

Traffic & Transport Sub Group Meeting

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

1	<p>Present: Cllrs Ian Huffer, Amanda Miller and John Salt and co-opted member Helen Johnson Apologies: Cllrs Peter Bulmer and Martin Whiteley In attendance: Kath Lloyd, Clerk and Kay Parry, Principal Engineer - Place Operations Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>
2	<p>Action Planning: Cllr Salt welcomed Kay Parry and gave an overview of the key issues that the sub group are considering. The group then worked through each item on the action plan (below) and agreed a way forward for each. In addition, the following items were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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 c) Huntington to Christleton cycle/footpath – Huntington Parish Council are lobbying for a path between Saughton 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. 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 e) Cllr Salt raised concerns about the use of Caldys Valley Road by large good 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.
3	<p>Joint Working Party: the sub group noted that Cllrs Salt and Miller are due to meet with Huntington Parish Cllrs at Huntington Village Hall at 6.15pm on Monday 23rd Sept. A report will be available at the next sub group meeting.</p>
4	<p>Date and Time of next meeting: Wed 2nd October at 6pm in the Parish Council Office at Vicars Cross Community Centre.</p>
5	<p>Information exchange: None shared</p>

Traffic & Transport Sub Group Action Plan

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES		
Outcome	Milestones	Progress
Reduced traffic congestion on Caldy 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. ACTION: Kay agreed to clarify when the lights are scheduled to be installed. 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. ACTION: Kay to pursue with relevant officers (the roundabout was cut on 5th/6th Sept). Cllrs expressed concern 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.
OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES		
Outcome	Milestones	Progress
Improved cycling routes and information for users of public transport and cyclists	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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/
Improved Greenway facilities	Investigate potential of cycle/footpath across river at Sandy Lane	ACTION: Kay to confirm which CWaC Officer is leading on this and ask for an update.