

Minutes of the TAPWG Meeting held on 24th June 2021

1. Apologies for absence were received from Kit Marriott and Marc Cresswell.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 27th May were approved.
3. **Traffic and Parking Survey.**
 - a. A draft of the questions for the Village wide survey was discussed and a number of changes were agreed A new draft will be prepared for the meeting in July.
 - b. It was agreed to delay the distribution until around the 15th September with a return date of 30th September. The reason for this is that the traffic is already increasing and it would not be sensible to conduct a survey during the main holiday months. By mid-September the traffic levels may be at a “new normal” so residents may see a better indication of future levels including commuter traffic.
 - c. Members will arrange the printing of the paper questionnaire which is expected to be two sides of A4 to include an explanation for the survey and an update on the present position. A copy will go onto the website and an article placed in the Whitchurch Bulletin. Members will distribute paper copies to all households in the Parish.
4. **Government Documents**

The Group discussed the following topics covered by Government website documents.

 - a. Possible legislation on the restriction of pavement parking UK wide. It was decided that any proposed legislation needs to be monitored as it could impinge on parking options.
 - b. Possible traffic and parking restrictions near primary schools. It was felt that this is unlikely in Whitchurch but needs monitoring.
 - c. Electric Charging Points. Members will investigate possibilities for the Village and monitor Government announcements.
5. **Update on the Progress of Civil Parking Enforcement**

We have been advised by a SODC/OCC officer that the Department of Transport has approved the Authorities’ application to have this transferred to them from the police. The legal documents are being prepared and all is on track for the transfer on the 1st November. There is a plan to send Borough and Parish Councils information in August which will include information on residents parking and will have “Frequently Asked Questions”. It is hoped that there will be capacity to receive applications for Residents’ Parking Schemes from November.

6. Update on Protection of the High Street Verge between Duchesse Close and Racquets

Three tenders have been requested from OCC approved contractors to insert 13 posts into the verge according to the plan approved by OCC Highways. Only one quote has been received. The second is being chased and the third said they were “too busy”. OCC are being asked for more names of contractors and when three quotes are received the proposal will be put to the Parish Council for approval.

7. Traffic Volumes

A member has contacted BP/Castrol and reported that they expect 60% of the workforce to be back on site by the end of September. The company running the toll bridge was also contacted and although they will not release data they did say that traffic volume over the bridge is not yet back to 2019 levels.

8. The date of the next meeting was agreed as 22nd July.