

BEECH ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING HELD AT 19:30 ON 12 OCTOBER 2020

1. Attendees:

Charles Cockburn (CC)
Nick Ward (NW)
Malcolm Ward-Close (MWC)
Ian Gibson (IG)

Apologies for absence: David Walker (DW), Roger Ison (RI), Brian Wagstaff (BW).

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting on 7th September were reviewed and approved unanimously. Approval was proposed by Ian Gibson, seconded by Malcolm Ward-Close and signed off “virtually” by the Chairman, Charles Cockburn. Charles will formally sign off in front of the meeting next time we are able to meet in person. This is the seventh set of Minutes requiring this approach. There were no matters arising from this review.
3. **Declaration of Interest** – (in accordance with the National Association of Local Councils Model Code of Conduct adopted July 2018) Councillors and Working Group members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. You must withdraw from the room or chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.
No interests were declarable at this time.
4. **Update on meeting with Ian Janes, Hampshire Highways on 30th September CC/IG**

As Charles had issued a report on the meeting, the discussion centred around Ian Janes’ views of our needs and options plus the key issue of when the Road Safety Audit team might give us a view on whether the South Perrott option could be possible in Hampshire Highways eyes.

Ian Gibson pointed out that ANY proposal we put forward would need a Road Safety Audit review so, the fact that Ian Janes felt it worthwhile asking for this on the South Perrott option at this time, should be viewed as a positive outcome. It was agreed that we shouldn’t expect a definitive answer from the Safety Audit team at this stage but more an indication around specific concerns that we would need to decide if we can mitigate. Clearly it would be a distinct advantage to receive that view prior to issuing our report and recommendations to the PC.

Action: Email Ian Janes regarding timing of Road Safety Audit team response.

Action: CC

5. Driver Awareness Signs – progress update

MW-C

The Team thanked and congratulated Malcolm for installing the new signs last week. One of the objectives of this initiative, which was agreed by the PC and presented to Highways, was to see if there was any difference in actual speeds recorded before the

signs were installed and afterwards. To achieve this, the Speed Camera does need to be positioned in locations where previous datasets have been recorded. Unfortunately where the camera is today is not one of these.

Action: Charles to email Graham Webb explaining the challenge and asking him if he can organise a camera repositioning in the near future. **Action: CC (Done)**

Disappointingly access to historical camera datasets is proving difficult. The detailed data is only available (to allow correlation with post signs installation data) since June 2020.

Action: Charles to contact David Woodroffe to see if he has electronic data files from the camera for H2 2019. **Action:CC**

Malcolm suggested that it might be beneficial to attempt to get the Alton Herald to publish an article about the signs with some background as to why we felt this was necessary. The team agreed.

Action: Take some photos of the signs in situ and provide to Charles. **Action: MW-C**
Construct an article and submit to the Herald with photos. **Action: CC**

6. Planning out the shape of the final report to the Parish Council

All agreed that this part of the process now needs to be completed.

Action: Each team member to consider items that need to be discussed in the report and send a list to NW by close of play Thursday 15th October latest. **Action: ALL**

Meeting to be held next Wednesday 21st October at 2pm to finalise and agree how the report is to be produced and by whom. **Action: NW to arrange.**

7. AOB.

Malcolm reported that he had been approached by Ann Bishton while he was installing one of the new signs, suggesting we might consider putting chicane markings on the road at narrow points in an attempt to slow traffic. The team agreed to consider this suggestion as part of the option study in the report.

Ian reported that there are consultation proposals out for changes proposed to the Highway Code that would improve safety for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists. He promised to send a link to the team. The consultation closes on 27th October.