Minutes of the meeting of the Traffic Calming working Group on Wednesday 11 October 2023 at 7:30pm at Church House, High Street, Adderbury

Present:

Melissa Zuydam (Chair, resident)
Diane Bratt (Chairman of the Parish Council)
Ann Lyons (Parish Councillor)
Theresa Goss (Clerk)

Apologies: Simon Davies (Parish Councillor)

Rachel Moffat (Parish Councillor)
Ian Bailey (Resident)
Georgina Harper (resident)
Kristina Arts (Resident)

1. Welcome – MZ welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes – The minutes provided were an accurate representation of the meeting held on 21 February 2023.

3. Matters Arising

20mph Introduction – MZ asked for feedback by areas of the village, based on how the village had been divided up at the last meeting between the Working Group members.

GH felt that the introduction of the 20mph speed limits in the village, had brought down the speed of vehicles generally, although it had not reduced to 20mph. People appeared to be more conscious of their speed and it was safer for children to walk through the village. Oxford Road was still dangerous and when walking/cycling and she would like to extend 30mph out further towards Deddington.

KA advised that Berry Hill Road/Milton Road was still 30mph and she had not received any comments about it not being included in the 20mph scheme. TG was asked to chase up Cherwell District Council about the footpath on Berry Hill Road, linked to the new development. **Action TG**

AL had not received any feedback on the 20mph restrictions. However, unless there were parked cars on High Street, drivers were still speeding above the limit along High Street and Horn Hill Road. Rush hour was the main period when the speeding occurred, but cars did have to slow down by Tythe Barn, where the road narrowed.

IB had not received any negative comments from parents at the Primary School but had not seen much reduction in speed either.

RM reported that nothing had changed on the A4260 and no comments had been received from residents. Drivers were still speeding on the A4260, often higher than the 30mph limit. RM had also witnessed cars overtaking each other on A4260 and she felt that the 20mph zone should start at The Crescent and finish to beyond the houses on the Oxford Road, towards Deddington.

MZ felt that most drivers were making an effort to slow down but the persistent speeders were still speeding in rush hour.

20mph Correction Consultation – MZ reminded the Working Group that the County Council had incorrectly included the A4260 and Berry Hill/Milton Road in their legal notice announcing the new 20mph speed restrictions. However, residents from Oxford Road, felt 30mph was too fast which created an unsafe environment, along with increased noise and disturbance.

It was agreed that the TCWG would submit to the County Council, an objection to the correction on grounds of child safety and the 20mph speed restriction should be applied from Kemps Road along the A4260 to the Nursery at the Business Park on the Oxford Road. **Action MZ**

20mph Support Programme – MZ asked the members of the Working Group, how they could encourage compliance from residents with the new 20mph speed restrictions. It was suggested that a notice could be included in Contact and other local magazines such as Bloxham and Deddington. MZ suggested purchasing '20 is plenty signs', which cost £60 for 50 and this was agreed unanimously. **Action MZ**

It was noted that Police enforcement was sporadic and Thames Valley had already stated they would not be able to enforce all of the 20mph zones across the County.

MZ had already included a notice in Contact, asking for volunteers to support the CSW Scheme and she asked that members of the WG to speak to residents about volunteering their time. **Action ALL**

School Zone, Progress and Priorities – IB reported that the Primary School supported the proposed new railings on A4260. Also, the timings of the traffic lights on the north side of the junction needed to be adjusted because there was not enough time for parents and children to cross before the lights changed back to red.

MZ confirmed that the cost for the new railings was over £8000 and it was agreed that the County Council should be paying for this, not the School or Parish Council because it was a matter of child safety. Contact would be made with the Traffic Team at the County Council about adjusting the timings of the traffic lights and the crossing. **Action TG**

It was also agreed to contact Dave Catling again about the railings and how they would be funded. If there was no response, or the response was not satisfactory, the matter would be escalated to the County Council's Chief Executive and County Councillor Arash Fatemian. **Action TG**

It was suggested that a Lollipop Lady could be employed by the Primary School and IB agreed to investigate this further. **Action IB**

School Signs – MZ reported that a new school sign was required north bound on Oxford Road and the sign on the A4260 north of Kemps Road needed to be replaced as it was faded. **Action MZ**

Parking in Adderbury Village – The proposal to locate parking bays outside the shop and on The Green/High Street was discussed. Given the cost would be approximately £3500 for the necessary legal work and there was £4800 in the budget, the WG needed to decide what its priorities were.

It was felt that the proposal for this area, should be amended to:

Parking from 8am to 6pm for a max of 2 or 3 hours.

This will be indicated by a single yellow line (as at The Rise) along both side sides of road by The Green (on the Parish Institute side) and on High Street in front of Squires and Harpers along the large grass verge.

Double yellow lines on both corners of the Croft Lane/High Street junction, as agreed in original plan.

The proposed parking space outside the shop remains as originally suggested, with ½ an

hour or 1 hour maximum parking. Action TG Twyford Road Junction with A4260 – It was felt that there should be a watching brief on the developments at Longford Park and it was likely that any major works to the A4260 in Bodicote, would involve works to this junction too. **A4260 Footpath** – The vegetation at Duchess Bridge had been cut back, but the footpath needed cutting so it was back to its original width. It was agreed that this would be reported to Fix My Street and if no action was taken by the County Council, then a group of volunteers would undertake the necessary work. Action MZ Berry Hill/Milton Road - The members felt that the VAS on Berry Hill Road (near to the junction with the A4260) should be moved back along Berry Hill Road as it was too close to the chicane. Action TG The Working Group would also like a SID by the Oak Tree at the junction with Berry Hill Road and Horn Hill Road. Action MZ Oak Tree Junction / Horn Hill Road – Dave Catling at OCC had suggested that to discourage people from using Horn Hill Road as a rat run, there could be a 'Village Only' sign located by the Oak Tree and also some road markings to narrow the road. It was agreed that no action be taken on this until the WG had reviewed its budget and priorities later in the meeting. 4. Financial and Equipment – MZ reported that there was £4.8k in the Traffic Calming budget. It was agreed that if the County Council would not fund the railings outside the Primary School, County Councillor Arash Fatemian would be requested to use his County Priority Fund. It was agreed that the Working Groups priorities should be the school zone, parking and signage. MZ advised that the Parish Council had a sentinel camera which could be used for the Community Speedwatch and the Clerk had a supply of high-vis vests for the volunteers. The notice asking for volunteers would be circulated again asap. Action MZ

Next Meeting - To be agreed once response from the County Council had been received.

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Next Steps – Covered in the Actions above.

AOB – None raised

(The meeting ended at 9pm)