

Wing Parish Council

Minutes

of the Road Safety and Speedwatch Committee meeting held on Thursday 17th March 2022 commencing at 8pm in the Parish Office, Charlotte Cottage, Leighton Road, Wing

Councillors Present: Davidson (Chairman), Kellner, Lomas, Tabiner-Crush, Tring and Mortain-Cogar.

Public: 0 members of the public **Clerk:** C Power (Minutes).

Meeting Start time: 8.50pm

1 Chairman's Welcoming Statement

Councillor Davidson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Governance

2.1 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence from Members.

No apologies received.

2.2 Declaration of Interests from Members on Agenda Items

To receive declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests from Members in matters on the Agenda.

No declarations were received from members present.

2.3 Dispensations

To receive dispensations for Members to speak and/or vote on items on the agenda in which they hold a declared personal and/or prejudicial interest(s).

No dispensation on agenda items were received.

3 Previous Minutes

To resolve that the minutes of the Road Safety and Speedwatch Committee meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021 be signed as correct.

Resolved: The Committee resolved that the minutes be approved for signature as an accurate record of the Road Safety and Speedwatch Committee meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021.

4 40mph Speed Limits

To discuss the 40mph speed limit areas on the approach to the village and consider suggestions on improving safety, driver awareness and visibility.

The idea of changing the speed limit to 40mph on the A418 approaches to the village was discussed and felt that the 40mph limit should be moved closer to Leighton Buzzard to include the public entrance to Ascott House and from the bend before the Mill Cottages heading into Wing. The layout and lane directions at the A418 / A4146 roundabout heading from Wing to Leighton Buzzard were also discussed.

Actions: Set up the MVAS to collect data from outside Mill Cottages and publish the information on the Council website

Look at the National Guidelines on setting local speed limits

Ask Buckinghamshire Council if they will accept our MVAS data instead of having to pay for a Speed Survey

Contact Leighton-Linslade Town Council to ask their opinion on a 40mph limit on the A418, express the

Committees concerns over the safety of the A418 and the mitigations felt should be in place and to

request support for the change of layout of the roundabout on the approach from Wing towards Leighton Buzzard so the inside lane is left turn only.

5 Stewkley Road Concerns

To discuss general road safety concerns along Stewkley Road but specifically the evening traffic and the crossing near Dormer Avenue and consider suggestions for

Discussions on speed, differences in the two pedestrian crossings and pedestrian safety, volume of traffic in the morning and evening and cars on the pavements were discussed. It was agreed to borrow an extra MVAS unit from a neighbouring parish to capture data of vehicles near the pedestrian crossing by Dormer Avenue.

6 Church Street / High Street

6.1 20mph Limit Application Request Update

To receive an update on the 20mph Limit application request.

The Clerk reported that a couple of enquiries had been made to Buckinghamshire Council on how to make an application to start the process of reducing a speed limit to 20mph.

Action: To contact Unitary Councillor Cooper and request assistance on the matter.

6.2 Parking Issues and Pedestrian Safety Concerns

To discuss the parking issues and pedestrian safety concerns along Church Street and consider ways to raise road safety awareness and ways of relieving parking issues, particularly during school drop off and pick up times.

Suggestions on ways to relieve the volume of parked cars on the road were discussed and included temporarily using the care home's car park, turning Church Street into a one way, alternative areas to use as a car park but no further action due to concerns on behalf of the residents and the schools.

Action: To ask the Unitary Councillors what options Buckinghamshire Council would support for Church Street.

To write a letter to the Head Teachers of both school to arrange a meeting with the Unitary Councillors which the Parish Council are happy to attend.

7 Speed Indicative Devices

7.1 *To receive an update on the grant application form to the Community Board for a contribution toward the purchase of three Speed Indicative Devices.*

We have received three Speed Indicative Devices. The paperwork has not been received yet by the Community Board and the costs will need to be approved by Full Council as it is over the budgeted amount allocated to the Road Safety and Speedwatch Committee.

7.2 *To consider the placement and purchase of the poles for the Speed Indicative Devices.*

Resolved: To place the Speed Indicative Devices in approved MVAS locations 1. On the green by Church Street on the A418, 2. Littleworth as you come down the hill into the village and, 3. Mobile to be placed on lamp posts around the parish.

Resolved: To purchase 3 poles to fit ground sockets for the Speed Indicative Devices at a cost of £100 plus VAT each.

8 HS2 Road Safety Fund

8.1 *To receive an update on the HS2 Road Safety Fund application and consider what is required for the final submission.*

Councillor Davidson has spoken to a representative of the HS2 Road Safety Fund and Wing is not on the approved HS2 transport route so we need to gather photos and evidence to reinforce the grant application form.

8.2 *To consider ways of communication and carrying out survey with the parish about pedestrian crossing for the A418.*

Discussions on a survey, leaflet drop, e-petition and door to door enquiries took place.

Resolved: To carry out a survey and e-petition regarding the pedestrian crossing by Church Street.

9 Transport for Buckinghamshire Outstanding Issues

9.1 *To go through the outstanding issues reported on fixmystreet.com.*

The pothole by the traffic island on the A418 Leighton Buzzard village exit has only been partially filled and not fixed properly, this is to be followed up with Transport for Buckinghamshire.

9.2 *To consider other issues report to Transport for Buckinghamshire and receive any updates.*

Councillor Tring will walk along Soulbury Road to take photos of all the potholes.

Resurfacing of the A418 through Wing.

The drains on the A418 are still blocked even after the gullies have been sucked out and the water is still not draining away.

Fly tipping down Well Lane is a continual issue.

10 Road Safety Project Planning

10.1 *To consider areas that need to be targeted in the future to improve road safety.*

10.2 *To consider communications with the parish on road safety issues and improvements.*

No items were brought up for discussion.

11 Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed at the Full Council meeting being held on Tuesday 31st May 2022

Close of meeting: 10.07pm