



EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Eynsham Traffic Working Group Meeting
held at Eynsham Village Hall, 7.30pm
on Tuesday 7 September 2021

MINUTES

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

Also in Attendance – Clerk to the Council. There were two members of the public present.

21/T14 To receive apologies for absence – None.

21/T15 To receive Declarations of Interest in agenda items – None.

21/T16 Public Participation - to receive submissions from members of the public – One member of the public (awaiting co-option to the group) provided their considerations in respect of 21/T17.

21/T17 To reflect and consider recommendations following Chris Hulme, Traffic Management Officer's briefing on 24 August 2021 – It was noted that unless there is a specific speeding or highway safety problem, speed limits are not enforced. Thames Valley Police (TVP) is a consultee to 20mph scheme applications which are considered by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). TVP will only support schemes that include signage as well as physical traffic calming measures. As the Council's current proposal is to pursue a signage only scheme which although acceptable to OCC, it was understood that TVP will not support it. It was **RECOMMENDED** that Chris Hulme's briefing outlined above (and in meeting minutes dated 24 August) is forwarded to OCC and asked that difference of opinions is addressed and overcome if at all possible.

The working group is to investigate the possibility of setting up a community Speed Watch Group to undertake speed checks/Police reporting. This will be considered at a future Working Group meeting for recommendation to Full Council.

21/T18 To receive an update on the Old Witney Road residents' meeting with Thomas Homes – A positive meeting was recently held with Thomas Homes and residents who confirmed they are willing to contribute towards traffic calming measures at Old Witney Road providing the scheme is approved by OCC. A member of public raised concern that traffic calming won't be in place by the time homes are for sale and that the timing of the traffic calming may become out of co-ordination with the 20mph project. The priority work is the 20mph scheme as to otherwise do both at the same time may slow the project down. Thomas Homes is awaiting OCC's approval for the access road.

Clerk is to check with the Responsible Finance Officer that the Parish Council can lawfully receive funds from Thomas Homes who wish to contribute towards the 20mph scheme.

Clerk is to contact OCC to help co-ordinate a traffic survey at Old Witney Road which will be directly payable by Thomas Homes.

21/T19 To receive an update on Oxfordshire County Council's Communities Department's work and costings – The Clerk reported the following estimated costings:-

	£
Traffic Regulation Order -	3,255.00
Amendments to signing -	
(a) Usual Quantity 60 pairs 20mph repeater signs	5,659.39
	OR
(b) Minimum Quantity 30 pairs 20mph repeater signs	4,869.44

Gateways (based on 2 gates costing £7,253.68 - pro rata rate for 3) -	11,000.00
Amendments to road markings (based on one days' work for the lining contractor) -	<u>1,500.00</u>
Subtotal	£20,624.44
15% for contingencies. To allow for potential traffic management issues and other unforeseen circumstances. (Design Work).	£3,093.67
Total (based on (b) minimum quantity of signs)	£23,718.11

The Clerk advised that there are much cheaper options for gateways such as those available with [Glasdon](#). Quotes are to be obtained for 3 gateways plus OCC installation costs. In order to prevent streets in the village centre from being cluttered with signage (and in consideration that vehicle speeds are already low in that area), it was agreed to reduce the quantity of 20mph repeater signs in that area. The Working Group will review the required signs at the next meeting.

21/T20 To review the total project budget thus far for each element of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Clerk confirmed that a budget of £10,444 is available for the project. Grants will be pursued from OCC and/or other organisations towards the project.

21/T21 To consider future meeting times for the Working Group – 21 September at 7.30pm and 26 October at 6.45pm.

21/T22 To compile a list of frequently asked questions and compile a short response for each. (carried forward from the last meeting) – Ongoing.

The meeting closed at 7.23pm.