

Notes of the Community Safety Working Group Meeting Barbour Institute 23rd September 2019

PRESENT

Parish Council

Georgina Blackhurst, Neil Matthews, Ann Wright (Clerk)

Other

John Ramsden, Graham Spencer, Carol Weaver

Apologies received from Jonny Kershaw & Graham Marsden.

Appointment of Chairman for the working group

Georgina Blackhurst was appointed Chairman of the working group.

Working Group Terms of Reference

The group noted that a generic terms of reference for all the working groups was to be developed which can be tailored to each group.

Working Group Remit

The Group considered the remit of the working group and identified the following:

- Highways Matters including speed limits.
- School Transport – safety including overcrowding and student pick up points.
- Police & Homewatch.
- Residents' safety particularly of vulnerable groups.
- Review of Community Emergency Plan.

It was noted that the group should focus on prevention and look at improving communication so that residents know where they can find information and who to contact.

4) Updates.

a) Safety of School Transport

It was understood that CW&C have put on an additional bus on to the Bishop Heber High School which has reduced overcrowding. It was reported that last year CW&C had agreed to monitor the overcrowding by putting inspectors on the buses regularly but had only ever done this once.

It was noted that the CW&C Scrutiny Committee are reviewing the school transport policy and are expected to report back in the next 6 weeks.

Action – Clerk to obtain an update on the school transport provision from Tattenhall to the Bishop Heber High School.

b) Disability access

The Clerk reported that Highways officers has looked at the route from the center of the village out to Gifford Lea and had raised some concerns regarding the scheme but had offered to meet on site to discuss the possibilities.

Action – Clerk to arrange a site meeting with the Highways officer.

It was reported that Cllr Lesley Jones had requested drop kerbs on the October agenda as there were a number of places where those in mobility scooters are forced along the busy roads due to the lack of drop kerbs.

It was noted that a prioritised list of places where dropped kerbs had been drawn up in the past.

Action – Georgina Blackhurst to see if list is still available.

c) Implementation of Speed limits on approach roads

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The Clerk reported she was still awaiting an update from Highways regarding the implementation of the speed limits which the Parish Council has requested. It was understood these had been delayed by CW&C officers having to implement the 20mph roll out across the Borough.

- d) Footpaths – vegetation; overgrown paths; gutters, leaves etc
It was noted that public rights on way will be on the Council's November agenda and it would be helpful to agree a policy towards footpath maintenance.
- e) Mirrors on junctions
The Clerk reported she had contacted CW&C Highways department regarding the use of mirrors who had confirmed that, CW&C follow the Department for Transport stance and discourage traffic mirrors from being placed on the highway. Mirrors will not be authorised by CW&C for use in 30mph limit areas or at road junctions, which would encourage a large number of people to rely solely on the mirror.
- f) Other issues
It was noted there was a large fungal growth on the Oak Tree next to the bus shelter on The Park play area.
Action – Clerk to report the Tree to CW&C.

5) Review of the Community Emergency Plan.

Action – Georgina Blackhurst and Carol Weaver to review contact numbers and people listed in the plan to make sure it is up to date.

Action – Clerk to contact CW&C to obtain an update on community emergency plan guidance.

Action – All emergency bags (2) to be checked and where necessary new supplies obtained.

It was agreed a new location to keep the second bag which allows public access in an emergency needed to be identified.

It was noted that one of the biggest risk in Tattenhall is flooding.

Action – Clerk to contact CW&C & Welsh Water to check that gullies are regularly cleared.

6) To agree next steps inc. future meeting dates.

It was agreed to look at adding a page on the Council's website including contact details and responsibilities of different agencies for use by residents.

Actions listed above to be completed.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

NEXT MEETING
TBC

Ann Wright 25/09/2019