

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

Date of Meeting: 17 October 2013

Venue: Meeting Room A & B, Bury Town Hall

Present:

Councillors: Councillor R. E. Walker (In the Chair); S. Southworth

Advisory Group Representatives:

Officers:

Les Watts – Principal Engineer, Road Safety
Leigh Webb – Democratic Services
Christine Maksymowski – Township Co-ordinator

Apologies:

BWTF-HSG.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

BWTF-HSG.25 MINUTES

It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th May 2013 be approved as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of the following amendments:

In respect of Minute HSG.21(para 5) replace word "would" with "might".

Replace all references to Rudgwick "Street" with "Drive" and references to Woodhill "Street" with "Road"

BWTH-HSG.26 MATTERS ARISING:

- **Railings at Woodhill Lodge** – The Principal Engineer reported that railings had now been installed
- **Welcome to Brandlesholme Sign** – Councillor Southworth reported that information and costings had been passed to Brandlesholme Residents Association.
- **Watling Street/ Hunstanton Drive**– The Principal Engineer suggested that preliminary drawings/plans be submitted to Members (before public consultation).

BWTF-HSG.27 STREET SAFE 20MPH SPEED LIMITS

The Principal Engineer reported that the scheme on Rudgwick Drive had become operative from today and that signs were currently being erected in the Elton area, with the hope that the scheme would be operational within the next few weeks.

It was reported that the scheme on Ashington Drive was currently out to consultation. It is anticipated that the scheme will proceed on the basis of an Operational Decision at the end of the consultation period.

Pending consultation, future schemes will be rolled out in the surrounding area of Haig Road. With regard to Watling Street and Hunstanton Drive the Principal Engineer stated that provisional ideas would be formulated by the end of the year.

The Principal Engineer referred to an initiative providing part time advisory 20mph signs at schools sited on or close to main roads. It was reported that of the seven sites chosen in the Borough, one was in Bury West (Chantlers). The signs will be introduced early next year and, if successful, considered for introduction at other sites. As part of the wider initiative, education projects were being undertaken which included the use of parking banners outside schools. A number of schools in Bury West had signed up to the initiative including Greenhill; Lowercroft; Chantlers; Elton; and Our Lady of Lourdes.

It was agreed:

The Principal Engineer be thanked for the update.

BWTF-HSG.28 HIGHWAYS ISSUES WITHIN BURY WEST

The Principal Engineer updated the Committee on the following issues:

- With regard to the Ainsworth Road project it was explained that there were still some measures to be installed, which were subject to budget being available.
- The ongoing speed limit review of A and B Roads is to be completed within this financial year. Proposed alterations will then be advertised. The Principal Engineer highlighted the fact that TfGM funding would not cover the cost of all alterations and a shortfall would exist.
- Funding has been received for extra signage for the Windsor Drive Cycle Route.
- Micro asphaltting would take place in November on Glenboro Avenue and Haslam Hey Close

In response to a question from the Chair, Councillor Walker, the Principal Engineer undertook to raise the issue with the Group Engineer as to why there had been excessive line painting on Bolton Road, only for it to be resurfaced within 4 months.

During discussion of this item, Councillor Southworth paid tribute to Mr Sheridan, Street Care Inspector, for the efficient way he and his service have dealt with requests over pot holes.

It was agreed:

That this Committee places on record its appreciation to Mr Sheridan and the Street Care Team for the efficient and effective service provided in relation to the repair of pot holes in Bury West.

BWTF-HSG.29 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was agreed:

The next meeting of the Highways sub group would take place on Tuesday 25 February 2014 commencing at 4pm

COUNCILLOR R. E. Walker
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 4.00pm and ended at 4.55 pm)