

EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Eynsham Traffic Working Group Meeting
held at Eynsham Village Hall, 7.30pm
on Tuesday 27 July 2021

MINUTES

Councillors Present – Cllr R Macken (Chairman), Cllr Tricia Crowley and Cllr Sue Osborne.

Also in Attendance – There was one member of the public present.

21/T1 To receive apologies for absence – None.

21/T2 To receive Declarations of Interest in agenda items – None.

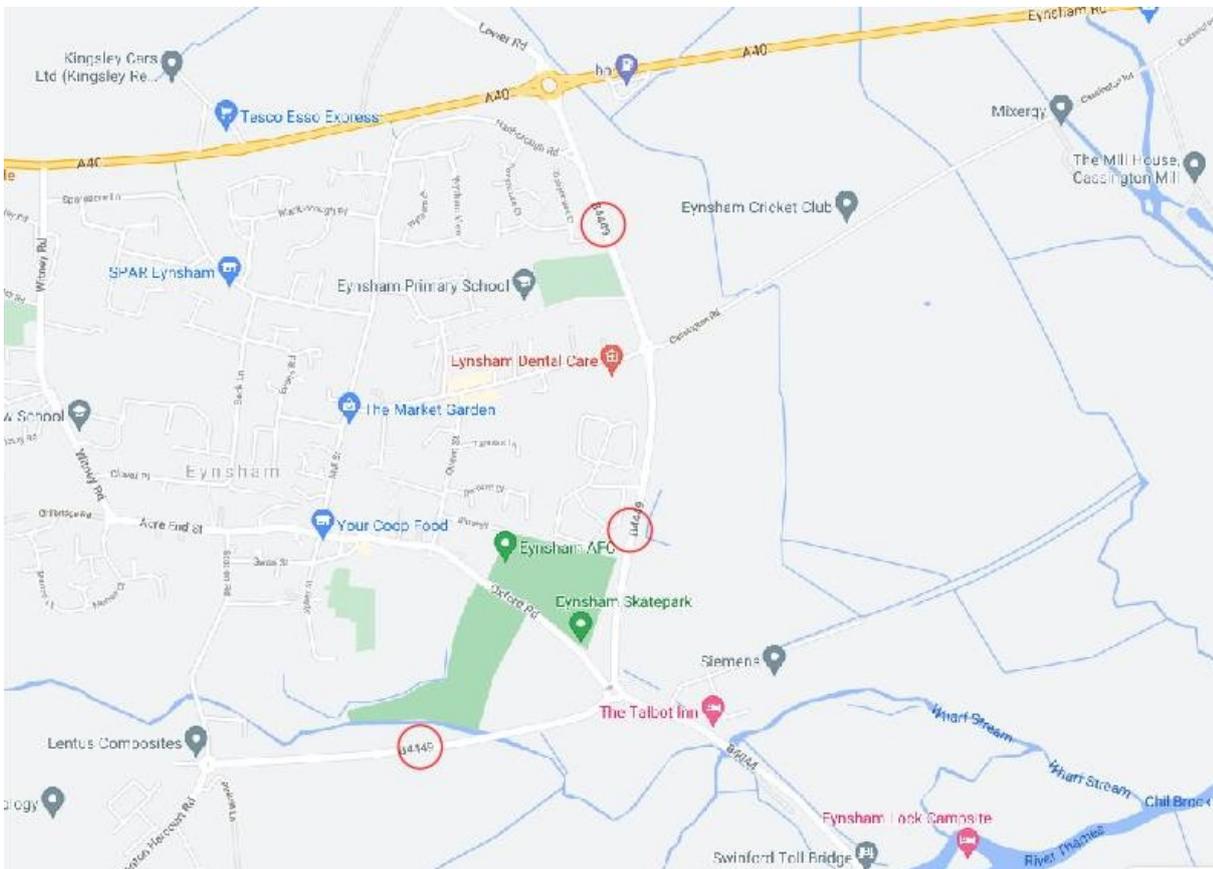
21/T3 Public Participation - to receive submissions from members of the public - None.

21/T4 To provide a governance overview (Terms of Reference, membership, dates and frequency of meetings) – Cllr Macken was elected Chair of the Working Group and the Terms of Reference were reviewed and explained. It was **RECOMMENDED** that Sophia Vernon is co-opted to the Working Group. Future meeting dates and venue will be discussed with the Clerk. Residents from Spareacre Lane, Dovehouse Close and Merton Close are sought to be co-opted.

21/T5 To receive an update on Old Witney Road proposals - It was agreed that traffic issues relating to the Evenlode Pub and Old Witney Road's connection to the Thomas Homes site would be followed up by Cllr Nick Relph and County/District Cllr Dan Levy outside of the Working Group. Thomas Homes site access plans and information have been requested from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) in addition to a meeting with the company for residents to gain clarity.

21/T6 To receive an update on Oxfordshire County Council's Communities Department's work - After reviewing information provided by Eynsham Roadrunners on the recreational, sporting and tourist value (10k run visitors) of the B4449 from the Station Road roundabout to the Toll Bridge roundabout and for driver continuity, it was **RECOMMENDED** the speed limit be reduced from 50mph to 40mph and included in the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

OCC has provided agreement for Cassington Road to become a 30mph limit and B4049 Oxford Road from the Toll Bridge roundabout to the Toll Bridge to change to a 40mph limit without the need for speed/volume surveys as data is already available that supports the change. However, vehicle speed/volume surveys are required to support the change to 40mph for the remaining sections of the B4449 and it is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that surveys at £180 each are confirmed for following locations:-



It is **RECOMMENDED** that an additional gateway is included in the scheme, at Oxford Road. Like Hanborough Road and Witney Road, Oxford Road is an open, main entrance to the village and the road layout is conducive to siting a gateway there as recommended in [The Urbanists Report](#). Housing and on-street parking signal the residential area where Station Road joins B4449. And similarly, parked cars and a narrowing of the carriageway a short distance from the junction of Cassington Road and B4449 signal to road users that they are entering a more built-up residential area. Therefore, gateways were not seen as a priority in those locations. It was noted that monitoring and evaluation of the proposed speed changes listed in the TRO need to be included in the project timeline and budget.

21/T7 To review the project budget for each element of the Traffic Regulation Order - It was noted that OCC Communities department had yet to send a costing for supplying and locating 300mm 20mph roundels/repeater signs. Costs are to be included for vehicle speed/volume surveys throughout the village after the scheme has been implemented.

21/T8 To compile a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) and compile a short response for each – Cllr Macken is to circulate a list of FAQs. Working Group members would add to and comment on questions and answers prior to the next meeting. Those present agreed to ask Eynsham’s PCSO for assistance on technical FAQs relating to speeding, anti-social driving and enforcement on both. Clerk is to be requested to send the PCSO an invitation to the next meeting.

21/T9 To consider communication requirements for the project - Information on the project has been included in the latest, but yet unpublished edition of Eynsham News as part of the Council’s news rather than a standalone article. The information explains that the Council had requested OCC to specify data requirements, draft plans and provide project costings.

The Council’s Communications Officer has been briefed on the project basics. Noted was the importance of OCC’s consultation period that would decide the outcome of the proposed work. A list of stakeholders to engage with on the proposed work will be drafted.

The proposed work can be exhibited during the Great Big Green Week (GBGW) 18 – 26 September in St Leonard’s Hall Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 September. Content is to be agreed.

It was felt that a leaflet to each household (2,000) was the most effective method of getting residents' attention.

When OCC's timeline is established, the Working Group would be in a better position to plan the necessary communications with the Communications Officer.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.