

## HIGHWAYS MEETING TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

A Highways meeting was held in the Tutbury Tea Rooms, Tutbury Thursday 7th September 10.30 2017.

Those present were Parish Cllrs C Smedley (Chair), S Adams, W Crossley, F Crossley

County Cllr P White, Richard Rayson Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager, Tim Buxton Community Traffic Management Officer

In attendance, Karen Duffill (Clerk)

### **PARKING**

Cllrs met with Staffordshire County Highways representatives and County Cllr P White and walked around the village starting from High Street, Ludgate Street, Duke Street, Monk Street, Bridge Street, Lower High Street, Cornmill Lane to review speeding, parking and pavements. Problem areas of parking are not just the High Street but concern was raised regarding Wakefield Avenue. County Council representatives recommended considering one-way system and a complete review of what on street parking is available and where the restrictions were placed. In terms of the problem on Wakefield avenue and the access for buses it was suggested that an alteration to the kerb and widening of the road may be a possibility.

By changing the positions of the restrictions using both sides of the roads may help in traffic calming. County Councillors will assist in reviewing the current restrictions and advise on a safety perspective. Tim Buxton will provide maps of the current restrictions in place in Tutbury to assist the council in reviewing and developing an overall plan for the village.

Richard Rayson confirmed that the County Council are responsible for on street parking and East Staffordshire Borough Council are responsible for off street parking. He confirmed that Cllr P White had a highways budget of £7k across his wards. An estimated cost of implementing a one-way system would be £7k.

Richard Rayson logged problems with drain gullies, pavements and road surface route around the village.

### **Resolutions**

- Tim Buxton noted that the Silk Mill sign should be removed.
- Richard Rayson logged faults for pavements, drains and road surface problems.
- The parish council agreed to work with the County Council in developing a highways plan for Tutbury.
- Tim Buxton would provide maps detailing current restrictions to assist in the development of a Highway plan including parking and speeding.

## **SPEEDING**

In addition to parking, residents have raised concerns of the 30mph limit around the village. Areas such as Redhill Lane, Pinfold Close to Green Lane and the trunk road running along the edge of the new Burton Road Development approaching the village from Burton should all be 40mph.

County Council representatives stated that the speed limits were linked to Street lights and where there was a lack of street light this would impact on the speed limit on Green Lane, Belmont Road and Redhill Lane. County Councillor P White supported the idea to reduce the speed limit to 40mph on the trunk road on approaching Tutbury from Burton.

Due to funding, considerations to amending the speed limits should be included in the Highways plan for

## **SECTION 106 AGREEMENT HERITAGE PARK**

The clerk informed County Councillor P White the concern that the Travel plan set out in the Section 106 agreement with the developers for Heritage park had not been adhered to. The bus service has not been diverted through the development and the incentives and vouchers that should have been made available for residents to buy a bicycle have not been implemented. Neither has the walking to school bus.

Cllr White agreed to find out more regarding this.

## **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE ISSUES**

The hedge on Green lane is a recurring problem.

The County Council representatives agreed to visit Green Lane and contact Development control regarding cutting the hedge.

The clerk asked the County Councillors to visit the overgrown area on Belmont Road.

Richard Rayson confirmed that the Neighbour Highways team will no longer be funded next year and that small maintenance tasks carried out by this team would need to be done by the parish council. However, statutory duties of road repairs and road safety would still be in place. Grass cutting will still be maintained by the County for in the immediate term but it was not clear if this would continue. Fault logs would need to record any requests for work through the County Council and would be the best way in requesting tasks. He recommended the easiest way to log a fault was through the app My Staffordshire.

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND PAVEMENTS**

Areas previously mentioned by parishioners have included the need of a bus shelter on the route to Derby on the high street ideally the clerk suggested a bus shelter to be positioned on Burton Street where the current bus stop is.

The pavement on the corner of Lower High Street near the mews car park was noted as being uneven and cracked. Cllr W Crossley raised concern of the pavement outside Kang's on Ferrers Avenue required repair.

The High pavements outside of the bank were problematic for more disabled pedestrians. It was noted that if the pavement was lowered then the water level would become a problem.

### **Resolution**

- **Richard Rayson agreed to find out when Tutbury were due to have the pavement surfaces repaired.**
- **Cllr White agreed to investigate the Section 106 travel plan and the implementation of this.**

## **HIGHWAYS PLAN AND FUNDING**

The parish council needs to prioritise these issues and formulate a plan, the council requested support and guidance in formulating a plan and identifying funding opportunities to fulfil these.

### **Resolution**

- **Cllr P White has a limited budget of £7k and suggested forming a working party and carrying out a full consultation with residents in Tutbury he would assist in finding funding for the proposed plan and would refer the plan through the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership funding if appropriate.**