**LYTCHETT MATRAVERS HIGHWAYS PROPOSALS**

**MEETING WITH PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND DORSET COUNCIL OFFICERS VIA SKYPE**

**11th May 2020 11am-12:45pm**

**MEETING NOTES**

1. Attendees:

Helen Jackson (HJ), Andrew Bradley (AB), Stephen Mepham (SM), Neil Turner (NT)– Dorset Council

Alf Bush (ABu), Ralph Watts (RW), Ken Morgan (KM), Rob Carswell (RC) – LM Parish Council

1. Update on actions from last meeting

All actions complete apart from the following:

* ABu/RW to speak to the school to see if they would support the school entrance being moved. **ABu will speak to the school.**
* AB to check landownership/highways extent and then the PC can approach the relevant residents (by letter). **AB/SM have already checked the Highways extent and will send to PC.**
* SM to talk to Paul Hutton, Head of Parking Services to clarify EVCP TROs/TMOs situation. **HJ will take this on and confirm situation to PC.**
* SM to visit site with an estimator to arrange for the cost of repair of the damage to the island, etc to be available in advance of discussions with Tesco. **SM has been unable to do this due to lockdown but will do so when situation changes.**

1. Progress on Projects
   1. Huntick Road Cyclepath

First section- Offsite works for Morrish/Wyatt Homes Development

Remainder - Purbeck Local Plan Developers Contributions

* 1. School Crossing
  2. Eldons Drove Pathway
  3. High Street Crossing
  4. Recreation Ground Car Park (access to High St)
  5. Tesco Forecourt

1. Huntick Road Cycleway

Update from Neil Turner on the s278 agreement. Wyatts/Morrish have now formally agreed to widen the footway from 2m to 3m to provide the required width for a cycleway as part of the off-site works for the site off Huntick Road for which planning consent was granted last year. NT showed the group the plan showing the extent of the cycleway. The group discussed the provision of an additional 200m of 3m wide cycleway from the access road to the Wyatt/Morrish development on land off Huntick Road to Jubilee Walk which had been discussed previously. NT explained that the contractors are starting on site in early July and the PC asked if the contractors could build the additional 200m (not included in the agreement plan) whilst still on site. The PC had previously said that they would pay for this work. However, NT explained that there would be a need for detailed design work to be completed for the extended section. If the developers were agreeable, they would need to update their detailed design – especially the legal agreement plan – to include this additional work which would have an impact on time and cost. However negligible this may be, the developer has already turned down the option to deliver this section at their cost, and their timeframes are currently tight in terms of completing a s278 agreement for the design that they have already provided. In addition, if these works were included within the developer’s agreement with Dorset Council, they would be responsible for workmanship, materials, and all other standard indemnities etc. which they may not agree to.

NT concluded that as there are no detailed designs for this additional section and no consultation of the landowners has been undertaken, it would be premature to construct this section of the cycleway without further discussions and detailed design.

SM provided a plan showing the highways extent of Huntick Road (attached).

AB explained that although technically this verge has highway rights over it (not in DC ownership), it is still good practice to consult and gain permission from the landownerseffected.

**ACTION: There was discussion on how to move this forward.  Agreed that HJ and AB will discuss with Highways Improvements Team Leaders to agree a way forward, which could be as follows:**

* **Parish Council to undertake a consultation exercise with the landowners (by letter) in advance of Dorset Council design/consultation**
* **Dorset Council provide detailed design for the section between the end of the cycleway (constructed as part of the s278 works) and Jubilee Walks which is approx. 200m**
* **Ken Morgan to provide illustrative plans for further reference (already received)**
* **This section will be the first phase of the Huntick Road cycleway which will be progressed through the LTP programme in further phases and constructed by Dorset Council.**

Delivery of the Huntick Road Cycleway is programmed for 2022-23, but this first section could be progressed earlier as the PC have agreed to pay for it, although this will be dependent on the cost and any unknown risks.

1. School crossing

This scheme is based upon the Sustrans Report and will provisionally focus on the informal school crossing and possible parking restrictions/measures along Wareham Road during school drop-off and pick-up times in term time.

The scheme is scheduled for delivery in 2020/21 in the LTP Programme.

1. Eldons Drove footway

The track from Eldons Drove to the new gate at rear of the school needs to be resurfaced. If the PC do this a work licence is needed. The Parish Council has requested a licence to carry out this work from Dorset Council’s Assets and Property (Corry Provan) last year and since Corry’s departure, this has been passed on to Mark Osborne. Still waiting for a response.

**ACTION: AB and HJ to contact Mark Osborne and update PC. Probably easiest to get DC to do the resurfacing work as this would include cover for public liability.**

**ACTION: AB/SM to check landownership/highways extent on Eldons Drove and then the PC can approach the relevant residents (by letter).**

The on-road section of footway on Eldons Drove is scheduled for delivery in 2021/22 in the LTP Programme.

1. High Street Crossing

The Parish Council strategy is as follows: *The raised crossing is specifically linked to the work on the Recreation Ground, the library grounds opposite and includes approach to the Pharmacy steps and the revisions to the Tesco island. This is to create an integrated village centre which gives pedestrian priority to residents crossing the road between the shops and library to the new car park and facilities and the Recreation Ground. The primary purpose in a revamped village centre that makes it safer for all residents to cross from one facility to another. The usage of the Recreation Ground is planned to be expanded to include other facilities as well. This is also the route of the path from Purbeck Road across the High Street and on its way to the school. This is all part of the environmental effort to encourage more walking and cycling to/from school and around the village in general.*

The group discussed whether the crossing should be a raised table crossing, or a build-out to narrow the road. A raised table will require road hump regulations which AB warned previously is a lengthy process. The PC are keen for the raised table option, so this will be included in the options for the crossing design. AB suggested using an imprinted brick surface to define the crossing, as currently being installed in Swanage, this can also be considered as an option.

The scheme is scheduled for delivery in 2021/22 in the LTP Programme.

1. Recreation Ground Car Park

The planning application for the new vehicular access onto the High Street has been approved.

The PC are looking to secure contractors to start the work shortly. The PC are talking with EVCP supplier JoJu and they will install these when the lockdown is over. There is still a question over TRO/TMO requirements.

**ACTION: HJ to clarify EVCP TROs/TMOs situation for PC owned car park.**

1. Tesco Forecourt

Due to the current lockdown, SM has been unable to visit the site or have a face-to-face meeting with the Tesco store manager. However, SM has spoken to the Manager since our last meeting in November and said that the store manager was keen to involve the other businesses that use the forecourt. However, the main issue is the large Tesco delivery lorry accessing the forecourt, not customers parking.

**ACTION: Currently on hold, SM will speak to the store manager again after lockdown**

AOB

None

**Date of next meeting** – October 2020 RW/HJ to liaise for suitable dates/times to be held virtually (depending upon Covid19 guidance).