

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

Date of Meeting: 13 March 2017

Venue: Irwell Room, Bury Town Hall

Present

Councillors: Councillor J Harris (In the Chair); Councillor 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

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. This was now reported as not being the case. All 20mph schemes had been halted and wouldn't now be progressed.

This included the following schemes

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

Ken explained that the scheme consulted on in Birks Drive area of had had 90% support following informal consultation with residents.

Councillor Southworth reported that she had been informed by the Leader that five schemes in Elton would be going ahead.

It was suggested that clarification on the status of the schemes be sought.

It was agreed:

The Principal Engineer be thanked for the update.

BWTF-HSG.4 HIGHWAYS ISSUES WITHIN BURY WEST

Councillor Harris referred to the bus lane located at the bottom of Bolton Road and explained that she had attended a site visit with Dave Giblin and Dave Fowler where she had raised her concerns regarding the bus lane. Councillor Harris had asked that a review be undertaken with the possibility of removing that small section of the bus lane.

Ken explained that TFGM had carried out some work locally with regards to bus lanes and the one on Rochdale Road had been suspended. Ken also explained that a Town Centre Review was due to be carried out which would look at a range of issues including parking and traffic issues.

It was suggested that more information relating to the Town Centre Review be sought.

Councillor Southworth reported that the roundabout on Woodhill Road was still in a bad state of repair and was in need of resurfacing as it was crumbling.

Councillor Southworth explained that she had been contacted by two business owners who had shops on Brandlesholme Road just before Garside Hey Road. There are parking bays located on the road outside the shops which allow customers to stop at the shops. The ladies had informed Councillor Southworth that people were parking in the bays and leaving their vehicles there all day. This was causing an issue as it meant that customers were unable to park and would continue up the road to the Vernon Road shops or Holcombe Precinct.

Councillor Southworth asked whether the bays could be made time limited up to maybe 2 hours to allow for hair appointments etc.

Ken explained that he would pass this information onto colleagues in engineers who would review the options.

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 in September 2017.

COUNCILLOR J Harris
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 4.50pm and ended at 5.30pm)

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