

Minutes of the TAPWG Meeting held on 10th January 2022

Present David Baty, Kit Marriott, Frances Parkes, Mike Rayment, Diana Smith

Apologies for absence were received from Marc Cresswell and Linda Gray

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd November were agreed after an alteration to include Kit Marriott as present.

1. Update on progress on the posts to be installed on the High Street Verge

A member reported that the Contractor ODS have replied to the question put to them about compliance with OCC guide lines for works adjacent to the highway. The answers are satisfactory and we were pleased to find that the costs is for posts more robust than originally thought. Should any post need to be replaced due to bad damage the cost at present prices would be around £385 (post and labour). Our member will now contact the Parish Clerk for the order to be placed.

2. Update on Residents Parking

Members reported their findings. The larger towns in South Oxfordshire that have residents' parking, Abingdon and Henley have public carparks and so have alternatives for non-resident parking; albeit at a cost. Pangbourne has a residents' scheme in the western portion of Horseshoe Road. The scheme does allow for non-residents to have free parking for 1 hour between 8am-6pm Mon-Sat and overnight in a few of the bays. There was discussion about how this information might apply to Whitchurch.

3. Update on Charging Points

Generally the news is not encouraging. Nationally there are nowhere enough public points. Certainly not enough for the number of EV's being sold. There are reports that many points do not work due to a lack of maintenance. Another problem is the lack of an industry standard for connectors and charging app. Many chargers are in large car parks while areas where residents do not have off-road parking are poorly served. A member will investigate the costs of installing chargers on lamp posts which is happening in some urban areas. The Group will consider if there is anywhere in the Village where public chargers could be installed.

4. Update in the Whitchurch Bulletin and releasing our "Report of Findings "

It was agreed that the Report be sent immediately to the Parish Council and that the The Whitchurch Website team be asked to put a link to the Report on the website on 17th January.

It was also agreed that an Update would be sent to the Whitchurch Bulletin for its next publication.

5. Pedestrian Crossing on the High Street

It was reported to the Group that the Parish Council has asked that TAPWG look at the proposal to install a pedestrian crossing in the lower area of the High Street. Three options have been put forward. It was agreed that three members will investigate

the possibilities.

6. Public Forum

It was confirmed that this will be on 24th, February at 8-8.30pm before the next meeting. This will be publicised on the Parish notice board, in the Bulletin, on the Whitchurch and Good Vibes websites.

7. Date of next Meeting

The next meetings will be on 27th January and 24th February.