

BEECH ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING 21.2 HELD AT 10:00 AM ON 27th April 2021

1. Attendees:

Charles Cockburn (CC)
Malcolm Ward-Close (MWC)
Ian Gibson (IG)
Graham Webb (GW)

2. Apologies for absence: None.

3. Approve minutes of the previous meeting: the minutes for Meeting 21.1 held on 29th March 2021 were approved unanimously. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. 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.

5. Progress of actions proposed by the Working Group in our report to the Parish Council:

- IG reported that our proposals were submitted to HCC for a preliminary safety audit and receipt has been acknowledged by HCC. Although there is no indication of how long this will take, Ian is hopeful of a response by the end of May.
- ACTION: IG to monitor progress of HCC safety audit.

6. Update on the prospects for a 20 mph speed limit in Beech:

- CC has been in contact with Adrian Berendt, South East Region Coordinator for the national campaign group 20's Plenty for Us.
- There is currently no Hampshire Coordinator for 20's Plenty, but Adrian has proposed a Hampshire action group of likeminded Parish Councils and other interested parties.
- ACTION: CC will be our representative on 20's Plenty Hampshire Group and will report on progress.
- ACTION: CC to talk with contacts in Rowledge about Chapel Road (the road with the virtual footway) and how the recent change from 30 mph limit to a 20 mph limit came about.

7. Speed limit enforcement:

- Sgt. Rob Jones, newly police officer appointed to cover our area was invited to speak at the recent Beech Parish Council meeting but was unable to attend.
- ACTION: CC to arrange a visit to Beech for Sgt. Jones, to include GW and Colin Britchford, Beech Neighbourhood Watch.

8. Woodland footpath between Bushy Leaze car park and Kings Hill:

GW reported that on various issues related to the woodland west of the Bushy Leaze car park and it was decided that there were no actions for BRSWG until we hear back from HCC on the scheme safety audit submission.

9. Fundraising

GW has started to investigate funding sources:

- BPC
- HCC programme
- National Lottery Fund
- Other Road Safety Organisations
- CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)

10. Summary of ACTIONS

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11. Date of Next Meeting: Tue 25/5/21 10:00 am, venue TBD.

Malcolm Ward-Close 28/4/21