

## MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS MEETING HELD ON 14 JULY 2010

**Present:** Cllrs M.J. Bayley (Chairman), D. Baker, Mrs . K. Dicker, A. Hardie, M.A. Morley, C.Pointon-Taylor,

**Apologies:** B. Lock

**Visitors:** Bucks Highways – Chris Schwier (CS), Colin Jenkins (CJ)

**Clerk:** M.S.Green

### **1. Footpaths, Bridleways & tracks**

**Forty Green walkway** - A meeting was held on 17 June (Separate minutes attached), following which Chris Schwier had reported that Highways were not willing to assume ownership of the embankment or accept maintenance of the completed walkway, but he thought they would agree to fund and maintain a tarmac path at both ends leading up to the walkway. Estimates of cost varied between £48-100,000. Dan Dixon responded with a proposal that if PPC would accept the ownership of the completed walkway together with its public liability, insurance, maintenance and repair, he would set up a Forty Green Walkway Trust to raise funds and manage the delivery of the project.

Following further discussion it was agreed that PPC would put the proposition to the full Council meeting the next day and, if agreed in principle, would investigate planning permission and insurance cover. It was noted that there was not enough room for a footway at the side of the road even if it was one-way and an alternative method of cutting back the embankment by several yards, reinforcing it with a gabion wall and putting in a tarmac path would be even more expensive than the walkway.

LAF Local Priorities budget - Dan Dixon will apply for funding for a part of the project (by 13 Sep 10)

**Footpath signs** – Missing footpath signs should be reported to the Clerk.

**County Rights of Way improvement Plan** The plan for 2007-2011 is now held by the Clerk.

**Parish Paths Partnership** – Some questions were raised about whether a Parish map would duplicate existing OS and Chiltern Society maps. Cllr Lock volunteered his help. **Investigate advantages and production of a parish map.**

**Circular walks** - Cllr Baker has so far walked 11 out of our 70 FPs.

### **2. Highway repairs and traffic matters**

**Highways gangs** - There are a host of different gangs and CS will send us a note about them.

**Community gang** – A Report Sheet dated 27 June has been sent, listing the current tasks

**Highways problems** -Report to Transport for Bucks through the Clerk as problems arise. Attached photos are useful. **We need a list of all such tasks which have not been actioned.**

**Closure of Gravelly Way & Penn Bottom** - Work on a replacement gas main will start on 19 May and continue for about 24 weeks until October, with closure of different parts as necessary.

**School Lane, Penn Street** - CJ agreed there had been considerable damage to verges and banks, and they are getting worse, but kerbing is the only lasting answer and there are no funds. **CS & CJ will look again at the problem.**

**Church Road, Tylers Green** - Following a further meeting organised by the P&TGRS with Ken Moloughney and Cllr Schofield a traffic survey to establish the number and type of vehicles using the road has just started.

***FG Road outside allotment gate*** – The broken gully has been repaired and **CJ will test it to make sure it is working..**

***FG Road outside Cricket & Rec Gd*** - **A request has been made for a barrier to stop children running on to the road.**

***Weeds on kerb edge*** - There will be two sprays this year.

***Common Wood Lane*** - The surface dressing is coming off and CJ is chasing the contractor. The bank edge is very dangerous and cars have rolled off the edge. The holes have been filled in and **CJ will talk to Ken Moloughney** about further steps needed such as a white line and relector posts.

### **3. Local Area Forum**

#### ***Parish Highway projects for 2008/09*** -

***Island at Saucy Corner*** – Nicholas King has promised to repair the island, but has not done so despite the question being raised at a LAF meeting. **CJ will follow up one last time and Highways will do the work if NK does not carry out his promise.**

#### ***Parish Highway projects for 2010/11*** - The following bid had been agreed

***a)Resurface footway along Church Road (Penn)*** - from Nicholas King's office to the Crown (£10,000). £5,000 has been allocated, so half will be done this year and a further **£5,000 has been bid for 2011/12.**

***The Local Priority Fund*** (which gave £3,000 for the Walkway feasibility study last year) has been increased from £8,000 to £20,000. **A bid for part of the Walkway project will be submitted by 13 Sep 10.**

***FP 66 from Curzon Avenue to Common Wood*** - This needs scalping on wet and muddy sections. **Corinne Waldron of Rights of Way may fund this.** If not, then we apply to Local Priorities Fund.

### **4. Neighbourhood Action Group**

The Hundreds NAG covers C.St G., Seer Green, Coleshill and Penn. So far, it has covered speeding, litter & flytipping, and road conditions. Due to the lack of support the Hundreds NAG now operates as a 'virtual' NAG. There have been no recent meeting but the NAG can be called together if required..

**Speed enforcement** - is being targeted in a number of ways including Speed enforcement days; Police laser guns; Speed indication device SID ; Community Speed Watch, CSW camera..

***Speed limit changes*** - The recent review has agreed two changes – New Road, Penn St to be reduced to 40mph and Whielden Lane 50mph to be 30mph. There was no agreement to reducing the 40 to 30mph along the B474 Penn Road from the Red Lion into Beaconsfield. The changes will not be implemented until next year.

***Temporary Speed Indicator Devices (TSID)*** are post-mounted devices that display the speed limit if it is being exceeded so they can only be used where there is a 30 or 40mph limit and not generally where speed limit enforcement already takes place regularly. Parishes can hire them in for 2 weeks at a cost of £100 from BCC.

An order was made for two TSIDs, for October during term time, for School Lane, Penn Street and Church Road (Penn), but damage to the device, now repaired, and then snow, has delayed the timetable. **CJ will arrange for the first one to be put in School Road, Penn Street, preferably showing actual speed, and Cllr Lock will arrange a camera to record the number of offences.**

## **5. Traffic signs, road markings, gullies, highway furniture, finger posts and bus shelters**

*Missing 'Pedestrians in road' warning sign adjacent to 10 Whielden Lane - reported via CJ to Ken Moloughney, but still missing. CJ will chase*

*Roadside gullies - BCC have now started work on a new contract (which includes side gullies in FG Road). If a gully is blocked then a different team has to clear it. CJ will send us a programme.*

*Oil & Silt trap at Potters Cross – There are three separate components – silt trap, oil trap and ditch. The silt trap and oil trap were completely cleared by a tanker on site all day on 24 Feb 09. CJ will raise an order for a regular annual clearance.*

*Potters Cross Pond – dig out silt and reeds - Mark Averill minuted that this would be done under normal maintenance. Contact Mark Averill on [maverill@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:maverill@buckscc.gov.uk) to ensure this includes finishing digging out the ditch at the back.*

*Finger post Fagnall Lane –The sign by Little Hertfordshire House needs repair. Possible Community Gang. Michael to investigate & report.*

*Yellow stripes on Elm Road & Church Road, Penn –The July 2009 Council requested a debate on whether the heavy painted heavy yellow stripes near the Red Lion and the Crown were inappropriate for a Conservation Area. It was agreed that they should be allowed to fade away. CJ will therefore NOT list them for repainting.*

*The Granary, Elm Road - The outside wall has been scraped by a vehicle and the owner is immensely concerned. CJ agreed to paint a white line along the road by the wall and recommend reflectors to the householder. It was agreed that bollards would cause still more trouble.*

## **6. Highway hedges and verges and pavements**

*Rural grass-cutting - Highways commitment is to cut all our rural verges twice a year, but in practice, we seldom get cuts unless we press for them. Penn St school field verge has not yet been cut despite being in the 30mph urban area which has 12 cuts. We asked for the B474 verge outside Burrows Close to be included..*

*Laying Penn Estate hedge on Church Road (Penn) - There are two sectors – one near the Methodist Chapel and the other below the Crown. This was raised with the Penn Estate Agent at the November Council meeting and in March. There may be some difficulty with the height in that five feet is the highest that will allow a desired view over the top. Check on progress.*

## **7. Highway litter, fly tipping and abandoned vehicles**

We should report all these matters to [wmanagement@chiltern.gov.uk](mailto:wmanagement@chiltern.gov.uk)

## **8. Street & Footway lighting**

*Trial switching-off street lights – The current trial includes the A404 Inkerman Hill to Beamond End from 40mph at Hazlemere to end of lit length near Penn Street.*

*New street light at Traffic calming in Whielden Lane – A new light has been supplied by BCC. Long Meadow Close has been adopted by Highways but no request has been made for a PPC take-over of all four street lights.*

*Intelligent studs on the A404 near the Penn Street junction are not all working. CJ will check*

## **9. Street and Road naming and signs.**

*Holtspur Lane - may well stay so-called because CDC's legal advisers are not keen about changing the name immediately after such a recent decision had been made by the District Council.*

*Unnamed Lanes - David Stowe has said that all our new and missing name plates are now up.*

*Elm Road sign at Potters Cross - Missing sign has been reported and found, but not yet replaced.*

*Stumpwell Lane* - Consult the two households about putting up a road name plate.  
*Dell Orchard name plate* off Horsemoor Lane - Ordered but not yet in place.  
*Potters Cross cast-iron sign post* - Cllr Morley will get a quote for a new arm.

**11. Future Meeting and Gang dates** - Meetings are arranged to co-ordinate with Community Gang dates. Since not all members can make the same day, it was agreed to alternate Tuesday and Wednesday.

<b>PPC Highway Committee</b>	<b>Gang dates week starting</b>
Wed 14 Jul	12Jul 16 Aug 20 Sep
Tues 5 Oct	
Wed 22 Dec	



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