

BEECH ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING 22.09, 10th OCTOBER 2022, 10-12pm

- 1) **Attendees:**
Charles Cockburn (CC)
Graham Webb (GW)
Ian Dumelow (ID)
Malcolm Ward-Close (MWC)
- 2) **Apologies for absence:** Ian Gibson (IG)
- 3) **Approve minutes of the previous meeting:** Minutes 22.08, 5th September 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) **Actions from last meeting**

Action CC: Post reminder on Nextdoor app. for residents to complete the on-line consultation document by 00:30am on Monday 12 September 2022. It is noted that the consultation asks respondents to prioritise a series of different worthy but seemingly unrelated items. If respondents are in favour of a change to a 20mph speed limit in Beech it is suggested, to be most effective, that they should rate this as their top priority on this occasion.

Completed

Action GW: change the on-road footway plan to include the new proposed section West of Bushy Leaze entrance.

Completed

Action MWC: consider what signs and road markings might be desirable for the on-road footways and investigate mechanisms are available for approving their use.

Completed. References in Traffic Signs Manual 2018 and elsewhere, indicate that non-prescribed road markings can be used for pilot or trial schemes but special permission is required from DoT. It was agreed that this should be discussed with Hampshire Highways after receipt from Ian Janes of the plans for the on-road footways.

Action: GW: to contact Ian Janes if nothing is received by the date of the next PC meeting on 19th September.

Completed – Ian Janes apologised for the delay and promised to progress the work as soon as possible.

New Action GW to maintain contact with Ian Janes and report on progress of on-road designs.

Action CC/GW/ID It was agreed that CC, GW and ID should meet on Tuesday 6 September to examine potential linking routes from the footway through the privately owned woods to the Bushey Leaze entrance, to brief Hampshire Highways about this section with regard to the feasibility study.

Completed.

6) Update on follow-up to meeting with senior police officers from Hampshire Constabulary

Since the meeting there has been a significant increase in the frequency by police speeding enforcement activity in Beech, with at least 3 visits noted.

7) Update HCC 20 mph consultation by the Task and Finish Group (CC)

The Task and Finish Group is expecting to complete its work on the consultation in November and submit a report before Christmas.

8) Update on liaison with Ian Janes of Hampshire Highways regarding on-road footways (GW)

In response to an inquiry from GW, Ian Janes has apologised for the delay in starting work on the designs of our on-road footways and has promised to progress the work as soon as possible.

Action GW to maintain contact with Ian Janes and report on progress of on-road designs.

9) Update on progress with HCC on proposed new off-road footways (GW)

HCC have started work on their feasibility study for our off-road pathways. On 5th October GW and ID accompanied Jon Yogev (HCC) on his inspection of the sections we are proposing for off-road footways and GW circulated a report on the meeting to BRSWG. The site visit was productive and demonstrated a willingness for HCC to consider innovative solutions to a project that is more rural and less 'engineered' than their normal work. Although, Jon cautioned that other groups in HCC will need to be consulted and it will take time to negotiate these various stages. A torrential downpour gave the party an opportunity to observe the drainage grips and soakaways in action and to get thoroughly drenched in the process! It is anticipated that HCC will be able to deliver their preliminary report to BRSWG by the 2nd week in December.

Action GW to maintain contact with Jon Yogev and monitor progress.

10) Update on arrangements to introduce screening through part of privately owned woodland

GW is in contact with the contractors about the temporary screening fence but the ground is still too hard to sink the posts and this may have to be delayed. Planting of the laurel whips by Beech volunteers is scheduled for the 4th, 5th and 6th of November and this will go ahead as planned.

Action GW to continue to manage this project.

11) Proposed Beech Parish Council Road Incident Reporting System

GW reported that the idea of a Beech road incident reporting system was discussed at the last parish council meeting and councillors expressed an interest in exploring it further. Cllr. Kim Eakers was given as the POC for the Parish Council Website maintenance and updates.

Action: MWC

- Prepare a draft Policy Document covering matters such as scope, purpose, data protection and storage, confidentiality and third party involvement.
- Consider options for how the reporting system might function, what data would be recorded and how that information would be stored and analysed.
- Liaise with Cllr. Eakers on design of a portal on the parish council website.

12) Date of next meeting: Mon 14th November 10:00.