



Bothenhampton & Walditch
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**MINUTES OF TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT AND FOOTPATHS
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
held on 29th October 2021 at 3pm Stoneleigh**

Initials:	Invited:
MW	Cllr Martin Warne (Chair)
CA	Cllr Chris Addis
JB	Cllr Jim Basker
GS	Cllr Graham Styles
Clerk	Tan Cox

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	Declaration of any pecuniary interests relating to items in the agenda: None	
	Apologies: Cllr Jim Basker	
1	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 27th August 2021</p> <p>The minutes of 27th August 2021 having been agreed by email, were accepted.</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding Letter to DC – 20mph speed limits in Bothenhampton (Main Street and Crock Lane) and Walditch (Walditch Road). Having had no response to our previous two letters sent on 22nd July and 3rd September it was resolved that a follow-up letter will be sent by the Clerk. This letter to be sent via email and Royal Mail. • Regarding 20s plenty campaign – obtain stickers for dog bins. Cllr CA confirmed that stickers for the dog bins were not a good idea because the dog bins already have stickers on them and there is no room for another. 	Clerk

Minutes agreed:

Chairman

on 7th January 2022

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	<p>Cllr CA's suggestion was to put up a dozen small signs (25 x 25cm) around the parish at strategic points including Crock Lane, Walditch Lane and Main Street, possibly on fence posts or similar.</p> <p>It was resolved to keep this issue as a standing item on the Agenda as it is a significant issue and Cllr GS agreed that it is a parish wide issue including Main Street in Bothenhampton. The Clerk will move the topic to the 'main business' section of the agenda for the forthcoming meeting in January 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regarding tall nettles along the steep path at Bothen Hill. It is understood that the VFO has dealt with the nettles. Action completed. ● Regarding Lower Walditch Lane – inform resident. Action completed. <p>MATTERS ROLLED OVER - MEETING ON 27th August 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regarding Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring & Ride – Cllr MW has followed this up and the Clerk has sent a supporting paper outlining the data received from Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring & Ride to all councillors for their information. Action completed. ● Regarding Road Verges – (reference notes from July climate and Ecological Emergency Support Group and lecture by Conservationist Richard Bradford on verge management. Action completed. 	<p>Cllr CA</p> <p>Clerk</p>
2	<p>MAIN BUSINESS</p> <p>Feedback from Chair on the work of VFO - Cllr MW referred to the Main Committee Meeting in September 2021 where the VFO was invited. There was discussion around the need for the VFO to take a refresher 'first aid' course and Cllr MW said he would look into a refresher course. There was also discussion about the insurance cover for the VFO (as a volunteer) and the Clerk was asked to confirm to councillors that this cover is in place.</p> <p>Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring & Ride – covered in rolled over matters above.</p> <p>Email from Cllr JB regarding (The Hyde) Footpath along Walditch Road Councillors reflected on an email from Cllr JB relating to the possibility of a footpath along the Walditch Road (from Crock Lane to The Hyde). Cllr JB to keep councillors updated on any developments.</p> <p>Email from Cllr CA regarding The Hyde – impending sale – councillors discussed the possibility of The Hyde being sold. Councillors will note any further progress on this.</p>	<p>Cllr MW Clerk</p> <p>Cllr JB</p>

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2	<p>Quarry Lane Dog Bin – broken again (third time) Councillors were informed by Cllr EB that the dog bin has re-appeared and has been affixed to the fence and is in use. There was discussion on whether to move the dog bin to the Valley Road area, as this area is experiencing some dog fouling, however the location is remote and not easily reached by the lengthsman who will need to empty the dog bin. The increase in his time and the cost of another dog bin for that area was also discussed. It was agreed that the dog bin currently located on the fence at the Quarry Lane location should be adequate.</p> <p>Lengthsman Hours to 2nd September 2021 (review and confirm). There was discussion around the lengthsman's hours and councillors noted that 50% of his time is spent emptying dog bins. Cllr GS will set up regular chats with the lengthsman with Cllr MW.</p> <p>Hollow Way – The Chair asked for this item to be brought to the sub-committee because of the number of complaints that the parish council has received about this rapidly deteriorating situation, with broken pavement and holes appearing that, despite requests from the parish council, are not being dealt with by Dorset Council. A paper detailing the current situation was sent to all councillors by the Clerk prior to the meeting. Cllr GS stated that he had seen a tractor cutting the verge along Hollow Way (from the bottom of the road up to the Church).</p> <p>Cllr MW and the Clerk will draft a follow up letter to DC relating to this hazardous pavement issue and sent via email and Royal Mail.</p> <p>Spinners Lane – There is a longstanding issue with the transverse drain that serves Spinners Lane and the parish council has recently asked Dorset Council for assistance (a new larger drain) to cope with the amount of water, and assistance removing the built-up silt and detritus that has accumulated during the period. Neither of these requests have resulted in action by DC.</p> <p>Cllr MW and the Clerk will draft a follow up letter to DC relating to this hazardous pavement issue and sent via email and Royal Mail.</p> <p>Sycamore Avenue – There was discussion around the continuing poor state of the trees and reference to Cllr JB's email informing Councillors that The Hyde is planning to replace the Avenue trees on its land where they are reaching the end of their life. Unfortunately, this does not cover those on Norman's land which will continue to deteriorate.</p>	<p>Cllr GS</p> <p>Cllr MW & Clerk</p> <p>Cllr MW & Clerk</p>
3	<p>Any Other Business Fallen tree in Walditch Last weekend's storm damaged part of a large tree on right of the Avenue (near The Hyde). Part of the trees has collapsed into the field. The issue is whether the remaining tree is dangerous. This was discussed, it was agreed that there is nothing the parish council can do as the tree is on private land.</p>	

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	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Footpath by the Firestation</p> <p>Cllr GS reminded Councillors of the sustained action they took in the Spring and Summer to have a footpath constructed by the firestation so that pedestrians could cross Sea Road South safely. Councillors discussed the various options that remain open, Cllr GS suggested a triangular 'pedestrian sign' to be erected prior to, and after, the footpath. Cllr GS will issue a DC portal request.</p>	Cllr GS
	<p>DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2022/23</p> <p>The following meeting dates, to start at 3pm have been agreed:</p> <p>21st January 2022 22nd April 2022 29th July 2022 21st October 2022</p>	

Date of the next Traffic Transport and Footpaths Sub-Committee Meeting: 21st January 2022 @ Stoneleigh at 3pm. Previous minutes can be found on www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 29th October 2021

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Regarding 20mph speed limits – follow up letter to Dorset Council	Clerk	1
Regarding 20's plenty stickers - move to the 'main business' section of the agenda for the forthcoming meeting in January 2022. Arrange for smaller to be printed.	Clerk Cllr CA	2
Regarding VFO – arrange a refresher 'first aid' course. confirm adequate insurance cover for VFO.	Cllr MW Clerk	2
Regarding (The Hyde) Footpath along Walditch Road – keep councillors updated on any developments.	Cllr JB	2
Regarding Lengthsman – set up regular chats with the lengthsman with Cllr MW.	Cllr GS	3
Regarding Hollow Way and Spinners Lane - Cllr MW and the Clerk will draft a follow up letter to DC relating to this hazardous pavement issue and sent via email and Royal Mail.	Cllr MW Clerk	3
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