

JWAAC Highways and Transport Sub Group

Wednesday 7th September 2011
6.00pm Committee Room 2, Durban House.

Present:

WSCC: Mr Coleman (Chairman), Mr Blampied, Mr McDougall, Mr Oppler, Mr Wells.

ADC: Mr English

Parishes: Mr Matthews – Felpham Parish Council, Mrs Phillips – Middleton on Sea Parish Council, Mr Dillon – Bognor Regis Town Council, Nathan Dellicott – Pagham Parish Council, Mr Pearce – Aldwick Parish Council, Mr Dillion – Bognor Regis Town Council.

In Attendance: Ben Whiffin – WSCC
Chris Meeus - WSCC

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Bence and Councillor Christina Coleman

The Chairman welcomed Ben Whiffin and thanked Tracey Webb in her absence for all the help and guidance she had provided during her time in Arun West.

1a. New Chairman

The group unanimously decided to keep Mike Coleman as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

2. Priorities for Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)

Ben Whiffin introduced the revised list to the group. Mr Blampied explained that Canning Road and Vicarage Lane formed part of the CPZ consultation and suggested that maybe these should be removed from the list. Mr Wells asked how these would be put back on the list if the consultation showed no desire for the CPZ. Ben Whiffin explained that this was not an onerous task and would be very simple.

Mr Oppler proposed we accept the top 3 TRO's on the list and this was agreed by the group. This would therefore be presented to JWAAC for County Councillors to make a formal decision.

Mr McDougall asked that the next 3 on the list would be carried over to the next year. Mr Coleman informed him that this would more than likely be the case.

Mr Wells talked about Belmont Street and the recent accident in the road. He asked if the parking bays could be assessed at the same time as the TRO, as he felt these were causing a problem to HGV movement.

Action – Ben Whiffin

Mr Dillon enquired about Amberley Drive and the possibility of using the cricket club car park for parents who could then walk up to Nyewood School. He also asked about the one-way system that was in place at school arriving/leaving times. Mr Oppler explained that this was run by the parents at the school. Mr McDougall gave his support to the idea of parents utilising the cricket club car park and suggested it be passed to safer routes to school.

3. Infrastructure Priorities

Chris Meeus introduced himself and explained what his role is within WSCC. He asked that if there were any new priorities in Arun West, that they be passed to him.

Mr Wells mentioned the junction of Ash Grove and Rowan Way as a possible problem area when the new roundabout is built towards Addison Way. Mr Wells was concerned that turning out of Ash Grove would become near impossible due to the location of the roundabout.

Mr McDougal suggested that this could be addressed with section 106 money from site 6. Chris Meeus explained that there were no specific references to this currently on the priority list, however it could be added to the list for consideration.

Action – Chris Meeus

Mr Matthews raised concerns regarding traffic travelling through Felpham village due to build up of traffic on the A259. Mr Blampied informed Mr Matthews that this was predicted to reduce by up to 40% when the relief road was completed.

Mr Matthews raised the issue of the north-south relief road that was considered in 2000. Mr Matthews feels that this should be looked at again due to the fact of the increase in traffic from the University, residential development on the seafront and in Bognor, the new hotels in Butlins and the new Sainsbury's supermarket.

Chris Meeus explained that a case for this link road would have to be put forward with the technical evidence to back it.

Action – Chris Meeus

Mr Wells raised the issue of real time bus information in Bognor Regis Town and felt that maybe this could be delivered with S106 money. Mr Oppler backed this idea and suggested it would increase bus usage and would be a bonus for the community on all levels. Chris Meeus agreed to add this to the priority list for assessment.

Action – Chris Meeus

The issue of Pagham Road (speed and accidents) was raised and discussed by the group. Mr Coleman agreed that this was a very high priority and should be looked into. Ben Whiffin presented information regarding speed limit criteria and most up to date accident data. It was agreed that a site meeting be carried out with attendance of an officer from Accident Investigation and Prevention Team.

Action – Ben Whiffin

Mrs Phillips raised concerns about Comet Corner junction. Mrs Phillips felt that the speed limit of 50mph was still too fast and it was causing problems when trying to pull out onto the A259. Mr English informed the group that speed indication device was triggered at 42mph and was therefore giving out the wrong signal. Ben Whiffin agreed to look into this. Chris Meeus informed the group that a concept scheme had been drawn up for Comet Corner. He agreed to forward this to Mrs Phillips.

Action - Ben Whiffin

Action – Chris Meeus

Mr Dillon raised concerns regarding 'one way' system in The High Street, Bognor. He stated that the signs informing motorists of this system were inadequate and were being ignored or missed. Ben Whiffin agreed to look into this and report back at the next meeting.

Action – Ben Whiffin

4. Controlled Parking Zone Consultation

The group discussed this at length, with the overriding feeling that this scheme is not needed or wanted in the proposed areas. It was felt that this would be a tax on residents with no guarantee of a parking space. It was also felt that introducing these new zones would just push parking problems into other areas. It was decided that the best way forward would be to invite Miles Davey to the CLC meeting on 21st September.

Action – Monique Smart

5. Any Other Business

Mr Dillon asked that an access protection mark be applied at the pedestrian crossing on the Hampshire Close site. Ben Whiffin agreed to look into this.

Action – Ben Whiffin

Mrs Phillips asked that the footpath on the northern side of Middleton Road be looked at, with a view to having it re-surfaced. Ben Whiffin agreed to look into this.

Action – Ben Whiffin

Mr Wells raised concern about parking and the accident rate at the Aldwick Road end of Nyewood Lane. Mr Wells also mentioned the poor condition of the pedestrian section of London Road. Particular reference was made to an area outside of Costa Coffee. Ben Whiffin agreed to look into this.

Action – Ben Whiffin

Mr Matthews asked if the bollard and lamp column were working on the new roundabout on Felpham Way, outside the Tesco store. Mr Blampied also mentioned that a sign had been hit by a vehicle and was now leaning at an angle. Ben Whiffin agreed to look into these issues.

Action – Ben Whiffin

Mr Dillon asked why Amberley Drive was on the TRO list as waiting restrictions, when he felt it should be a 'one way' TRO. Ben Whiffin agreed to look into this.

Action – Ben Whiffin

Mr McDougal raised the issue of Marshall Avenue re-surfacing. Bob Mander (WSCC Engineering) had produced a list of proposals for different types of treatment in Marshall Avenue. After discussion with the group, it was decided that the most suitable form of treatment would be to patch the worst areas and to use a micro asphalt surface of up to 15mm in thickness throughout. The only concern with this treatment would be the effect this would have on an already badly barrelled road. Ben Whiffin agreed to get back to engineering for further advice.

Action – Ben Whiffin

6. Date of Next Meeting

Future dates to be forwarded to the group by Monique Smart.

Meeting closed 7:45pm.