

TRAFFIC PLAN WORKING PARTY

WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2009



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

PRESENT:

Alan Jacobs (Chairman), Richard Day, Hugh Robotham, Vicky Spencer, Sylvia Pain, IW Councillor Paul Fuller, and the Parish Clerk (Rusty Adams)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Pauline Lloyd.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 18/6/09 MEETING

a. Baring Road SID

The SID in Baring Road is not in place yet, **and Paul Fuller will follow this up.**

b. Cockleton Lane Speed Bin - HGV figures

The working party wanted to get confirmation of the HGV figures in the speed bin report for the spring this year – they were reported as 937 for direction 2. The answer was not available due to an oversight, but hopefully a response will be received soon

c. SID Solent View Road

The Parish Council did not support the Working Party's recommendation for a SID at the bottom end of the road

d. Level 2 Cycle Training

Paul Fuller reported that the IW Council had not provided Level 2 training since April 2009. Cycling trainers are being retrained at the moment and schools are being encouraged to take on the provision of some Level 2 training. It is hoped there will be some Level 2 training available from this month.

e. Speed Bin Exercise - Place Road

This is booked, but it will not take place until 19th February 2010.

3. OBSERVATIONS FROM WORKING PARTY FOR FUTURE TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

During the meeting there were the following additions:

- **Review of restricted parking measures in Church Road**
- **Review of restricted parking measures and central traffic island in Tuttons Hill**

It was also agreed to ask when the next Gurnard TRO is taking place.

4. ROUND HOUSE JUNCTION

a. Survey 9/7/09

It was stated that cars often appeared to round the corner from Place Road to Tuttons Hill too fast, but it was acknowledged that the speed monitoring exercise next year might clarify the situation. The lack of proper pavements on the Round House side is seen as a safety issue, but fundamental expensive modifications to the junction on the Park Road/Place Road corner may be needed to facilitate this. Another suggestion was that traffic lights might be an option, **but it was agreed to wait and see what the requested IW Council's risk assessment flags up.**

b. Risk Assessment

A risk assessment was requested in June, but nothing happened so the matter was chased up this month. The responsible officer is currently on leave and further attempts will be made upon her return to have the risk assessment carried out.

c. School Council - Solent Middle School

Unfortunately Nigel Warren was not present to report on this item.

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5. HILTON ROAD

a. Speed Monitoring

This was scheduled for 4th to 18th September, but unfortunately the strips were put in the wrong place. However, they were moved to a spot immediately adjacent to the Tuttons Hill/Hilton Road junction for about 5 days and the mean speeds were about 16/17mph. It was mentioned that IF some of these cars entered Hilton Road, this was still too fast.

b. Residents' Communiqué

Most houses were delivered to in July, but there are still a few to be done. There has been no feedback from the update.

c. Cowes Police

The local beat officer understands the concerns but feels the speeds of vans etc are being perceived as excessive due to the terrain of the road, rather than the actual speeds.

It was agreed that that the current and available options to address these concerns are exhausted for the time being.

6. CHURCH ROAD

a. Worsley Road Junction

A complaint has been received about the planters outside Bucklers View restricting visibility. The in Bloom Team keeps them pruned, but excessive cutting back would be detrimental to the scheme. The Neighbourhoods & Environment Officer has suggested considering erecting a viewing mirror somewhere convenient on the opposite side of the road to afford visibility down Worsley Road. **It was agreed that this was not a satisfactory solution.**

b. Traffic Issues

A complaint has been received from a Church Road resident about several aspects of what is perceived as traffic problems in Church Road including speed, volume, wide vehicles and accesses. A coach was turned back today, the school run time is likened to a Gurnard Grand Prix and HGV's ignore the width restriction as does the Wightbus school bus. One suggestion was that 6' 6" is painted on the road, and also that the restricted parking measures are changed, perhaps to allow parking on the hedge side of the road. **It was agreed to add a restricted parking review to the TRO list, and to ask the resident if he'd like to join the Working Party.**

7. OTHER VILLAGE ISSUES

A Hilton Road resident has complained about the knock-on impact for Hilton Road of the SID traffic island and restricted parking measures in Tuttons Hill. It was explained that the Parish Council raised this issue with IW Council this month requesting that it reconsiders the matter and removes the traffic island and the restricted parking measures, but it will not agree to this due to the costs involved.

It was agreed to make a plea for more considerate parking through Gurnard News and All Saints Church, especially in Hilton Road, and to add a review of the Tuttons Hill temporary restricted parking measures and the traffic island in the next TRO.

8. NEXT MEETING

No specific items were requested for the next agenda.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 28th January 2010 - 7pm at Gurnard Pines

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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Clerk to the Council