

**Minutes of the Traffic Committee of Halberton Parish Council held at Halberton Village Hall  
On Wednesday 4 May 2022**

Present: Councillors Batchelor and Graham, Margaret Anderson, Liz Brooks, Georgie Fice, Jerry Mahony and Terry Payne

**1. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Browse, the Clarks, Neil Purves and Lindsey Rowe.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Public Forum**

No members of the public were present.

Any items from members of the committee would be raised under the appropriate agenda item.

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 6 April 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5. Approval of the Terms of Reference for the Traffic Committee**

The Clerk presented the proposed Terms of Reference for the Traffic Committee and it was RESOLVED that they should go forward to the Parish Council for approval.

**6. Update of Vision Zero South West**

Following extensive correspondence and with the agreement of the Parish Council, the Traffic Committee had confirmed purchase of MessageMaker VAS at the discounted rate being offered to councils as part of the Vision Zero South West grants.

Confirmation of the sites for the VAS posts and the various signs was awaited from Devon County Council (DCC).

The letter of acceptance of the grant would be signed by the Parish Council on 10 May 2022 and sent to Vision Zero South West.

Once both these tasks had been completed the grant money would be released and the VAS units delivered.

Confirmation of the cost of installation of the posts and the signs by DCC was awaited but it was known through discussions with DCC that this would be covered within the grant funding.

If any funds remained, these could be used for other road safety measures.

**Action points:**

- PC to sign grant letter
- Clerk to chase DCC re confirmation of post sites and signs and schedule for installing posts/signs
- Press Release upon receipt of VAS units (GF/LR)
- Press Release when VAS units in place (GR/LR)
- Any unused funding could potentially be directed towards cutting down the trees on entry to High Street (chase DCC as was scheduled to be done in previous financial year) or to a pedestrian crossing by the Village Hall.

## **7. Update of Petition**

During April, 2 additional signatures on the Traffic Petition on the website were received, total is now 55. It was still felt that putting the petition at the pub and farm shop would be beneficial and it was also agreed that it would be worthwhile having the petition at the Duck Race (7 May) and at the MIDS concert (14 May).

Signs calling for signatures would be placed on the notice boards.

### **Action:**

All to work on obtaining signatures on the petition.

## **8. Update of submissions of traffic incidents**

Councillor Furmedge had reported that

- There were a total of 5 issues reported via the Traffic Issues Form.
- There were a total of 7 traffic related issues on the General Issues Form (note one report covers 14 separate incidents) .

The SMS text for Traffic Issues had been setup as a prototype and could be used, the number is 07869 727160.

### **Action:**

- Clerk to gather together additional information and signatures received and send to Councillor Slade. This would include a police report regarding speeding by LiveWest along the Uffculme to Willand road.
- GF to write article for Newsletter advising of option to use SMS to report traffic incidents and call for signatures.

## **9. Update on traffic report for HATOC (see Petition)**

## **10. Update on lorries turning at the Hickory Inn/CCTV**

Discussion was ongoing as to the possibility of reducing the weight limit along the road from Sampford Peverell to Tiverton.

The suggestion was put forward that the sign on the roundabout by the Weigh Bridge off the link road could be changed to direct lorries for Tiverton to use the link road. Cullompton police had also made reference to this signage.

In addition, the possibility of putting Local Traffic Only on the sign to Sampford Peverell/Halberton (the first junction off the link road) may also encourage lorries to remain on the link road.

DCC were changing the position of the 7.5 ton signage as you came into Halberton from Sampford Peverell to make it more visible. The signs from Willand needed to be re-positioned.

Concern was expressed that construction traffic for the Tiverton East development was using the road and part of the planning application had been that all traffic would enter the site through Tiverton.

### **Action:**

- Clerk to write to DCC/MDDC
- LR to draft letter to local companies advising on road re-surfacing of the High Street and reminding them of weight limits.

## **10. Any Other Business**

### **Parking at the Sampford Peverell end of the village.**

The Clerk was in communication with MDDC regarding the sale of the six plots at The Orchard. It had always been believed that these car parking spaces would be used to alleviate the need to park in the road by the Hickory Inn. Parking in the road at this point affected the vision splay for people coming out of the Willand/Halberton road and The Orchard.

It was agreed that other possibilities would also be investigated:

1. parking space in the private road (Orchard View)
2. the grass area between the road and Orchard View – who owned it
3. purchasing land that could be both an additional play area and a car park to visit said area

It was noted that such parking as a result of 3., could also be used by people wishing to walk the canal.

### **Pavement at Hickory Inn**

DCC had indicated that a pavement connecting the Orchard to the Hickory Inn would make it a safer place for pedestrians. Whilst, the Traffic Committee agreed in principle, it would be difficult to undertake this without parking being available for residents who currently parked in the area. At present, it would probably mean that the cars would park on the pavement.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022

## **Halberton Parish Council**

### **Traffic Committee**

#### **Terms of Reference**

Halberton Parish Council has formed the Traffic Committee to assess the traffic problems and highways issues in the parish and to formulate proposals as to how improve the flow of traffic within the village, reduce the amount of speeding and road rage and improve safety for pedestrians and other road users.

#### **Membership of the committee**

Councillor Ian Batchelor (lead)  
Councillor Ken Browse  
Councillor Carol Graham  
and members of the public with specific interest and skills

#### **Objective of the Committee**

To improve the traffic conditions and road safety for all users.

#### **Note:**

The Traffic Committee cannot make non-delegated decisions or spend any money on behalf fo the Parish Council. Any recommendations put forward will be subject to approval by the Full Council.

#### **Reporting to Council**

The lead (or deputy) will formally report to the Full Council at the regular monthly meetings. The aim being to inform of progress and raise points that need Full Council approval.  
Informal updates by any members of the Committee to Councillors can take place at any time.

#### **Delegated Decision making**

The Full Council has delegated the administration of the committee to committee members together with the power to carry out surveys, organise petitions and gather information that will assist in meeting the objectives of the committee.