

TRAFFIC PLAN WORKING PARTY

THURSDAY 22nd JANUARY 2009



The meeting was held in the Compass Room at Gurnard Pines from 7pm.

PRESENT:

Richard Day (Chairman), Alan Jacobs, Paul Fuller, Vicky Spencer, Pauline Lloyd, Sylvia Pain, Councillor John Hobart, Youth Advisor Matthew Church and the Parish Clerk (Rusty Adams)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Nigel Warren and Hugh Robotham.

2. TUTTONS HILL

A Traffic Regulation Order has been implemented on a temporary basis above and below the S.I.D central island for 25 metres, in response to complaints received and one case of obstruction. Cowes Police supported the order, and subject to future consultation this could become permanent in about 12 months time. There was some discussion on the history of the central island coming into being and its success in reducing speed.

The working party discussed if monitoring of the effectiveness of the TRO was required, **and it was agreed the members would note any observations made or heard in the Village about its success or problems.**

3. LOWER CHURCH ROAD

John Hobart reported that he was still waiting for a proper response from Stuart Love, but he hoped to have something once Peter Hayward had completed another survey and reported back within a week or so. **It was agreed that John Hobart would report back to the Parish Council at its next meeting on 10/2/09.**

4. VILLAGE SIGNAGE

The survey is complete and the working party members were provided with the photographs and analysis in October 2008 to work on recommendations. **It was agreed that the following recommendations would be made to the Parish Council: that consideration is given to removing the new roundabout signs CL 10 and CL 25, and that consideration is given to passing on the defective, concealed or damaged signage to the IW Council for remedial action.**

5. OBSERVATIONS FROM WORKING PARTY FOR FUTURE TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

One suggestion was made that D/Y lines are added to the corner of Church Road and Cockleton Lane to prevent parking that restricts visibility for oncoming traffic. It was also suggested that ideas are sought from residents for the TRO through Gurnard News.

6. BARING ROAD CYCLEWAY (GREEN CARPET) & TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

The TRO is complete, and an e-mail was sent to Parking Services asking for some enforcement at school run times. The report received was a little vague but it seems they do visit occasionally as time permits. There are only 9 officers on duty (maximum) at one time covering a large area. They have to wait 5 minutes before a ticket can be issued to an offending vehicle. There is no report from the school as to whether there is still a problem or not, but the members felt there was still a problem, and some parents are also carrying out U-turns in the road. **It was agreed that more regular enforcement is needed and that John Hobart would speak to Alan Wells and Stuart Love about this.**

Funding is now in place for the green carpet for the cycle way, and it should be completed this month.

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7. HILTON ROAD

Fresh contact was made with Kevin Burton on 5/1/09, and he said he would check to see if there was any land registry information in the files and would forward what he has. However he said he is loathe to spend any money on fresh searches, as he felt it would not prove good value for money. He also says to give a more accurate figure per house for an upgrade to adoption standards would require a survey as to where services are in the road, and again he is loathe to do this as he feels this is something residents would not agree to pay anyway. Discussions took place as to what to do next and it was agreed that the main problem was through traffic, both cars and vans, although these will reduce once the school moves to the Solent site. Discussions included residents conducting a survey of the vehicles and reporting back to owners, using a camera to record vehicles, constructing pinch points at various places in the road, erecting "No through Road" or "Cul de Sac" signage, physically blocking the road at a suitable midway point to block through traffic and placing large planted pots intermittently along the road to restrict the passage of larger vehicles. It was suggested that ideas were needed from residents, **and it was agreed that Paul Fuller and Rusty Adams would produce a draft explanatory flyer to include a suggestions box, that this would be e-mailed to all working party members for comment before firming up on a final copy, that Rusty Adams would copy enough for Hilton Road (Vicky Spencer to advise numbers), that Vicky Spencer & Pauline Lloyd would deliver the flyers and collect them a week later and then analyse the suggestions in time for the next meeting.**

8. SPEED MONITORING

The Church Road 14 day speed monitoring exercises should start on 23/1/09 and there is also one booked for Solent View Road starting on 6/3/09. 2 speed monitoring exercises have been carried out in Cockleton Lane by the Police, and one driver was found doing 35mph and was cautioned whilst another was found doing 39mph and this driver is due to attend a driver's improvement course soon.

9. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 2nd April 2009 – 7pm at Gurnard Pines

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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Clerk to the Council