



TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP – 18 APRIL 2024 7:00pm

Venue: BINSTED PAVILION, GU34 4PB

MINUTES *(with 3 August updates in blue italics)*

Councillors Present: Cllr Alison Melvin, Cllr Dominic Hearne

Others Present: Mike Mordecai (Clerk), Julian Thomson, Jon Bourne, Nial Dunne, Jo Weeks

Apologies: Cllr Jason Locke, Cllr Pip Eldridge, Ian McArdle, Tammy Yates, Pete Day

1. **Speed Cameras Implementation Plan**

The 3 ASW cameras, posts and one solar booster have been bought, with most of the costs reimbursed via an EHDC grant. We will need to collate the data obtained by the cameras. It would also be prudent to communicate to parishioners (when the cameras are operational) why this initiative has been taken (perhaps including “myth buster” Qs & As).

Action: Mike and Alison will visit Froyle Parish Council to learn from its ASW installation and operations. *Completed – visit was useful.*

Action: Dominic, Alan and Alison will fit the cameras and calibrate them. *Cameras were fitted end May but need some further calibration.*

Action: Fund and fit any ‘speed cameras’ road signage. *Signage was ordered from Hampshire Highways but did not arrive. Alison will re-contact Hampshire Highways and will also check if volunteers will need to fit signs (Hampshire Highways fitted Froyle’s for them!)*

Action: Once operational, gain understanding of data collection process. *This still outstanding.*

2. **Village Gateways / Roadside Planters**

It was agreed that ‘village gateways’ (white posts) are expensive (£10K), with little evidence that they slow traffic. As an alternative, a ‘planting on the highway’ licence (£200) has been applied for, with the intention of using the two roadside planters that BPC already owns (one at Frith End northern village gateway; one on Isington Road approach to Binsted village (where Binsted sign has been lost)). In each case, the plan would be to add “welcomes careful drivers” signage alongside the village name. Jon noted he has a trailer and would be willing to transport planters.

Action: We await outcome of Hampshire Highways licence request. *Licence was refused on the grounds that 40 mph speed limit is too fast and that verges are a bit narrow.*

3. **Updates on Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and Speedwatch**

Our single SID continues to be regularly moved across 9 locations across the parish (by Alan) to collect speed and traffic volume data. The data (enhanced by Pete) is very useful to emphasise to enable BPC to emphasise to Hampshire Highways the need for Traffic Calming and to evidence the extra traffic being caused while B3004 is closed for SSEN roadworks. (Note: there have been delays in SSEN works. SSEN diversions will be suspended during exam season and for Jalsa Salana).

Action: Comms WG to increase visibility of SID data charts – and of Transport WG activities generally - on BPC website. *This action is still outstanding.*

Two Speed Watch groups are now operational - Binsted Village and Frith End. Alison thanked all the speedwatch volunteers involved. Thanks were also recorded to Willowfold Farm residents, who had offered their driveway as a potential additional Blacknest speedwatch location (but this location had already been assessed and rejected by police). It is currently doubtful that sufficient volunteers can be found for a Bucks Horn Oak group.

August update: The Frith End group is very active, operating one speedwatch session per week. The Binsted village Group is less active and could do with more volunteers.

4. Other Updates and TWG Priorities (Agenda Items 4 and 6)

- It was noted that Jalsa Salana had not yet share a draft Transport Management Plan with affected parishes or Hampshire Highways.
Action: Jason to continue to request JS Transport Management Plan.
- Many potholes have been reported via Hampshire Highways (HH) reporting tool but few repairs have so far been made. Patching that has been performed looks to be of a very temporary nature.
- It was reported that the Birdworld redevelopment proposals included a new A325 roundabout, which BPC supports, as it would slow traffic and improve safety at the Birdworld / Forest Lodge turning, and potentially for pedestrians crossing the A325.
- Concerns were raised about 360Beech's February assertion that its plans to greatly expand golf and hospitality activities would generate no net increase in traffic levels, and it was noted that 360Beech is proposing no additional traffic calming measures as part of the planning proposals.
- Alison updated the group on the disappointing continued lack of engagement from HH regarding the long-promised S106 funding from Whitehill and Bordon redevelopment for traffic calming on Frith End and Blacknest Roads and A325 junction. There was a discussion on next steps in this regard. It was agreed that BPC should find a polite way of escalating the issue via HCC Councillors before, as a last resort, mounting a press campaign. *Following escalation made via HCC councillors, Alison met HH' new Leader for Safer Roads for East Hants and Winchester areas on 24 July. Alison emphasised TWG's concern about Frith End and Blacknest safety issues; our strong interest in a TRO to reduce Frith End speed limit to 30mph; in restricting HGV traffic; and in understanding the scope of the S106 funded project, so that an integrated plan can be made for S106-funded work, normal maintenance and parish-partnerships that use BPC Neighbourhood CIL contributions. Both HH and SDNPA have been sent BPC's list of desired speed calming and signage improvements.*
- TWG discussed whether it has the capacity to take on any additional priorities at this stage, including traffic/parking/speeding outside primary schools or HGV signage on small lanes. It was agreed that the Frith End / Blacknest safety concerns need to remain centre-stage until some progress with this is achieved.
- The group thanked Alison for her hard work to progress the issues set out above.

5. Key messages for TWG presentation at Annual Parish Meeting 22 May

It was agreed that TWG would provide summaries, for APM, of its main strands of work, including:

- i. Traffic calming physical and speed limit reduction
- ii. Working with police to enforce speed and HGV restrictions
- iii. Actively liaising & reporting problems (diversions, collision record, potholes, signage, repairs)
- iv. Working towards improving provision for active travel (cycles, horses, walking)
- v. Highlighting traffic issues associated with EHDC Local Plan and other big planning applications

Action: Nial volunteered to provide an APM presentation on the "volunteer experience" of the speedwatch groups, to complement the police's Speedwatch presentation. *Transport presentation at APM was well received.*

6. Covered under Item 4 above.

7. TWG Expenditure:

Action: Alison and Mike will create a budget and proposed expenditure for future TWG work, to include the funding of a second SID device. *The proposed budget will be presented at next TWG meeting. Clarity from HH on the scope of S106 funding is needed before a clear budget for Frith End traffic calming can be made.*

- 8. Proposed date of next meeting: tbc.** *We are consulting on whether Tuesday 17 September or Tuesday 22 September is preferred. Meeting will be held at Binsted Sports Pavilion.*

