

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL'S  
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE  
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM  
ON TUESDAY 2 JUNE COMMENCING AT 8.30 PM**

**Present:** Cllrs D Stewart (Chair), J Coffey, R Coleman, W MacPhee,  
C Seabrook and J Raw

**In attendance:** Andrea Mann, Parish Clerk

**Also present:** Hart DC Cllr K Crookes

**TT01/20 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs K Ball and M Killick.

**TT02/20 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation**

Cllr D Stewart declared an interest in agenda item TT07/20.

**TT03/20 Chair's announcements**

The Clerk referred to a question raised from Hart DC which required an urgent response. Hart DC had offered funding for safety measures in the High Street to maintain 2m social distancing for pedestrians and safe queuing systems in preparation for 15<sup>th</sup> June, when more shops would re-open. The following response was agreed:

- Councillors were not in favour of losing parking spaces to pedestrian routes or queueing systems but accepted this could be necessary at certain points pinch points.
- Councillors were not convinced of the need for dedicated pedestrian routes as the High St pavements were generally wider than normal pavements without a high footfall.
- Current queuing systems were working well and not causing any issues.
- The situation may worsen once cafes and restaurants were allowed to open and tables and chairs set out on the pavement.
- OPC could provide approx. 30 plastic barriers.
- Councillors were more concerned on social distancing in the alleyways particularly those travelling to and from Mayhill School. OPC agreed to put forward a request to Hart DC for signage to encourage one-way pedestrian routes in Stoney Alley (from High St to Mayfield School) and Terry's Alley adjacent to old Post Office (from the direction of the school to the High St).

**TT04/20 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The draft minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (63/19-74/19) were approved as a true record of the meeting to be signed by the Chair in person at a later date.

**TT05/20 To receive the data from the SID at its recent location**

The Chair reported that the battery had recently run out so not all data was available. The Chair would forward the collected data to Cllr W MacPhee which would be reported to Councillors at the next meeting.

Councillors agreed that the SID should be moved to a new location.

**TT06/20 Flooding at Colt Hill**

Members noted that, further to discussion at the previous meeting, Hart DC Crookes had reported the blocked gullies to Hants CC.

Members agreed for Cllr K Crookes to further report that there were two issues affecting Colt Hill. The first was blocked gullies at the bottom half of the hill which had been reported. There was also a second issue of a collapsed drain which had largely been resolved by Thames Water apart from some minor landscaping restoration works.

**TT07/20 Removal of Traffic Hump at Mill Corner**

Cllr D Stewart declared an interest and did not take part in this discussion.

Members noted OPC's response to a resident who had questioned why residents from Mill Corner were not consulted before a traffic hump was removed. Following investigation, this traffic hump was originally installed to divert the flow of floodwater but was proving to be ineffective. The decision to remove a traffic hump was taken by Hants CC following discussion between representatives from each tier of local Council.

Hart DC was looking into other flood mitigation schemes to alleviate localised flooding in the Mill Corner area and the Hart DC Flooding Officer is due to present the Flood Alleviation Plans to full Council on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

**TT08/20 Winchfield Road Junction**

Further to previous discussion on safety concerns at the junction of Winchfield Road with the A287, Hants CC confirmed that all improvement measures were implemented by Hants CC on 5<sup>th</sup> December in accordance with scheme details presented with the agenda.

Councillors did not believe that any of the measures had been implemented and the Chair offered to follow this up with Hants CC.

**TT09/20 High St Pavements**

Councillors considered whether OPC could suggest any solutions to the poor state of the High St paving slabs in response to a report from a High Street resident that the uneven pavements and dog fouling were causing health & safety issues for users with physical disabilities. The original complaint had since been referred to Hants CC as the Highway Authority.

Members supported the complainant having previously raised their own concerns as well as the issue being raised by High St businesses at a recent meeting.

Hants CC had already noted the poor state of the paving slabs but the high number of broken or uneven slabs presented a reoccurring problem.

Councillors agreed they should do everything possible to ensure the pavements don't pose a H&S risk to its users. Councillors RESOLVED to request a site visit/walk with Hants CC Highways to identify and note the faults with Cllrs J Coffey, C Seabrook and Cllr J Raw representing OPC.

**TT10/20 Parking in The Bury**

In response to a report from a resident that their vehicle was blocked in when parked in the disabled parking bay, Councillors considered whether there were any solutions which could be put forward to the Hart DC Car Parking Manager and Hants CC.

Councillors noted that the related disabled bay was not dedicated as such so not enforceable. Members resolved to ask Hart DC whether the informal disabled space could be dedicated as formal, enforceable disabled bay.

**TT11/20 Possible closure of the Amenity Footpath in North Warnborough from Hook road to the canal towpath**

Councillors noted the recent email communication asking OPC to support the route being kept open and concluded that the developer planned to retain the paths.

The Clerk was asked to publish a website and Facebook post noting the concerns and informing residents that the pathway would be reinstated once the development was finished.

**TT12/20 Parking and Grass Verge at Palace Gate**

Hart DC Cllr Ken Crookes had asked OPC to consider formally requesting the extension of yellow lines in Palace Gate to protect the privately owned grass verge from damage caused by refuse vehicles.

Further to discussion, it was resolved for Hart DC Cllr K Crookes to ask Hart DC whether a smaller refuse vehicle could be used.

The matter had been previously reported to Hants CC, ref 21491551 and now been marked as closed even though no improvement works had been carried out. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries to establish what action had been taken.

**TT13/20 Traffic Calming and 20mph Speed Limits**

Further to previous discussion, OPC continued to receive requests for 20mph speed limits in the village. The Chair reminded Members that OPC's current response supported Hants CC's position in that 20mph zones were no longer put forward as they could not be enforced by the Police.

Further to discussion, Members resolved that there was no change to OPC's position and noted that the SID data showed vehicles on the High St were travelling at a reasonable speed.

An article on this subject was suggested for the Autumn newsletter.

**TT14/20 Portable Automatic Numberplate Recognition (ANPR) Equipment**

Prior to the meeting, Councillors were provided with the Chair's proposal for OPC to investigate ANPR technology in response to the growing number of local concerns on speeding throughout Odiham and North Warnborough.

The proposal suggested that OPC would purchase and own the equipment and fund the cost of sending warning letters to offenders. This process would require co-operation from the Police to release personal data. The approximate cost or purchasing the equipment was estimated to be. £6k.

Councillors were asked to consider whether this project should be researched and costed. The following comments were made:

- The equipment would be mounted on current highway furniture.
- The existing SID could be upgraded for the same purpose but this would not be as reliable as ANPR equipment.
- The project would be reliant on sufficient volunteers and co-operation from the Police.
- OPC should evaluate the level of spend due to the limited number of appropriate sites – Dunley’s Hill and entrances from the Alton Road and possibly Farnham were considered to be suitable locations.

**RESOLVED**

Councillors agreed that the first step was to ask the Police for their co-operation and commitment to the project and ask for details of Police policy in following up offenders.

**TT15/20 Date of next meeting**

To note the date of next meeting as 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 8.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

**Signed**..... **Date**.....