date for installation is not known as yet.

As already discussed the grass at the A41/A55 junction has been cut and action is being taken to ensure regular maintenance.

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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 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. 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. ACTION: Kay to forward 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.
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.
Improved infrastructure around the city	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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
OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES		
Outcome	Milestones	Progress

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.	