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**MINUTES OF TRAFFIC TRANSPORT & FOOTPATHS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2023 AT STONELEIGH, WALDITCH, 3PM**

<b>Initials:</b>	<b>Invited:</b>
MW	Cllr Martin Warne (Chair)
CA	Cllr Chris Addis
GS	Cllr Graham Styles
Clerk	Tan Cox

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	Declaration of any pecuniary interests relating to items in the agenda: None	
	Apologies: None	
1	<p><b>MINUTES OF MEETING – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022:</b></p> <p>The minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 having been approved by email were posted to the website.</p> <p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING ON 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022:</b></p> <p>Regarding <b>Hollow Way / High Pavement</b> - consider what action we should take. See page 3 below.</p> <p>Regarding <b>Feedback from the Chair on the work of the VFO</b> – usual voucher for VFO. Put onto Main Committee Agenda for meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> November for approval. Approval granted and voucher sent/received – Action completed.</p> <p><b>20s Plenty Campaign</b> - concrete replacement posts into place. Action completed but see page 3 below.</p> <p><b>20s Plenty Self-Funding Initiative</b> – The Clerk confirmed that she had written to Dorset Council (Tony Burden), his reply was sent with the Agenda. See page 3 below.</p>	

*Cllr M Warne*

Minutes agreed: Chairman

Tan Cox  
Clerk to Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council

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1	<p>Regarding <b>Lengthsman's Hours (to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022)</b> – The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Cllr GS on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022. Action completed.</p> <p><b>ITEMS ROLLED OVER FROM OSPA MEETING – 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022</b></p> <p>Bike Survey (following the 'Village Green' event on 26<sup>th</sup> March in Bothenhampton) and potential site of secure storage shelter along Main Street in Bothenhampton. Cllr GS confirmed that quotations in the region of £6-7000 had been received. The police had recommended last year that any shelter be placed on the road; so consultations would be needed both with car owners and potential users before any further action can be taken. On hold for now and no further action by this sub-committee.</p>	
2	<p><b>MAIN BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>Feedback from the Chair on the work of the VFO</b> Cllr MW confirmed that the VFO had been out and about in the parish clearing various footpaths including a tree that had fallen across the pathway up Bothen Hill. Cllr MW confirmed that the VFO's first aid certificate is in date and that he has all the tools he needs, including the new pruning saw. The Finance and Funding sub-committee have also approved the purchase of safety goggles.</p> <p>Cllr MW had discussed the eventual abolition of the parish council with the VFO who said that he is keen to continue to work within the parish. Cllr MW said that parish council should ensure that the VFO has a named officer within BTC as a point of contact after the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.</p> <p>Cllr MW referred to his discussion with the VFO. Cllr GS confirmed that the Lengthsman has been contacted in regard to cutting the sides of the track at the top of Bothenhampton Nature Reserve (Footpath W5/15), and that this should be done as soon as practicable to avoid nesting birds.</p> <p>Cllr GS confirmed that he had spoken to the Lengthsman about the vegetation growing out of the pavement along Main Street and Ed confirmed that he had been twice to trim the area, however parked cars made access difficult.</p> <p><b>Hollow Way / High Pavement</b> There was some discussion around this and the lengths that the parish council had gone to in order to motivate Dorset Council to deal with this very dangerous issue.</p> <p>The history of the parish council's contact with Dorset Council is as follows:</p> <p>MNT53753 – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021 1170094 - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 Chased 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Formal Letter 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Formal Letter to John Selgren, Executive Director of Place, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022</p>	

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2	<p><b>MAIN BUSINESS (Cont.)</b></p> <p><b>Hollow Way / High Pavement (cont.)</b> The Clerk confirmed that at some point during 2021, Dorset Council Officer David Carey told her that Dorset Council operated a risk based priority system which managed the teams workload and that the work on the Hollow Way / High Pavement is not deemed high priority and therefore would not be dealt with as a priority. There are signs advising an alternative route for pedestrians however, the alternative route is not helpful or direct.</p> <p>Following on from this, in October 2022 a resident (and BTC Councillor), attended the parish council's meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October and submitted a survey reporting 24 trees or saplings growing around the High Pavement, of which nine are growing out of the wall, thus threatening the stability of the High Pavement and its side wall.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr MW would write another letter to Dorset Council setting out the detail above and warning that the longer the issue is left the more difficult it will be to put right.</p> <p><b>20s Plenty Campaign</b> There was discussion around this campaign especially in view of the abolition of the parish council in 12 months. Councillors were also disappointed that signage in Crock Lane has been taken away by persons unknown, the only signage remaining is along Main Street, Bothenhampton and in Walditch. There was discussion around the process of establishing a 20mph limit in the villages, in particular to the need to set up a speed team (which has to be running for 12 months) and to engage with the public for their views. It was agreed that as the parish council will not exist after 12 months there is limited opportunity to implement the 20's Plenty initiative and that it should be passed to Bridport Town Council who are keen to introduce a 20mph speed limit across the town's residential areas, which in 2024 will include Bothenhampton and Walditch.</p> <p><b>Footpath W5/21</b> The Parish Council had received a complaint about the above footpath. The matter has been considered under separate sub-committee (OSPA) and a letter has been sent to Ms Donald in this regard. No further action.</p> <p><b>Footpath W5/6 (Monarch Way)</b> The Parish Council had received a complaint about the above footpath. Complaint relates to a steep area where it falls steeply straight on to Lower Walditch Lane, the resident has requested a handrail at the steep area. This was discussed and it was agreed that a staggered pedestrian barrier would be of benefit to pedestrians who are descending the steepest part of the footpath and that the barrier would separate the footpath from the main Lower Walditch Lane. The Clerk to access Dorset Council portal and request a staggered barrier for this footpath.</p>	Clerk & Cllr MW

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2	<p><b>MAIN BUSINESS (Cont.)</b></p> <p><b>WATAG</b> The Clerk had forwarded the WATAG AGM Agenda to Cllrs CA / MW who agreed to attend the first two meetings of the year. At the sub-committee meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> July continued attendance will be reviewed as WATAG does have an informative website which could provide information the parish council needs and the parish council could request minutes of the WATAG meetings to keep an eye on issues.</p>	
3	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>Dorset Cyclists Network</b> Cllr GS referred to his attendance in February to the BLAP (Bridport Local Area Partnership) and in particular to a request from Roland Tarr of Dorset Cyclists Network who asked for the parish council's support for the creation of cycleways and cycle paths throughout the parish building on the success of West Bay. It was agreed to offer the Parish Council's support.</p> <p><b>Footpath W5/5</b> This footpath crosses the A35 just south of the Fire Station. Pedestrians using the footpath have to cross the main road in order to get to the other side. This is a dangerous area and, at the very least, 'Warning – Pedestrians' signs are needed either side of the road.</p> <p>The history of the parish council's contact with the Highways Agency and other associated contractors is as follows:</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 letter to Highways England (Birmingham) 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019 letter to Mr Burfoot of South West Highways 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 Cllr GS requested a warning triangle via Fixmystreet website – no response. 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021 letter to National Traffic Operations Centre Highways England 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 letter to M Conlon Business Services, Brunel House</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr MW would write again to the various agencies involved and ask what has happened to the survey, whether a feasibility study has now been completed, and if so, when work will start. In the letter we will also request that a warning triangle is placed at either side of the road adjacent to the A35 as a matter of urgency due to the danger posed to pedestrians.</p>	Clerk & Cllr MW

Date of next Traffic, Transport and Footpaths sub-committee meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at Stoneleigh, Walditch at 3pm. Date to be agreed.

### SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

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<b>Hollow Way / High Pavement</b> - write another letter to Dorset Council setting out the progress so far and warning that the longer the issue is left the more difficult it will be to put right.	Clerk & Cllr MW	3
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### ITEMS ROLLED OVER – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

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None		

### RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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None	

### RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO OSPA SUB-COMMITTEE – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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None	

### RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO F & F SUB-COMMITTEE – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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