

**Minutes of: BURY WEST TOWNSHIP FORUM – HIGHWAYS SUB GROUP**

**Date of Meeting:** 27 October 2016

**Venue:** Lancashire Fusiliers Room, Bury Town Hall

**Present Councillors:** Councillor J Harris (In the Chair); Susan Southworth

**Advisory Group Representatives:**

Trevor Eastland – Brandlesholme residents Association

**Officers:** Ken Asquith – Principal Engineer - Road Safety  
Andrea Tomlinson – Democratic Services

**Apologies:** Christine Maksymowski – Township Co-ordinator

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**BWTF-HSG.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

**BWTF-HSG.2 MINUTES**

**It was agreed:**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 22 February 2016 be approved as a correct record.

**BWTF-HSG.3 20MPH SPEED LIMITS ON STREETS WITHIN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Ken Asquith, Principal Engineer (Road Safety) explained that during summer 2016 the Chief Executive had put a freeze on the 20mph street safe schemes. This may have affected some of the planned schemes in Bury West.

It was reported that initial indications were that the schemes that had been ordered through the depot prior to the freeze would be allowed to progress. The schemes in this category in Bury Wets included:-

- Hunstanton Drive area – 20mph Zone featuring physical traffic calming measures
- Goodlad Street – 20mph speed limit scheme
- Kingsley Street – 20mph speed limit scheme

Ken also reported that there was one planned 20mph Zone that had not been ordered prior to the freeze being implemented this was the Brandlesholme West 20mph zone scheme in the Birks Drive area of Bury. There had been 90% support for the scheme to progress following informal consultation with residents so it was

hoped that the scheme would be sanctioned to move forward. It was also explained that the number of physical calming measures proposed were relatively modest so the scheme would not be particularly expensive to implement.

Informal consultation had been carried out on the Seddons Farm estate regarding the introduction of a substantial area wide 20mph Zone scheme featuring traffic calming measures. 60% of residents who had provided a response were not in favour of physical measures being introduced. It was also explained that some residents had suggested a 20mph speed limit scheme only. Ken explained that as a lot of the roads in the Seddons Farm area have average speeds higher than 24mph the introduction of a scheme would not be supported by the Police. Ken stated that alternative measures could possibly be evaluated such as vehicle activated signs located at strategic sites in the area.

The outstanding low cost 20mph speed limit only schemes which have been designed and are awaiting approval to proceed were reported as:-

- Brandlesholme West
- Darlington Close and Lomond Drive areas
- Haslam Hey Close
- Wadebridge Drive
- Windsor Drive
- Woodstock Drive
- Springwood Drive
- Costswold Crescent

**It was agreed:**

The Principal Engineer be thanked for the update.

**BWTF-HSG.4 HIGHWAYS ISSUES WITHIN BURY WEST**

Ken reported that the speed limit changes were now complete on Bolton Road.

Councillor Harris stated that a request had been made for the bus lane on Bolton Road to be suspended. The bus lane at the bottom of the road where the Lidl and Wyndsons were located was completely illogical and needed reviewing.

It was suggested that Tina Glover, the Group Leader of the Transportation Section be contacted with a view to meeting with Councillor Harris at the site.

Councillor Harris referred to the new housing estate that was being built at Spen Moor off Bolton Road and referred to the fact that there were no planned traffic lights at the entrance to the development. Councillor Harris stated that the entrance to the estate was a quite a busy junction and asked whether traffic lights should be installed and if so would the developer be asked to contribute?

Councillor Southworth explained that the roundabout on Woodhill Road leading to Burrs was a very small roundabout which had a lot of traffic using it including lorries and caravans. The roundabout was in a bad state of repair and was in need of resurfacing as it was crumbling.

Ken stated that he would provide feedback to Members on these issues.

**BWTF-HSG.5      DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**It was agreed:**

That the next meeting of the Highways Group would meet before 23 March 2016.

**COUNCILLOR J Harris**  
**Chair**

**(Note: The meeting started at 4.00pm and ended at 5pm)**