

BEECH ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING 22.05 HELD ON 21 APRIL 2022

1) Attendees:

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

2) Apologies for absence: None

3) Approve minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes 22.04, 20 March 2022 were 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) Footpaths Project

This meeting was called to discuss our CIL Fund application and the e-mail letter received from Ian Janes (IJ), HCC Highways Department on 20th April.

The letter from IJ is intended to form the basis of a costed plan to accompany our application for CIL funding. IJ tells us that he made an unannounced site inspection in Beech a few days ago and carried out a visual survey of the existing road features and considered what work items might form part of the initial phase of our **on-road** footpath scheme. His letter and accompanying map describe our on-road footway in the centre of the village and the lower part of Kings Hill and a list of other associated enhancements and renewal work. These include new village gateways, new 30 mph repeater signs and other traffic signs. IJ tells us that he has already put together some initial cost details and that he can complete what is needed for the CIL application immediately after agreeing the form of the proposal with us.

BRSWG consider this outline proposal from IJ to be a helpful step forward. We believe that, with HCC support, we can develop this into the costed proposal for CIL funding

required by 16 May. It was agreed that we should respond to IJ with our initial comments and arrange a meeting with him in the village ASAP.

Work on plans for the off-road footways will continue but, due to time constraints, is unlikely to form part of this year's CIL application.

ACTIONS

- 1. MWC to coordinate letter response to IJ, all BRSWG members to send comments to MWC by Mon. 25 April. MWC to circulate draft letter for final approval and transmission to IJ by Mon 2 May at the latest.**
- 2. GW to circulate the letter from IJ BPC members for comment by 2 May.**
- 3. GW to arrange a site meeting with IJ and BRSWG members.**

Date of next meeting: TBD

Malcolm Ward-Close 24/4/22