

BEECH ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING 21.8 HELD AT 11:00 AM ON 16 SEP 2021

- 1) Attendees:**
Charles Cockburn (CC)
Ian Gibson (IG)
Graham Webb (GW)
- 2) Apologies for absence:** Malcolm Ward-Close
- 3) Approve minutes of the previous meeting:** Minutes for meeting 21.6 and 21.7
Approved.
- 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) Catch up on consultation - GW**

GW has circulated responses to date. There had also been very few attendees at the first display event. There is concern about the low level of responses at this stage. Silence could indicate consent, though this is unsatisfactory in terms of providing necessary feedback on our proposals.

We will need to start chasing returns of forms, particularly from those who are known to be supportive.

In terms of reporting to the Parish Council meeting, we can show that those who have responded has been broadly supportive.

Decided that we needed to encourage villagers to respond to the consultation document, pointing out that higher levels of community engagement means more likelihood of public money - otherwise the village will have to pay.

Decided that the report to the village newsletter should emphasise the impact of our scheme in reducing traffic speeds. People in Kings Hill are more concerned about traffic speeds than they are about walking. They don't walk because the road is too dangerous.

GW plans to update his report on returns on a weekly basis; and present in draft to the PC meeting of 18 October.

6) Getting quotes for the work required by HCC/HH for next stage of Safety Audit.

We need to consider getting quotes for design work. This will involve spending PC money in the not too distant future, though at this stage we will be asking for quotes.

Decided - we should gain the in principal support of BPC to seeking quotes so that we can commence the process of seeking quotes at the earliest possible point.

ACTION - GW to seek in principle support for this step at BPC meeting on 20/09/21. Later we will need to seek approval for map acquisition and quantity surveyors.

The question was raised should we seek quotes for the whole scheme or by section. It was decided that we should ask for quotes for the entire scheme, though it was noted that the transitions from one section to another will be crucial.

The on-road footway could be described as "longitudinal traffic calming". We have evidence from South Perrot and Rowledge about the positive effect of the on-road footways in reducing local traffic speeds.

7) Next steps:

- a. **ACTION** - seek quotes in time for BPC to approve outline expenditure at its meeting of 16 October meeting.
- b. commission design in time for BPC November meeting.
- c. send design to HH
- d. consider signage and lighting with HH
- e. produce final tender package - realistically, this will take four months to complete the process.
- b) Fund raising

We can commence fund raising once we have agreement from HH to our design.

8) Actions/timings agreed at BRSWG meeting:

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9) Date of next meeting: Wed 14th October, 10:00-12:00, Thedden Grange.