

HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP

**REPORT FOR COUNCIL MEETING 14 MARCH 2019**

1. Road signs and Gates project. Council Resolution to proceed 5th April 2018. The project has been referred to WC for technical checks and resourcing of its delivery. This must be done via WC's Community Area Transport Group (CATG) and was discussed on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 19. HWG2 stage 6. CATG 6837. Awaiting Wiltshire Council (CATG). *CATG may take until early 2021 to consider proposal due to limited officer availability.*
2. LMIL70 footpath regeneration project is ready to start. We have secured our full grant application from WC of £3,000. The clerk was seeking quotes with responses due in end February. HWG1 stage 10. Estimated delivery 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr 2019. Awaiting LMPC (Clerk)
3. Speed Indicator Unit (SID) project. Part (i) Technical aspects of pole locations and foundations referred to WC CATG 19th Feb 19. *CATG may take until early 2021 to consider proposal due to limited officer availability.* Part (ii) Awaiting LMPC (HWG) for SID specification. HWG4 stage 2.
4. Church Place pedestrian safety. Our efforts to improve pedestrian safety here is ongoing. The next step is to see if we can get the undergrowth cleared at the field side of the stone wall – this could become a footpath. The Clerk is looking at the possibility of the Parish Steward doing this work, as reported in October 2018. HWG3 stage 1. Awaiting LMPC (Clerk)
5. +7.5 tonne reports. We continue to write to owners of offending heavy vehicles. A total of 6 letters have been sent to lorry owners. Reminder to residents to submit reports in Lydiards Magazine Feb 19. HWG100 - ongoing reports to Cllr Shepherd for Clerk's letters.
6. The roadside verge between Holborn and Tewksbury Way will be cut to a 2m width from next Spring to provide safer way for pedestrians to walk to and from West Swindon. The Clerk may be able to get a winter cut done soon by Westlea Landscaping. It requires a tractor cut. Project stage - ongoing maintenance. Awaiting confirmation LMPC (Clerk)
7. The Council strategy for road verge maintenance in the parish will be considered for 2020-21 budget. It failed to be included in the budget for 2019-20. (Improving areas that are unsafe or unsightly while avoiding the need to return to council for each small job). HWG105 stage 2. Awaiting LMPC (Clerk)

8. Common Platt school bus stop road verge damaged by HGV's turning into Stone Lane and parked vehicles. The Clerk anticipates bringing a project with quotes to Council in March 2019. HWG7 stage 4. LMPC report due March 19. No estimated delivery date. Awaiting LMPC (Clerk)
9. LMIL77 footpath overgrown between The Close and Bury Fields. This is a heavily used footpath especially during school term times. Most of the offending undergrowth has been pruned and it is due for completion soon. Clerk was speaking to Westlea Landscaping on 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 19. The challenge then is to keep it tidy and this will be achieved by our contractor Westlea Landscaping. Project stage NA (ongoing maintenance). Awaiting LMPC (Clerk)
10. Stone Lane – Common Platt junction is an accident black spot. Site meeting with WC Engineer held on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 18 with SH following CATG request for LMPC HWG ideas (see CATG notes 7 Mar 18). This proposed project is on the CATG 'B' list. £2,500 towards development of scheme options allocated by LMPC [ref HWG June 18]. HWG106 stage 6. CATG 5915. Awaiting Wiltshire Council (CATG) who are expected to produce proposals in June 2019.
11. Speed Limit C70 - B4355. Earlier in 2018 WC rejected a PC submission for 30mph speed limit from Stone Lane to Tewkesbury Way C70 B4355 as part of the Ridgeway Farm development consultation. Rather than close this issue the PC wishes to submit the following. The road is already mainly 30mph limit but bizarrely turns into a 40mph zone to the built up area of The Elms on approach from the north. Local people think that road safety can be improved by extending the 30mph area southerly through the small housing development at The Elms. This suggested area corresponds to the red circle on the map. From there to Tewkesbury Way the 40mph limit would remain. CATG 6077. Awaiting Wiltshire Council (CATG)
12. The highway 90° bend at The Elms. Accident black spot: vehicles repeatedly crashing into a front garden. Meeting held with WC Traffic Engineer on site in August 2018. He has produced a report with recommendations. The costs are to be funded centrally from WC's maintenance budget. HWG102 stage 6. Refer to CATG 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 19 to ensure the issue is addressed by WC. Awaiting Wiltshire Council (Maintenance)
13. Damaged and unsightly road signs at Tewksbury Way / The Elms road. WC agreed to redesign and renew under their maintenance budget. HWG 8. Stage: maintenance. Awaiting Wiltshire Council (Maintenance)
14. Street signs at The Elms. 3 disfigured or damaged street signs to be replaced with new signs with Parish logo. Requested by Cllr Montgomery and others locally. Cllr Shepherd has prepared design and specification. Cllr Montgomery to repaint 3 support posts black. Proposal to LMPC March 2019.

15. WC Highways works. Wiltshire Council has received an extra £17. Million government support for highway repairs. WC plans for Lydiard Millicent Parish are shown below. Progress is being monitored by regular HWG meetings with WC officers.

- Stone Lane edges to be repaired and strengthened in FY 2019-20.
- Stone Lane to be resurfaced in FY 2020-21.
- Dipped road edge by a manhole to the east of the Holborn bend inspected by WC Engineer Dec 18. Further site meeting with PC Feb 19.
- Manhole cover road edge collapsed at the old chapel, Lydiard Green. WC say this is the responsibility of the landowner. However, the issues are wider (as raised by Cllr Hill-Wheeler) so PS has asked for a special site meeting on 8th February 2019 to discuss further with WC and the landowner.
- Manor Hill “dip” proposed to be remodelled. White lines to give impression of the road being narrower on the approaches to the bottom of the dip, and the bottom of the dip itself being widened and strengthened to allow two large vans to pass.

Ongoing monitoring by LMPC (HWG)

16. 20mph limit. DfT’s recent letter to councils says that it confirms public support for 20mph limits. Leads to conclusion that 20mph limit should be the default speed for village streets. Accordingly the Parish Council will seek the views of the public and the council and will prepare a paper for Cllr Groom on the proposed extent of new 20mph limit if the council agrees. The extent of the limit initially proposed: church chicane to Holborn with the addition of a speed hump at Holborn. WC’s Engineer has said that where speed humps are in position it is “easy to get 20mph limit”. Action 1. For discussion at LMPC and publicised by LMPC CWG completed Jan 19. Action 2. PS prepare proposal paper with map for Action 3. Cllr Groom to forward to David Thomas, Principle Engineer, Integrated Transport Team, WC. Awaiting progress by LMPC (HWG and parishioners’ views); aiming for report to Cllr Groom mid 2019.
17. Highway Grit Bins not replenished even though LMPC reported by survey as requested to WC in September 18. Replenishment still needed. LMPC survey that was completed in Sep 18 not received by WC. HWG103. LMPC Clerk to resubmit survey to WC Feb 19.

#### ISSUES IN ABEYANCE

18. In mid-summer 2018 we had a complaint from ramblers about a barbed wire fence being built across a style where footpaths LMIL45 and LMIL54 meet (in the south west of the parish). The landowner has been identified and a meeting is to be arranged to discuss this. HWG106 stage 1. Awaiting LMPC (HWG)
19. Three new bus shelters at The Beeches (1) and The Street (2) to replace scruffy early 1990’s units and add basic perch seating comfort. Ideas from bus users is to be sought. HWG2 stage 2. Awaiting LMPC (HWG)

PROJECTS / ISSUES COMPLETED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2018

1. Parking restriction yellow lines completed at Church Place and near The Butts summer 18
2. Roadside poles installed on The Street near The Butts early 18
3. Holborn Footpath signs (3) installed in October.
4. Repair to footpath stile at Forge Fields and removal of barbed wire (by pathway volunteers) mid 18.

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Nil

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Cllr P Shepherd report dated 1 Mar 2019 for Council meeting 14 Mar 2019