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## MINUTES OF TRAFFIC TRANSPORT & FOOTPATHS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 AT GREYSTONES, WALDITCH, 3PM

Initials:	Invited:
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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023:</b></p> <p>The minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 having been approved by email were posted to the website.</p> <p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING ON 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023:</b></p> <p>Regarding <b>Hollow Way / High Pavement</b> - The Clerk confirmed that another letter was sent to Dorset Council, this time directly to Mr D Carey on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The Clerk confirmed that there had been no response from Dorset Council, despite many letters. Councillors wish to record in these minutes that they have done as much as possible to encourage Dorset Council to remedy the dilapidated and unsafe condition of Hollow Way.</p> <p>Regarding <b>Footpath W5/5</b> – The Clerk confirmed that she had written again on the 4<sup>th</sup> March to National Highways, and although a response had been received it did not address the enquiries made. Another letter was sent on the 20<sup>th</sup> March highlighting the various issues and a response was received from National Highways on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April confirming that they are looking into the issues. Councillor MW to report at item 2 below.</p>	

*Cllr M Warne*

Minutes agreed: Chairman

Tan Cox  
Clerk to Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council

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2	<p><b>MAIN BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>Feedback from the Chair on the work of the VFO.</b> Cllr MW had forwarded an email received from the VFO which provided a summary of the work carried out this month, including cutting back bramble and blackthorn and clearing a tree from Bothen Hill. Cllr CA asked if the VFO could have a look at Jellyfields Nature Reserve just to check that all paths are open. Cllr MW agreed to contact the VFO to ask this.</p> <p><b>WATAG</b> – Cllr MW had already emailed a brief summary of the WATAG meeting he had attended on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr CA who was due to attend the next WATAG meeting to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> May cannot attend due to other commitments. He has agreed to attend the subsequent meeting in June.</p> <p><b>Dorset Council’s ‘Charging Ahead’ improving Dorset’s electric vehicle charging network</b> – Councillors debated this issue and agreed there is no space available in Upper Walditch for electric charging facilities. There was general agreement that charging bays could be located along Lower Walditch Lane, adjacent to Jellyfields Nature Reserve, and they would not cause any obstruction because the road is wide enough to accommodate them.</p> <p>Councillors asked the Clerk to make an expression of interest via Dorset Council’s online form in acquiring electric charging within the parish but conceded that it would fall to Bridport Town Council to implement it.</p> <p><b>20’s Plenty Campaign</b> – Cllr GS attended the latest 20s Plenty Campaign meeting via Zoom, the objective of which was to encourage more town and parish councils to sign up to the campaign and to adopt a resolution to encourage Dorset Council in turn to adopt a more liberal approach towards the 20mph limit, including by making 20mph the norm, when it reviews the policy this Autumn.</p> <p>Councillors consider that this issue will pass to Bridport Town Council in March 2024 and as the latter would like to see a blanket policy of 20mph within Bridport and surrounding areas it will be taken up by them in due course.</p> <p>Attached to the email from Gartside were a Briefing Sheet and Template of draft Motion to seek 20mph which councillors said should be taken to the Main Committee in June for consideration. The Clerk agreed to look into this.</p> <p>Cllr GS also reported that the 20mph Campaign Co-ordinator claimed that 12m-long speed surveys may not be necessary, given that Dorset Council apparently already have data on average speeds (though it was not clear from the meeting how or if this data could be obtained).</p>	<p>Owner</p> <p>Cllr MW</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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2	<p><b>MAIN BUSINESS (Cont.)</b></p> <p><b>Footpath W5/5 exit onto the A35 near the East Road roundabout</b> – Cllr MW described how he had received a telephone call from Mr Laxman, an engineer from National Highways Agency regarding this issue. (Mr Laxman 0783 477 4596).</p> <p>Cllr MW said that Mr Laxman had appeared keen to find a solution to the parish council's problems and promised to include a pedestrian crossing at Pasture Way, cycle paths, footpaths and other crossings where appropriate. Mr Laxman also promised to erect the 'Pedestrian' signs on both sides of the road prior to the fire station to warn motorists of pedestrians emerging from footpath W5/5.</p> <p>Cllr MW said the conversation had been very encouraging and the engineer was constructive and helpful.</p> <p>It was agreed to roll over until next meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> July.</p>	
3	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Councillors acknowledged the efforts of Dorset Council responding to the Highways Footways Report - Enquiry 1216730 relating to Hollow Way and noted that the tree had now been removed.</p>	

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

### SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Action	Owner	Page
VFO to look at Jellyfields Nature Reserve and check that all paths are open.	Cllr MW	2
With regards EV Charging - make an expression of interest via Dorset Council's online form in acquiring electric charging within the parish.	Clerk	2
With regards 20s Plenty, ensure Briefing Sheet and Template of draft Motion to seek 20mph is tabled at the Main Committee in June.	Clerk	2

### ITEMS ROLLED OVER – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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Footpath W5/5 exit onto the A35 near the East Road roundabout – progress report	Cllr MW	3

**RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Item	Pages
With regards 20s Plenty, ensure Briefing Sheet and Template of draft Motion to seek 20mph is tabled at the Main Committee in June.	2

**RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO OSPA SUB-COMMITTEE – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

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None	

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

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None	