

TRAFFIC PLAN WORKING PARTY

THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 2009



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

PRESENT:

Alan Jacobs, Paul Fuller, Vicky Spencer, Nigel Warren, Sylvia Pain, Councillor John Hobart, Harvey Wallace, Youth Advisor Jonathon Luter and the Parish Clerk (Rusty Adams).

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

As Richard Day was absent, it was agreed that Paul Fuller would serve as Chairman for this meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Richard Day, Pauline Lloyd, Hugh Robotham, and Youth Advisor Matthew Church.

3. TUTTONS HILL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

The matter was discussed by the Parish Council in February and it was decided to ask if the central island could be removed and the S.I.D. equipment repositioned on the roadsides – it was felt that if this happened then the temporary TRO could perhaps be modified. However, the IW Council will not make the changes, mainly on budgetary grounds, and so good use will have to be made of further consultation opportunities when the next Village TRO is considered. It was reported that some of the D/Y lines are being scraped off.

4. LOWER CHURCH ROAD MODIFICATIONS

John Hobart reported that there was no positive news, with Stuart Love not being prepared to consider any compulsory purchase action at the moment. **It was agreed to remove this item from agendas until at least the Autumn 2009.**

5. VILLAGE SIGNAGE

The Parish Council thanks the Working Party for its efforts and compliments it on the quality of the survey report. The Parish Council has passed the whole report to the IW Council for action. The IW Council has acknowledged the survey report but has missed its own promised response deadline of 10/3/09 – this has been chased and the Area Superintendent says he will be working through it soon, but at the moment sees no problem in rectifying nearly all the points raised. An update was also given on the new width restriction signs, now on order for Cockleton Lane.

6. OBSERVATIONS FROM WORKING PARTY FOR FUTURE TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

It was agreed to add the suggestion of D/Y lines being installed on the corner of Church Road and Cockleton Lane.

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

The green carpet in the cycleway, which was supposed to be completed by the end of January, was delayed mainly due to the poor weather. However, it is completed now. It was reported that cars are still encroaching upon the cycleway, especially at school run times when cars are parked on the opposite side of the road. The withdrawal of cycle training sessions by the IW Council was criticized and it was suggested that the Parish Council may like to raise this matter with the IW Council. Pedestrian crossing at the Round House junction is difficult, and it was suggested that supporting both schools and their safe routes to schools initiatives might be worthwhile.

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Following the poor response from PCSO's to the implementation of the TRO on the Woodvale/Baring Road corner, Councillor Hobart agreed at the last meeting to chase up some local enforcement and an attendant has been in evidence on a few occasions - it was agreed that the situation has improved lately. It was recognized that some enforcement was needed in the Gurnard Primary School surrounding area for a few consecutive days at school run times.

It was agreed to request the Parish Council makes representations about the withdrawal of cycle training from the schools, and to request enforcement for the Gurnard Primary School surrounding area at school run times for a few days. It was also agreed that Vicky Spencer and Nigel Warren would obtain copies of the schools' safe routes to school travel plans for the Working Party's next meeting.

8. HILTON ROAD – RESIDENTS' SURVEY

Vicky Spencer & Pauline Lloyd were thanked for their work and analysis on the survey, which was copied to all members. 58 flyers were delivered to residents, from which 18 written and 3 verbal responses were received. Following discussion on the analysis **it was agreed to make the following recommendations to the Parish Council:**

- **Consideration is given to making Hilton Road a no-through road once the school is closed**
- **Speed restrictions are reduced to 5 mph, and more visible signage is erected.**
- **Speed monitoring exercises are carried out, perhaps by the Working Party members, at the times of highest risk**
- **That consideration is given to making Hilton Road a "Home Zone"**

9. SPEED MONITORING

The Church Road speed monitoring exercise in January/February did not run smoothly, with an electronic radar unit being placed in the wrong place, and then the tubes also being laid in the wrong place. The results were copied to the members and there were in excess of 4500 vehicles recorded in each direction, but with mean speeds ranging from 20mph to 23mph there seems to be no case for requesting further action.

The Solent View Road exercise took place between 6/3/09 and 20/3/09 and these results were also copied to all, with mean speeds again being in the order of 24/26mph.

It was agreed not to request any further action in Church Road or Solent View Road at this time, but to request of the Parish Council that speed monitoring is carried out by the IW Council at the entrance to the top end of Hilton Road.

The exercise in Cockleton Lane is scheduled for 17/4/09 for 14 days.

Jonathon Luter reported on a Baring Road speed check undertaken by pupils at Solent Middle School, with the results being measured mathematically by timing cars over a 100 metre length of road. 41% of cars exceeded the limit and the figures are being sent to Councillor Hobart. Ideas from pupils varied, but it was generally accepted that the road would benefit from a 20mph Speed Indicator Device (S.I.D.) and some traffic calming measures in the road. **It was agreed to ask the Parish Council for its support and assistance.**

It was reported that an additional S.I.D is now in place in Place Road close to the Undertakers!

10. NEXT MEETING

No additional agenda items were forthcoming for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th June 2009 - 7pm at Gurnard Pines

The meeting closed at 8.19pm.

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Clerk to the Council