

Minutes of the TAPWG Meeting on 19th May 2022.

Present David Baty, Marc Cresswell, Mike Rayment, Diana Smith, on Zoom, Linda Gray and Frances Parkes

Apologies for absence were received from Kit Marriott.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st April were approved.

1. Update on High Street Bollards Installation.

The bollards have been delivered to the Contractor and are due to be installed 6th/7th June. There will be 13 posts with a height of 75 cm above ground level at about 5 metre apart. They are white and made of reconstituted material. The contractors will organise “road management” and two members will check progress on the day. The neighbours are happy about the installation and have been informed about the date.

2. Update on Electric Charging Points.

A member reported that they have found information about a method to take cables across pavements to prevent them causing a tripping hazard. This would benefit few households in Whitchurch but illustrates how solutions to problems are being put forward. Oxfordshire are putting fast chargers in many of their car parks and have appointed an EV Charging Project Manager who has offered to visit the Village to give advice. Two Members will organise a visit.

3. Update on Bollards in the Lower Narrows.

The group were told that OCC Highway are not going to proceed with bollard installation due to the presence of electric cables too near to the surface. It was agreed that the Group will help the PC to try to find new solutions to the problem of pedestrian safety.

4. Update on “Virtual Crossing” in the High Street.

A member of OCC Highways staff has visited the Village to look at possible crossing points. They will consult with colleagues and report back whether or not there is a route which conforms with traffic regulations and which

they could approve.

5. Options to put to the Parish Council.

It was decided that the Group will work on three to four options to be put to The PC. These will be finally decided using an “Options Appraisal Method”. A final report will also depend on the outcome of feedback on residents’ parking possibilities from the OCC RP team, and, OCC Highways with regard to the viability of a crossing.

6. Any other Business.

It was agreed that if the new 20mph speed limit is thought to be breached too often, TAPWG will help in organising a “speed watch” team.

7. Confirmation of next two meetings as 16th June and 14th July.