

HIGHWAYS AND PATHWAYS WORKING GROUP (HWG)

REPORT FOR COUNCIL MEETING 4th JULY 2019

Members participating in the HWG: Cllrs Montgomery, Cobb and Shepherd (Chair)

PROJECTS AWAITING ISSUE OF ORDERS TO CONTRACTORS BY THE CLERK

1. Footpath regeneration project LMIL70. HWG1 is ready to start. We have secured our full grant application from WC of £3,000. Contractor selected by Council 4th Apr 19. Guestimated delivery 3rd qtr 2019. **LMPC (Clerk) to issue order** – in hand 14th May. Project stage 12.
2. Road Signs and Gates project HWG2 is ready to start. Contractor selected 4 Apr 19. Guestimated delivery 4th qtr 2019. **LMPC (Clerk) to issue order** – in hand 14th May. Project stage 12.
3. Speed Indicator Unit (SID) project HWG4 is ready to start. Part (i) Installation of roadside poles now combined with the Road Signs and Gates project. **LMPC (Clerk) to issue order** – in hand 14th May. Project stage 12.
4. Street direction sign at The Butts project HWG10 ready for implementation. Damage “To the Vicarage” sign. Sign to be replaced. Council Resolution passed 4th April 19 to proceed budget £115. **LMPC (Clerk) to issue order** – in hand 14th May. Project stage 12.
5. Stiles to kissing gates project pathway LMIL97. Project HWG12 is ready to start. Replacing stiles with kissing gates near The Moors and Perrin’s Field. Project stage 2. Council Resolution to proceed £2k 13th June 2019. **LMPC (Clerk) to issue order.**

PROJECTS AWAITING THE CLERK

6. Common Platt school bus stop project HWG7. Road verge damaged by HGV’s turning into Stone Lane and parked vehicles. The Clerk anticipated bringing a project with quotes to Council in March 2019. LMPC report due March 2019. No estimated delivery date. Awaiting LMPC (Clerk). Project stage 4.
7. The roadside verge between Holborn and Tewksbury Way project HWG105 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)

8. The Council strategy for road verge maintenance project HWG105 in the parish will be considered for 2020-21 budget. A £10k proposal 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). Project stage 2. Awaiting LMPC (Clerk)
9. HWG3: 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. Project stage 1. Awaiting LMPC (Clerk)

PROJECTS AWAITING LMPC HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP

10. In mid-summer 2018 we had a complaint from ramblers about a barbed wire fence being built across a stile 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)
11. Three new bus shelters at The Beeches, The Street and Holborn 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 AWAITING WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

12. Stone Lane – Common Platt junction project HWG104 is an accident black spot. Site meeting with WC Engineer held on 15th Nov 18 with SH following CATG request for LMPC HWG ideas (see CATG notes 7 Mar 18). This proposed project is on the CATG 'A' list. £2,500 towards development of scheme options allocated by LMPC [ref HWG June 18]. Project stage 6. CATG 5915. Wiltshire Council (CATG – S. Hind) produced the agreed scheme at CATG in June 2019. Delivery of scheme awaited by WC.
13. Post-development obligations Caso Paolo Junction project HWG109. The Parish Council is seeking information from Cllr Groome about the design of the junction post-Ridgeway Farm development and replacing a grubbed-out hedge after receiving residents' enquiries. Awaiting WG (Cllr Groome)
14. Speed Limit C70 - B4355 project HWG107. 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 to WC (CATG). 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)

15. HWG102: 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. Project stage 6. Awaiting Wiltshire Council (Highways Maintenance). Scheme partly completed. Road markings outstanding.
16. 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)
17. 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.
 - C16 Stone Lane edges to be repaired and strengthened in FY 2019-20.
 - C16 Stone Lane to be resurfaced in FY 2023-24. Ref RWBA 23 0003
 - B4553 Purton Road, Common Platt Junction to be resurfaced FY 2020-21. Ref RWBA 20 0001
 - Chestnut Springs to have surface treatment FY 2022-23. Ref RWBA 22 0008
 - Buryfields to have surface treatment FY 2022-23. Ref RWBA 22 0009
 - Dipped road edge by a manhole to the east of the Holborn bend inspected by WC Engineer Dec 2018. Further site meeting with PC Feb 2019.
 - 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. Highways Engineer Diane Ware to follow up.
 - 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.
18. 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. LMPC Clerk to re-submit survey to WC Feb 2019. Confirmed completed by the Clerk March 2019. HWG chair sent another copy of survey to WC and M Groom. Replenishment awaited by WC. HWG103.
19. Flooding at Common Platt. We are following up flood issues through our Wiltshire Councillor. A paper has been prepared that records all known facts. HWG110. Awaiting WC (M. Groom)

ONGOING PROJECTS

20. HWG100: +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 2019. Ongoing reports to Cllr Shepherd for Clerk's letters.

ISSUES IN ABEYANCE

21. HWG112: 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, completed.

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. Initial feedback from parishioners shows little interest. PS has received three verbal supports and one against (on the basis that it couldn't be enforced). The HWG reported at PC meeting 4th April 2019 that it would not be progressing this proposal unless more public feedback was forthcoming.

PROJECTS / ISSUES **COMPLETED** IN CALENDAR YEAR 2018

- 18.1 Parking restriction yellow lines completed at Church Place and near The Butts summer 2018.
- 18.2 Roadside pole-bollards installed on The Street near The Butts early 2018.
- 18.3 Holborn Footpath signs (3) installed in October 2018.
- 18.4 Repair to footpath stile at Forge Fields and removal of barbed wire (by pathway volunteers) mid-2018.

PROJECTS / ISSUES **COMPLETED** IN CALENDAR YEAR 2019

- 19.1 LMIL77 footpath overgrown project HWG11 between The Close and Bury Fields. Completed March 2019 including removal of rotten fence, pruning of all plants and trimming of adjacent resident's high hedge. Ref HWG11.
- 19.2 Street signs at The Elms project HWG9. 3 disfigured or damaged street signs to be replaced with new signs with Parish logo. Council Resolution 14th March to proceed. Delivery and fitting expected early May 2019. Cllr Montgomery has repainted 3 corroded support posts black in preparation.

Cllr P Shepherd report to Council prepared June 2019 for Council meeting 4th July 2019