



BROMYARD & WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 16th May, 2022
at 2pm in the Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Bromyard

Minutes TM 22/06 to TM 22/11

Members Present: Cllrs Clark (Chairman), James, Franklin, Dunne-Thomas, and Quantrill.

In Attendance: Jennifer Eva (Development Officer) and Ward Cllrs Shaw and Davies.

Online Attendance: Simon Hobbs (HC's Senior Accident Investigation Engineer) and Callum Bush (HC's Traffic Management & PROW Team Leader)

TM 22/06 Apologies *Local Government Act 1972 S85 (1)*

None received.

TM 22/07 Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensation

Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 SI No. 1159

None received.

TM 22/08 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st February, 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

TM 22/09 Traffic Matters

1. To review on-going issues previously considered by the committee.

i. Community Speedwatch Update

The Chairman confirmed the committee is still vigorously pursuing the implementation of Community Speedwatch in Bromyard. The Town Council first contacted WM Police over 18-months ago to arrange the mandatory training required for speedwatch volunteers.

The committee has previously written to the WM Police & Crime Commissioner, asking him to assist with this matter.

IT WAS RESOLVED

- Cllr Franklin will write a follow up letter to the WM Police & Crime Commissioner, urging him to help implement training.
- Mr Hobbs will contact Ian Connolly (WM Police Traffic Management Advisor) to ask him to contact the committee about this matter.

- ii. Kirkham Gardens Parking
Following a request by the committee, Station Commander Alex Hustwayte, and Watch Commander Simon Halling of Bromyard Fire Station visited Kirkham Gardens and The Schallenge. They assessed whether parked vehicles at both sites pose an obstruction to emergency vehicles.

Commander Hustwayte noted that although access was tight, they felt that the emergency services would be able access both sites if needed. They did however note that a numerous vehicles were parked on double yellow lines and near to junctions.

Mr Best confirmed that Kirkham Gardens is at position 102 of 137 on Herefordshire Council's Traffic Regulation Prioritised Program.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to both the Station and Watch Commanders for their visit and report back to the committee.

- iii. Pump Street Bus Stop Relocation
Members noted that at the Finance & Properties Committee meeting, held on Monday 9th May, this project was identified as a priority for inclusion in the Bromyard Extraordinary Towns Maintenance Fund.

Balfour Beatty (BBLP) has been aware of the Town Council's desire to relocate the bus stop for some time.

IT WAS RESOLVED for Simon Hobbs to make enquiries and ascertain which member of staff at BBLP is dealing with this request and report back to the committee.

- iv. Cruxwell Street parking
Members discussed the benefits of transferring the on-street parking from the left to the right-hand side of the road, to improve traffic flow.

The administration of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) has recently transferred from BBLP to Herefordshire Council. This proposal was first identified on the Bromyard Town Traffic Management Study, conducted by BBLP in 2017.

IT WAS RESOLVED for Mr Bush will attach this project to the Kirkham Gardens TRO priorities list. He will investigate which member of staff at BBLP is dealing with this request and report back to the committee.

Mr Hobbs advised that he would look into the possibility of including these works in outstanding TRO projects planned for the Church Street and Rowberry Street junction.

Members supported this suggestion and look forward to receiving an update at the next meeting.

- v. Pedestrian crossing outside the Co-op – Section 106 Funding
Cllr Shaw recently met with the portfolio holder and several planners to discuss the installation of a pedestrian crossing at this location. Originally, the project was to be funded by S106 money acquired from the developer of the nearby estate.

The Town Council has contacted Herefordshire Council on several occasions regarding S106 funds available for Bromyard and Winslow. More recently in 2021, a “wish list” of projects was submitted.

IT WAS RESOLVED

- Cllr Shaw to arrange a meeting with Hugh Dannatt, S106 Project Manager to devise a delivery proposal for this crossing.
- Cllr Shaw to ascertain and report back to the committee on how much S106 funding is available for use in Bromyard & Winslow.

2. To consider new issues

- i. To consider making a request to Herefordshire Council for the removal of a brown goods sign, outside of the Halo Centre.

The Chairman confirmed that the brown sign is now redundant following changes to the 7.5-ton weight restriction route.

IT WAS RESOLVED for Cllr Clark to check if the sign is still in situ and report back to the committee.

ii. Frog Lane

Members considered making a request to Herefordshire Council to permanently stop up a section of highway at the junction of Frog Lane and the High Street, as this part of highway is very narrow and unsuitable for vehicular use.

Members would like to see Frog Lane become a cul-de-sac with no through traffic. The short section of highway would be converted into a footway, with a bollard installed at either end – Frog Lane / High Street. Signage indicating that Frog Lane is a cul-de-sac would be required at the bottom end of the road.

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend that the Town Council supports the proposal to make Frog Lane a cul-de-sac and submits a request to Herefordshire Council for part of Frog Lane to be converted into a footway.

iii. Sherford Street

Members considered making a request to Herefordshire Council for the removal of parking on one side of the street to enable traffic to move more freely. No parking spaces would be lost.

Cllr Franklin highlighted that this could lead to delays for drivers

traveling up Sherford Street as the down coming traffic moves, resulting in vehicles backing up to the by-pass.

IT WAS RESOLVED not to pursue the matter at this time.

- iv. Enforcement of highway weight limits
The Chairman reported that he has spoken to PC Browne in relation to highway weight regulations and enforcement in the town.

Members acknowledged that the current situation about who is responsible for identifying drivers in breach of the restrictions needs to be clarified.

IT WAS RESOLVED

- To contact PC Browne and request that he provides guidance on this matter at the next Town Council meeting.
- Cllr Franklin will refer to this matter in his letter to the WM Police Crime Commissioner.

- vi. New Road
Members considered a request from a local resident for the installation an acoustic camera to assess traffic noise levels (horns, exhausts, music) on the A44, New Road and Clover Road Junction.

Mr Hobbs confirmed that use of acoustic cameras by local authorities is relatively new and is currently being tested in some parts of the country, which does not include Herefordshire at this time.

IT WAS RESOLVED that this matter be looked into in due course.

TM 22/10 Items for noting

- i. Rowberry Street car park
Members noted that the car park will be resurfaced in the next few months.
- ii. Traffic Regulation Orders and Public Rights of Way (PROW)
Members noted that all TRO and PROW matters were transferred from Balfour Beatty to Herefordshire Council on 1st April 2022.

TM 22/11 Correspondence

To note correspondence received.
None.

The meeting ended at 3:18 pm

Signed Date /2022