

Burwell Parish Council

Notes of the Safety Group Meeting held on 20th June 2023 7.30 pm at the Jubilee Reading Room

Present: Paul Webb (Chair), Liz Swift, Jim Perry, Gus Jones, Ian Woodroofe, and Lea Dodds.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Helen McMenamin-Smith, Geraldine Tate, and Brenda Wilson

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Paul Webb was elected as Chair – Proposed by Gus Jones and seconded by Lea Dodds. Ian Woodroofe was elected as Vice-Chair – Proposed by Paul Webb and seconded by Liz Swift. Paul Webb accepted the role of Chair, but informed Council that it would be his aim to hand over the position of Chair to the Vice Chair within the next year. He thanked previous members of the group and the Clerk for their support, work & participation over the past few years and particularly during the Safety Campaign.

3. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st March 2023 were approved and signed as a true record. Proposed by Jim Perry and seconded by Liz Swift. The Clerk reported that despite requesting an update for the Burwell to Exning cycleway, to date none had been received.

4. 20 Miles Per Hour Scheme

Paul Webb informed the group that the Council should know if we are through to the next stage of the application for a 20 mile per hour speed limit throughout Burwell by the end of June. It was agreed that as well as the survey being placed in Clunch as part of the Parish Council Annual Report, that a survey should also be carried out on social media by means of Survey Monkey. There is now an annual charge for Survey Monkey of around £360, but the facility could also be used for other surveys, for example the Burwell Environment Group Climate Change Survey. The following recommendation to be made to Full Council:

The Safety Group recommend to Full Council that an annual subscription to Survey Monkey is purchased, cost approx. £360.00 using earmarked funds left over from the Safety Campaign, to facilitate the wider community involvement 20MPH Burwell in addition to Clunch & Social Media.

Neighbourhood Watch could also be asked to share the survey with its members. Lea Dodds suggested that it would be beneficial if there was a local group independent of the Parish Council promoting the change to the 20 mile per hour speed limit in the village. The Burwell Environment Group was suggested. A further table outside the Co-op and at the Carnival could also help promote the speed limit change. Members supported this idea & agreed to participate.

5. Parking on the Causeway

Discussed later in the meeting.

6. MVAS and Speedwatch Update

This item to be deferred to the next meeting.

The Clerk asked what is to happen with the two faulty MVAS signs which only work if a coin is placed between two connecting wires. It was agreed that Paul Webb should speak to Westcotec and arrange to take the signs back to the manufacturer for repair. He will also arrange for further training and software issues to be sorted as well. Ian Woodroofe, Lea Dodds, and Jim Perry to accompany Paul Webb.

7. Safety Campaign – Final Report

Paul Webb and the Clerk to compile a draft final Safety Campaign report. The report will compare objectives with outcomes, financial matters etc. The draft will be circulated to the group and when approved, it was agreed that it will be presented to Council and other outside funding / contributing organisations.

All external funding has been spent. Some Parish Council earmarked funding remains unspent. The remaining funding could go back to Council for reallocation, but the Safety Group agreed that they would rather hold funds for future projects for further consideration.

8. Emergency Safety Plan

A sub-group consisting of Lea Dodds, Jim Perry, and Ian Woodroffe to come up with possible content for a village Emergency Safety Plan. Ian to head the group.

An initial 2 page review / outline recommendation document for our August meeting (see below), The Plan to be completed within a year. Jim Perry asked about having a defibrillator at the Gardiner Memorial Hall. There was never any intention of having a defibrillator at the Hall as one is available at Trinity Church. However, if The Rotary Club wished to provide one, then this would probably be acceptable providing they undertook installation and maintenance.

9. Major objectives for the group Short-, Medium- and Long-Term plans

The Group agreed the following short-, medium- and long-term projects:

Short Term

Burwell to Exning Cycleway/Newmarket Road Bridge

Parking on the Causeway/Exit point The Leys on to the Causeway

Village 20 mile per hour speed limit

Pavements (looking forward to an aging population

Establishing Burwell bypass campaign

Medium Term

Pound Hill junction improvements

Burwell bypass and the involvement of neighbouring villages

Burwell to Swaffham Prior cycleway

Isaacson Road and Toyse Lane junction roundabouts

Long Term

Zebra crossing Swaffham Road

Pedestrianisation of village centre High Street/Pound Hill area

Burwell bypass

Supporting of improvements for the A142/A14 junction on going.

10. Parking The Causeway/Newnham Lane

Further complaints have been made about parking on the junction of Newnham Lane and the Causeway. Any additional double yellow lines would need to be applied for through an LHI. A letter has also been received about parking on the Causeway. Police involvement is limited. A letter is to be drafted re considerate parking. Lea Dodds also raised the issue of exiting the Leys junction on to the Causeway due to parked cars blocking the view in both directions and wondered if double yellow lines could be an option on both sides of the junction.

11. Meeting with Highways

Bob Rossiter was unable to make the arranged meeting due to illness. The Clerk to contact him for a further date. It maybe worth focusing on a smaller number of issues from the

original list compiled a few years ago. Hopefully in future biannual meetings can be held.
There is now a fee for project consultations.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 22nd August 2023, 7.30 pm at the Jubilee Reading Room.
The meeting closed at 8.53 pm.

Signed

Dated