

TRAFFIC & ACCESS WORKING GROUP MEETING

17/06/2021

7.00pm virtually via Zoom

Attending: The Mayor Tony Hunt, The Deputy Mayor Angela Standing, Cllrs Johnstone, Lovell, Rankin, Stirling, Tu and Wood. Administrative Assistant Aby Dingle.

Outstanding Actions:

1. Minibus – Tim came into speak to us, we investigated a lease agreement with Woods but unless there was some kind of grant available, the amount of use it would get wouldn't justify it. Struggle to see a way forward other than to launch fundraising campaign.

Michael – Previous community bus scheme went bust, thought a new one was set up. We should engage with new organisation to see if they can provide extra services. Aby to look into the new service and see if she can find out about it.

Needs to be a quantifiable need.

If we could subsidise fuel would there be willing volunteers to drive people after the success of the COVID volunteer scheme?

Marc - Befriending project supporting the vulnerable. We could signpost to it.

Robin - Volunteer driving – would there be any issues with insurance?

Tony - ABI special dispensation for members, if you were a volunteer taking someone to an appointment the insurance company would regard you as being covered in response to the COVID pandemic. Not sure for a non COVID reason but we could ask ABI. Dementia Project may require transport in the future as a couple of people were driven to the coffee morning last week.

Michael – Castle Cars has a 6 seater minibus and the dementia initiative has some funding so they need to speak.

Angela – A few residents have other health issues which means they are struggling to get to meetings etc. Several groups that would benefit from a resource.

Marc – Would it be free or do people need to pay?

Iain – Putting out something from ATC to gauge the need/demand locally?

Jeremy – Cautious of public consultation as we do not want to do so much that it becomes ineffective.

Summary – can we use funds from Befriending Project to fund something with Castle Cars. What is the need and can we measure it?

2. Lighting on access road to Herington's Field – assuming it is still in need, Jeremy will go and investigate (this was halted due to COVID and not wanting to door knock).

3. Address excessive campervan parking in Mill Road/London Road – No legal action could be taken about people living on the highway unless there was a TRO in place. Arundel asked WSCC for a TRO a few years ago but it was never granted. Andrew Griffiths advised that if we wanted to lobby WSCC then we needed to write letters to them, not emails. Letters get more time and attention than

emails. Write to Paul Marshall and Joy Dennis. Tony has started doing this. We need to build up a group of about 20 people in Arundel that care about this issue to frequently write to WSCC. We could also encourage a parking meter system on Mill Road. Marc's opinion is not to bother writing but to email.

Each member of the Working Group to send a letter as a resident of Arundel.

Marc – A TRO could cover multiple issues in the town, not just the one road.

If bays were marked, campervans wouldn't fit in them so that would discourage them from parking there.

Iain – Concerned writing letters will lead us down a black hole whereas going down the enforcement route may be more effective.

Michael – Parking strategy objective, need to look at all parking issues rather than just addressing one problem. We need to do the strategy ASAP.

Angela – Who is going to own the meters, who puts them in, if ADC does them we won't get the monies, if we do then who will monitor the area?

Physical meeting required ASAP to discuss parking strategy.

4. ACE school street treatment to compliment WSCC Travelwise measures to reduce vehicle danger, bad parking & pedestrian danger – Les is the current Link Councillor, Andrew doesn't want cars to go up there now at all as he is concerned there will be an accident. He has written to all parents and now mans a barrier to stop them. Some parents still ignore him and do a 360 in peoples drives. Turning circle idea is now out of the window.

Jeremy – Speed bumps would help.

Marc – What is it that requires the parents to drive to the school?

Les – 55% of children are from outside the area but even Arundel pupils are being driven in.

Jeremy – There was only a modest budget available which won't pay for any significant traffic calming measures.

Issue mainly occurs at drop off and pick up.

Iain – If they contact ADC, ADC will send a civil enforcement officer (school compliance throughout the district).

Les to let ACE know about ADC and email parking there. St Phillips should be advised to do the same.

5. Footway and cycle track along Ford Road to station, path separated from the traffic, key route for school, college access – being dealt with.

6. 20mph zones & town gateways – not in the right place but COVID put everything on the back burner. However people do seem to have accepted them now. Reinforcing fact that you are entering a residential area.

Les – Also issue with the ones in Fitzalan Road, although Angela pointed out that technically you are entering the town at this point.

Iain – People don't tend to notice signs as they become conditioned to them, it is definitely more effective to paint signage onto the roads in the same way that the flashing speed signs are more effective. Cheap compliance road sign painting is effective.

Michael – gateway signage, we should consider co-branding with SDNP. Also a brown sign is missing in Ford Road and the one on the bridge in the centre of Arundel is partially missing.

Audit of signs required and then we can get onto WSCC to rectify issues.

Marc – main entrances into town should have a gateway to the national park sign, like in Pulborough, they create a national pinch point.

Michael – we are getting a 'rusty' SDNP sign on London Road. If we want to put signs up saying we are a gateway to the national park, SDNP are happy for us to do this, we can say we are in the national park.

7. Ford Road speeding, Canada Road speeding & rat running in town – Jeremy did some research and got a quote for a 2 vehicle activated solar powered signs including set up for around £3,000. Jeremy to get the quote updated. Again came to stop due to COVID. But we would need to look at where we plan to site these. We need to find out who we need permission from in WSCC and Southern Electric to put these up. Otherwise no real barrier to moving forward. There is a budget for these.

Marc – Chris Stark & Chris Dye at WSCC are the people to speak to, they have suggested Ford Road could be a 20mph subject to a TRO. We should also do some kind of speed watch to collate data.

Angela – we have previously asked and fought really hard for Ford Road to be a 20mph and we couldn't get it. Too high to go from 60 to 20.

Most pro speed watch.

PCSO has previously stated that the police can arrange for signage. We should follow up on this. Also if we could find resident volunteers, they could be trained to do roadside patrols.

Actions – look at an Arundel wide speed watch group. Marc and Iain engage with PCSO on this.

Michael – write to south coast skips and remind them of agreement to only use Ford Road to drop skips in Arundel.

Angela – add Maltravers St to hotspots for speeding.

Marc – Council should write to ADC to find out what sites have traffic agreements re. using Ford Road.

Jeremy – signs that have been priced up do also log data which we could then use.

8. Traffic & Access Wishlist – one for further meeting.

9. There is a need for big 20mph signs at junction of A27 and Fitzalan Road & the 20mph signs on Fitzalan Road are too small and footpath opposite Blastreat is too narrow – Jeremy to look into this and whether the additional signs are still required.

Councils Objectives

9. Hold a consultation on the public realm in Arundel, including the possibilities for shared spaces and partial pedestrianisation

Marc – we need to show people that the road being shut off is a great idea, currently being done at the Farmers Market.

Does this require a separate Working Group? One that involves economy interest.

Results from previous survey were that residents were in favour, businesses weren't.

Requires consultation, we need to expose residents and businesses to road closures and pedestrianisation before we go out to consultation, we have the farmers market and festival to do this. Needs to be done with an activity. Engage with Chamber of Commerce. Café culture. Contribution to COVID recovery.

Tony – Sharon is enthusiastic to get more road closures in the summer period.

Michael – Tarrant Street should be access only. This should be treated as a separate project.

12. Deal with the camper van issue

a) Campaign for a TRO to prevent overnight parking of campervans/caravans on Mill Rd.

Previously discussed.

b) Seek to develop more attractive facilities for camper vans in the Mill Road car parking area.

A lot of campervans in Mill Road car park, although no where to service campervans as such. Unless it is free to use, those that currently use Mill Road will not use it as an alternative.

Les – if we get a TRO for Mill Road then we would need to look at this.

Iain – shared generators are a big issue.

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A boards on the highway should not be allowed.

Removal of roundabout at junction of Priory Road and Maxwell Road or change it to a mini roundabout.

Resurfacing Pearson Road.