

BURWELL PARISH COUNCIL

SAFETY GROUP

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th October 2020 7.30 pm

Virtually using Zoom

Present: Paul Webb (Chair), Robin Dyos, Helen McMenamin-Smith, Gill Miller, Jim Perry, Liz Swift, Geraldine Tate, and Brenda Wilson.

S/061020/01 Apologies for absence and declarations of interests

There were no apologies for absence.

S/061020/02 Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 21.07.2020

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

Robin Dyos questioned the suitability of using the MVAS Signs for Speedwatch activities if the signs are activated by vehicles some distance away. It would need clarification at which point the sign is activated to ensure the correct vehicle is listed as speeding.

S/061020/03 Consideration of the Action Update Sheet and action taken following previous meeting.

Paul Webb confirmed that he has now completed the Risk Assessments for the individual MVAS sign locations.

Suffolk County Council has forwarded designs for the proposed Burwell to Exning Cycleway for costings. Once the costings have been received, they will be sent to West Suffolk Council to be included in the Section 106 Agreement for the proposed Persimmons development in Exning. Persimmons are aware that the cycleway is due to be included in the 106 Agreement. Clarification of the position with regards to the funding on the Burwell side to be requested from Rebecca Saunt, East Cambs District Council Planning Officer.

The Clerk agreed to write to Lucy Fraser MP for an update on the A142/A14 junction at Exning, with a view to a meeting with her at a later date.

S/061020/04 Burwell to Exning Cycleway

Helen McMenamin-Smith informed the Group that she considered that the bridge is exceptionally dangerous. It was agreed that this should be discussed with Matt Staton (Cambridgeshire County Council Highways) at some point.

S/061020/05 LHII 2021/22 and LHII 22/23

Robin Dyos has submitted the application for the LHI 2021/2022 scheme with a bid for speed buffer zones at the three main entrances to the village. The Clerk to find out timeline for the application process and results.

Paul Webb suggested that improvements to cycleways for example between Burwell and Swaffham Prior could be suitable for the LHI 22/23 application. It was thought however that this would be too large a project for this funding scheme. Further discussion on the application for 22/23 to be held at a later date.

S/061020/06 Safety Campaign

Paul Webb suggested that due to Covid-19 restrictions the Safety Campaign should be deferred until at least next Spring. Planning for the Campaign to commence after Christmas. All to give some thought on what we need to focus on. The £3000 currently in

this year's budget will need to be earmarked to enable the campaign to go ahead in the next financial year. Helen McMenamin-Smith commented that there are still some parking issues which could benefit from being addressed.

S/061020/07 Buntings Path Road Markings

The road markings have yet to be painted at the Sports Centre entrance in Buntings Path. Bob Rossiter, the County Council Highways Supervisor for the village has asked their Contractor when this is to be carried out. The Clerk to monitor. Buntings Path, school issues could be considered as a LHI project.

S/061020/08 Village Road Markings

This item was not discussed.

S/061020/09 MVAS – Update/Discussion – Dissemination of MVAS results

Paul Webb reported that he has planned the deployment of the MVAS units until February 2022. A unit will be deployed to Buntings Path on 13th November 2020. Sites in Toyse Lane, North Street and the Causeway still to be applied for, although these locations do have permission to carry out Speedwatch activity. A sign will be situated in the High Street over Christmas. Speed restrictions in The Causeway, Silver Street and North Street could be considered, but would need a survey carried out to every house in these roads. Two or three more individuals would be useful to help with moving the signs around. Local businesses could be approached to see if they could offer any help. Members of Neighbourhood Watch could be asked. Under 18's are not able to help. Those helping would need to be able to fit in with the Maintenance Officers working hours. The data from the signs needs to be collected, with reports being put in Clunch and on the Burwell Community Facebook Page and on the Council's website regularly.

S/061020/10 Speedwatch – Overview & Discussion on how to maximise effectiveness

It is generally felt that there are enough Speedwatch volunteers. It was agreed that the signs and equipment should be stored at the Jubilee Reading Room. Robin Dyos is willing to continue to do ad-hoc sessions.

S/061020/11 Burwell Bike Club Cycle Path Survey – Invitation/Discussion

It was agreed that John Smith should be invited to attend the next Safety Group meeting to discuss the results of the Cycle Survey carried out by Burwell Bike Club.

S/061020/12 Any other business

1. Residents Emails

An email had been received from a resident in Low Road about parking opposite their entrance. The Clerk had responded. The Group felt that the issue may be temporary as there is building work going on in the area at the moment. If the problem continues it was suggested that the resident should take photos to demonstrate the issue that they are having.

A second email had been received regarding road flooding along the High Street. The flooding had been reported to Highways, who are now dealing with the matter.

2. Winter Gritting

Anyone interested in helping with the Winter Gritting this year should contact the Clerk.

It was suggested that members of the Bike Club may be interested in helping.

S/061020/13 Date of the next meeting – 17th November 2020

The meeting closed at 9.11 pm

Signed

Dated