

## Charlbury Town Council

### Minutes of the TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall

**Present: Cllrs:** Gareth Epps (in the chair), Frances Mortimer, James Styring, **Town Clerk:** Lisa Wilkinson

**1. To receive Apologies for Absence**

None were received.

**2. To receive Declarations of Interest**

A personal but non-pecuniary interest was received from Gareth Epps for item 3.

**3. To consider proposal for build-out on Enstone Road**

Gareth Epps presented a paper on this proposal. Speed reduction will most effectively be achieved by physical calming measures and police enforcement.

Oxfordshire County Council has agreed to pay 50% towards the cost of this.

The design of the build-out will include a cycle way. Concern was raised that the cycle way on the current design may be too narrow. The clerk will clarify this with OCC Highways.

James Styring requested the build-out to be moved several metres north if possible. This would enable it also to be used for pedestrians crossing the road to the footpath.

It was agreed that this committee would recommend, subject to clarification with OCC on the width of the cycle bypass and exploration to see if it can be moved a few metres to the north, implementation of the proposed build-out at an estimated cost of £3260 to the Town Council at its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Unanimous.

**4. Update on draft Local Cycling and Walking Strategy**

A paper was presented to provide an update on the progress of this strategy. Thanks were given to Richard Fairhurst for producing the mapping. Many people added their points to the map during the consultation period.

Joaquim Muntane, the active travel officer for the county council, has been allocated time to help bring forward the LCWIP. This is due to the amount of work that the TC has already put into the process. He intends to make use of the already compiled spreadsheet and map.

Joaquim has suggested that connections to additional neighbouring settlements Enstone, Ascott, Shipton and Leafield could be considered as part of the strategy. He will regularly visit Charlbury over the next few months and engage with stakeholders such as the school. He has also been given the go ahead to work with Woodstock and Chipping Norton settlements.

The aim is to have the LCWIP approved by OCC in spring 2023 so consultation in Charlbury would be held in early 2023.

**5. To consider extension to 20mph speed limit**

Gareth Epps presented a paper and reflected that there are a number of views on speed limits in the town. Therefore, it is recommended to engage with residents on the approach to take.

To protect vulnerable road users and to reduce carbon emissions, the committee proposes that all roads in Charlbury have a 20mph speed limit with the terminal points proposed as being:

- Forest Road: a point between the Station approach mini-roundabout and the rail overbridge
- Pound Hill/Spelsbury Road: just beyond the Watery Lane turn
- Woodstock Road: a point around the current 30mph reminder, NE of 'Thorneycroft', where the road narrows on the hill

- **Fawler Road:** the current 30mph delimiter should form the extent of the 20mph limit with the 30mph extended to the current location of the 'Welcome to Charlbury' sign [subject to agreement with OCC].

The committee agreed to recommend the above proposal to the town council. If resolved by the TC, a consultation exercise would be publicised immediately (as the OCC deadline is tight). This exercise would be a survey on the TC website (with printed copies given to various organisations).

An accompanying statement that the TC is working on other associated traffic issues (LCWIP) would be included on the survey.

This survey is in addition to the formal consultation that OCC would carry out in the Traffic Regulation Order.

**6. To consider budget request for financial year 2023-24**

It was agreed to request that the remaining budget allocated to the build-out this financial year, be carried over to next financial year for further traffic infrastructure/the LCWIP process

Meeting closed: 21.00