

**Minutes of the TAPWG Meeting  
held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2021.**

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Marc Cresswell and Kit Marriott
2. The minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October were approved.

**3 Update on posts to be installed on the High Street verge.**

It was reported by the member overseeing the project that the preferred Contractors will:-

- a. Obtain the required minor works permissions,
- b. Survey the site for the presence of utility cables,
- c. Provide the necessary traffic management,
- d. Inform TAPWG about on-going maintenance costs and the cost of replacements for insurance purposes,
- e. Advise TAPWG of their proposed timetable to carry out the work.

The TAPWG member will put the above into a document to be sent to the Parish Council Clerk so that an order can be sent to the Contractor.

**4. Update on Residents' Parking.**

- a. The Manager in charge of Residents' Parking Schemes for Oxfordshire has advised that the only schemes running at present are in Abingdon and Henley-on-Thames. We were also advised that schemes can have flexible hours, e.g. 8am – 6pm or can allow non-permit holders to stay a max. of 2 hours.
- b. It was agreed to investigate the distance commuters and shoppers will walk to obtain free parking. Pangbourne may provide examples.

**5. Update on Electric Charging points.**

As neither of the members working on this topic were able to attend this item was deferred to the next meeting .

**6. Parking Survey.**

A Member presented "A Report of Findings" from the Survey. This generated much discussion and it was decided that the whole report as presented should be made public. An important finding is that 83.5 % of respondents think that Whitchurch has a traffic problem and 81.2% think that there is a parking problem. A 20mph speed limit got a high rating, 4.2 out of 5 from 173 responses. There was also a high level of support for residents' parking in the upper High Street and in the lower High Street.

There was support for speed warning lights and a crossing on the High Street. The highest concern for pedestrian safety is in the Upper Narrows. 8.1%, 14 households reported no private parking. This appears to translate into the need for 22 parking spaces; 9 in the lower High Street, 9 in the Upper High Street and 4 at the east end of Manor Road.

It was agreed to obtain more detailed information to find a more exact number of parking spaces needed for residents' vehicles. There will also be requests for visitors' permits. This may depend on the type of any residents' parking scheme which is agreed, eg time limits for non-permit holders.

Other points discussed arose from "free comments" by respondents. Many are concerned by "dangerous junctions" onto the High Street. These are, Hardwick Road, Eastfield Lane and Manor Road; and also some drives serving several houses.

There are requests to:-

- stop non-residents parking on the High Street,
- regulate parking to prevent a continuous line of parked cars in the High Street,
- provide a crossing in the High Street,
- not to push cars into parking in other village roads,
- to use double yellow lines to create more passing places,
- to have residents' parking but no yellow lines.

General safety of pedestrians and cyclists appears to be a concern, also concern for those with limited mobility.

## **7. Public Release of "Report of Public Findings" and date of Next Public Forum.**

It was decided that the "Report of Findings" will be released by the end of January 2022. A link will be put on the Whitchurch Website and in the next Edition of the Bulletin and copies will be sent to the Parish Councillors. A report on progress will be prepared to go into the Bulletin.

The date of the next Public Forum will be Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 8 -8.30pm in the Old Stables, High Street. The date will be publicised on the Village notice board, the Website, the Bulletin and Facebook, "Good Vibes Only".

## **8. Any other business**

There was no other business.

## **9. Date of next meetings**

16<sup>th</sup> December and 2022, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 24<sup>th</sup> February and 24<sup>th</sup> March.

