

# EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Eynsham Traffic Working Group Meeting  
held at Eynsham Village Hall, 7.30pm  
on Tuesday 14 December 2021

## MINUTES

**Councillors Present** – Cllr Ross Macken (Chairman), Cllr Tricia Crowley, Cllr Sue Osborne and Judy Reid (co-opted member).

Also in Attendance – Clerk to the Council. There were no members of the public present.

**21/T51 To receive apologies for absence** – Sophia Vernon (co-opted member).

**21/T52 To receive Declarations of Interest in agenda items** – None.

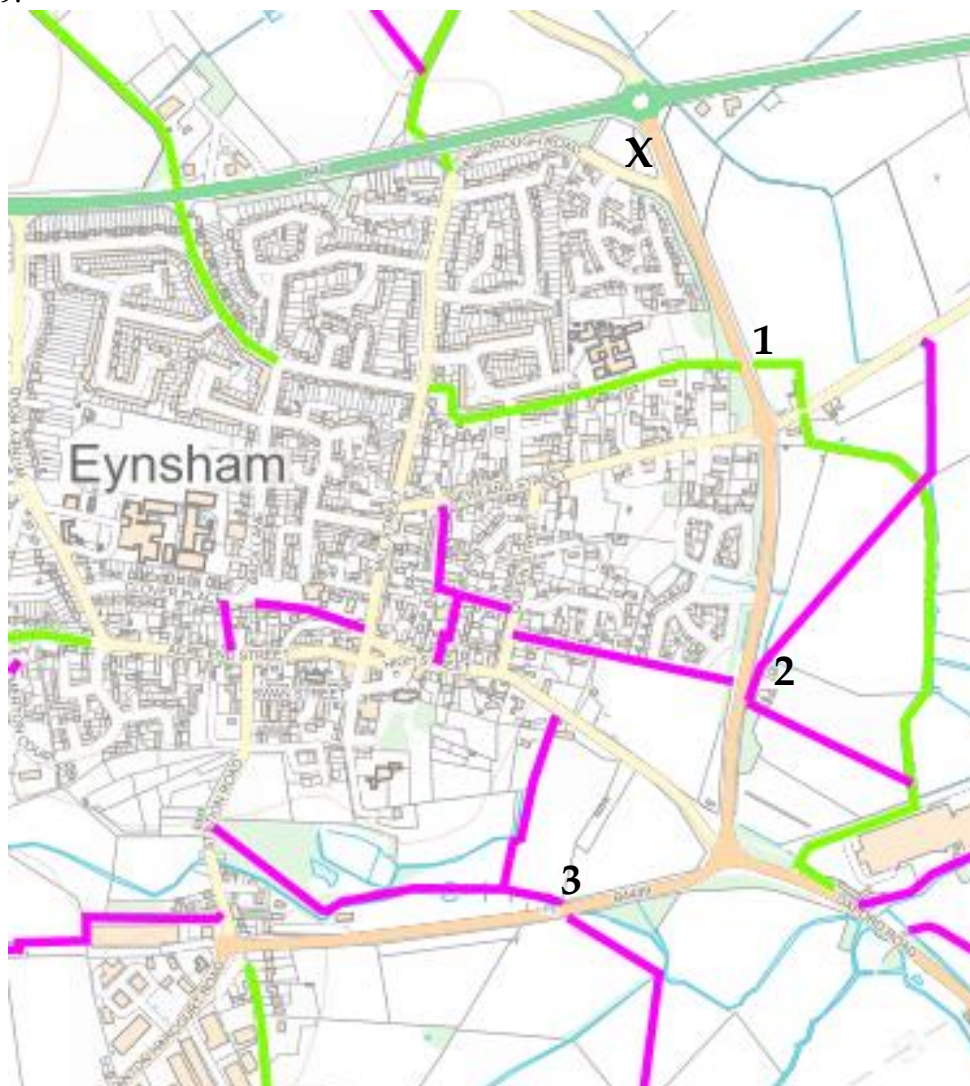
**21/T53 Public Participation - to receive submissions from members of the public** – None.

**21/T54 To receive an update from Sophia Vernon on behalf of Old Witney Road residents** – Report not available due to Sophia's absence.

**21/T55 To note Oxfordshire County Council's approval for the B4449 to be lowered to a 40mph speed limit (as part of the Eynsham 20mph scheme)** – It was noted that following consideration of the recent [vehicle surveys](#) undertaken, Oxfordshire County Council (Communities) approve for the speed limit on the B4449 between the A40 roundabout and Station Road roundabout, to be lowered to 40mph. The reasons justifying a lower limit include:-

- Road Traffic Collision 3-4 months ago with child on a bicycle vs car at Newland Street-Cassington Road/B4449 roundabout whereby the vehicle was apparently travelling too fast. Child was taken to hospital. Other similar accidents have occurred at this roundabout. There were a number of accidents along this route in 2020 according to ParishOnline data.
- Families cross the B4449 at the above roundabout to walk along Cassington Road to the cricket ground and croquet club.
- Eynsham Road Runners has raised safety concerns (due to speeding traffic) when using the footpath that runs from Station Road to Oxford Road. Their base is the Sports Pavilion at Oxford Road so this is a usual route for them.
- Families are walking to/from Hazeldene along the grass verge (no footpath) to Cassington Road, alongside the B4449 to Public Right of Way (PROW) 206/8/20 (marked 1 on the map) to access Eynsham Community Primary School as this is the most direct route. It would be beneficial to have a proper footpath and railings installed at this area in addition to a lower speed limit in place.
- PROW 206/5/10 that crosses the B4449 to PROW 206/5/20 (known as Wharf Stream Way art trail marked as 2 on the map) - it is often difficult to cross the road in time. The sightlines combined with vehicle speeds are issues.
- PROW 206/2/30 can equally be difficult and it is a very popular southbound footpath (marked 3 on the map).
- 3200 new homes in Eynsham by 2031 will undoubtedly have an impact on this road and local PROW. The number of Eynsham residents will more than double. Additionally, the A40 bus lane improvement/dualling project (due to start within the next 12 months) will also have an impact as it is my understanding OCC plan to have a compound just off the A40/B4449 roundabout (marked with a X).

- Eynsham has very little 'internal' public green space (Local Insights, 2018 p. 57 - [Community Insight profile report \(westoxon.gov.uk\)](#)) so residents are drawn to using the footpaths/bridleways to access the countryside and river thereby routinely needing to cross the B4449.



**21/T56 To resolve gateway options and costs** – It was agreed to recommend the installation of 3 Glasdon high visibility-style gateways to Full Council (via a Project Report). 3 sign wording options are to be considered: (a) Eynsham – Please drive carefully. (b) Eynsham – A great place to belong (to reflect the Council’s Strategic Plan). (c) Eynsham – A great place to belong. Please drive carefully. Clerk is to obtain gateway signage artwork if possible for consideration.

**21/T57 To consider a final scheme and report for recommendation to Full Council** – Clerk is to make minor amendments to the report including approval for use of S106 funds from Finance & General Purposes Committee towards the scheme if Taylor Wimpey approve the use of the funds towards the project. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Council consider the Project Report (and options contained therein) and approve the scheme.

**21/T58 To consider future meeting times for the Working Group** – 18 January 2022 at 6.45pm.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.