



# BROMYARD & WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL

## Traffic Management in Bromyard Working Party

### Minutes

of a meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 3.30pm  
in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Bromyard

Present: Town Cllrs F Clark (Chairman), Dr D Dunne-Thomas, H Pettitt and T Smith.

In attendance: Karen Mitchell – Town Clerk  
Mark Hadley - Senior Project Manager, Balfour Beatty Living Places.

**Fire Procedure:** Read to members

Item	Action
<p><b>1 Apologies</b> Received from Cllrs J Cooper and M Franklin.</p>	
<p><b>2 Declarations of Interest</b> None declared.</p>	
<p><b>3 Minutes</b> The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p><b>4 Bromyard Town Centre HGV Restrictions</b> Mark Hadley, Senior Project Manager, Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) updated the meeting on actions taken since the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main Traffic Management report had been updated to show works which had been completed. New version to be sent to the Clerk.</li> <li>• New signage had been agreed. Drawings shown to the meeting. These to be installed as an interim measure in New Street, Pump Street and New Road. Consideration also being given to further afield to intercept traffic.</li> <li>• TRO/HGV access controls. MH working on a proposal to go to HC to be signed off before being actioned.</li> </ul> <p>Members were asked to comment on two options:  <b>Option A – original extent</b>, covering town centre - Cruxwell Street; Rowberry Street; Broad Street/High Street; New Road; Pump Street; Frog Lane.  <b>Option B – Extended area</b>, Original extent plus Winslow Road; Tenbury Road (part); Old Road; Stallards Bank; Clover Road.            Following discussion, members <b>RESOLVED</b>: to recommend support of <b>Option B</b>, the extended scheme.</p>	<p><b>MH</b></p>

Mr Hadley advised that internal governance had been completed and that the next stage of the TRO process would be sending out consultation letters in late September.

Other issues discussed:

New Road	Parking on both sides of the street creates issues with access and egress to properties including the Police and Fire stations. No line of site for vehicles exiting properties. Particular problem between Fire station and Buttsfield House.  MH to investigate extending double yellow lines.  The Chairman suggested that a complete review of parking on New Road was required, with consideration given to parking on one side only.	<b>MH</b>
Frog Lane	Confirmed as a two-way street – issues reported with people parking close to and across the junction, blocking access.  Lack of signage/road markings to indicate two-way traffic at A44 junction. Road markings should be adjusted to make it clear who has priority.  Members agreed that making the road one way from the bypass to Broad Street direction might overcome some of the issues. MH to investigate feasibility.	<b>MH</b>
Station Road	Investigations and works being carried out to enhance the road in readiness for anticipated increased HGV usage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verge clearance to improve visibility.</li><li>• Drain clearance</li><li>• Traffic surveys</li><li>• Road core samples being taken</li><li>• Removal of existing chicane</li></ul>	
Cruxwell Street	No progress on consideration of a shared space - to be looked at in next stage when more funding becomes available.  Cllr Smith raised the issue of s106 monies from the Porthouse development. He suggested that BBLP/HC should be looking at the s106 list see if the prescribed items are achievable and if not, to negotiate with the developer to re-allocate funds to something more useful, such as the 'shared space'.  Mr Hadley stated that the government had issued a holding statement on 'shared space'. HC would have to look at how this would be applied. Awaiting updated guidance.	
Church Street	No progress on plans for a crossing outside Post Office, but it had moved up the agenda.  Cllr Clark asked if parabolic mirrors could be installed to improve visibility for road users. HC does not have a policy yet but using Government guidelines. Parabolic mirrors are not a preferred strategy. The Highways Authority would be looking for a better option.	<b>MH</b>

**5 Tenbury Road**

Proposed pedestrian crossing and speed levels on the Tenbury Road. Members were advised that Herefordshire Council has approved speed limit proposals to extend the existing 30 mph speed limit from its current northernmost termination point on the B4214 Tenbury Road Bromyard for a distance of 73 metres and to reduce the existing National Speed Limit to a 40 mph speed limit thereafter for a distance of 472 metres northwards to promote safer speeds in the vicinity of the vehicular access to the new residential development at Porthouse Farm.

Following a one month statutory consultation the Order will be made and the speed limit implemented.

Members discussed the best location for the proposed pedestrian crossing. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED**: to recommend that if a crossing is to be installed then it should be between the entrance to Station Road and the north entrance to Winslow Road.

**6 Vehicles cutting across corner curbs**

Members discussed problem areas:

Rowberry Street      Bollard regularly hit. It was hoped that this problem would be alleviated by taking out one parking space and changing parking to the other side of the road.

High Street            Bollard opposite the Pharmacy is frequently driven over. Problem with blue badge holders parking on corner. Similar problem at corner of Falcon Hotel causing frequent damage to property, and danger to pedestrians. Tail ends of larger vehicles and HGVs swing out over the footway when turning.

Pump Street            Vehicles turning in from High Street cut the corner when faced with traffic exiting the junction.

The installation of bollards and railings were suggested as possible remedies however these could become a barrier for pedestrians and would take up room on the footway. Raising the height of curbs was also suggested, though this would depend on pedestrian movements.

Mr Hadley was asked to give the matter of possible solutions some thought and that any ideas be brought back for discussion at a future meeting. **MH**

Whilst it was hoped that there would be reduced instances of cutting curbs when HGV restrictions are in place, members felt that there was still a need for the on-street parking restrictions to be policed more frequently.

Referring to Pump Street, The Chairman asked if there was any progress with re-marking the bus stop area as contained within the Traffic Order of some four years previous. Mr Hadley advised that it was his understanding that that particular part of the Order had not gone ahead. Members asked that Mr Hadley check to see what parts of the Order had been approved and implemented and report back to a future meeting. **MH**

**7 Next Meeting:** To be arranged for end of October/beginning of November.

The meeting closed at 4.26pm.