**Coleford Town Council**

**Highways and Public Safety Committee**

**Tuesday 19 September 2023**

**2.00pm – 4.00pm**

**Council Chamber**

**Present: Cllrs. M Cox, S Cox, and H Lusty**

**Nathan Choat (GCC Highways)**

1. Apologies received from Cllr Elsmore, Kay, Parker, Getgood, and Starr
2. No interests declared re: Items on the agenda
3. No dispensation requests were received
4. The minutes of 14 July 23 were proposed, and unanimously agreed.

**Chair, Cllr. M Cox signed a copy, as a true record**

1. Matters arising, that were not on this agenda, from the minutes of 14 July 2023:

All items are on the tracker or on this agenda so will be addressed then.

1. **Public Forum**: Jim Richmond (resident of Woodgate Road, Mile End). Traffic lights at Mile End cross roads, Five Acres garage crossroads 3 non-injury collisions in the past year. Consider conducting speed survey on that road, with longer term view to traffic calming measures. Neighbour also wrote in to complain (Ian Howells). Speed and intrusive noise directly related to speed vehicles are travelling. Device to record sound of passing vehicles may be being developed. Noise is down to homeowner to prove it is highway related. Woodgate Road is thoroughfare for students to/from Five Acres Academy. Dog killed recently (last 2-3 years). Frequency of accidents, it’s only a matter of time. Accidents – 2 at new entrance to New gate saw mills. Cyril Hart Way on right, near there. CTC will do Speedwatch cameras and gather evidence to see what we can do next. West Dean allocate £5k per annum to pay for speed survey and camera. GCC will put poles up as soon as Speedwatch team have given go ahead.

**Highways**

1. **To consider roadworks issues:** 
   1. **gas main in Lords Hill, openreach Broadwell, feedback re processes, and make recommendations including whole network approach**

Thanks to Wales and West Utilities for work at Lords Hill, following the discussion, in a sensible way and very good time frame, 1 week less on section 1 and 1 week less on section 3 than intended. We do have to have that first discussion and work it out.

Openreach at Broadwell, South Road. We checked [one.network](https://one.network/) (shows all live roadworks) and it appears this deadline for completion has been extended. Whole road is booked out, but actual works will only close part at a time. Bus stops will be closed. Stagecoach will re-plan their route. Refuse collection – there will be gate people signalling the closure. Church on Wynols estate, and Coalway Infants and Juniors will be notified. Bus shelter at Coalway is being replaced by GCC. They need to put a notice in for booking works. Pads will need to be laid on the road for machinery removing bus shelter.

Potential Central Government funding for the work on the culvert at Whitecliff. Still waiting for confirmation from EA. 11th October camera survey (1 in 300 year storm), report will outline costs for repair, may have to wait until budget allows. Hoping to roll the footway back down and remove traffic lights temporarily. Repairs still needed. Wider culvert conversation ongoing.

Gloucester Road lining – team was removed to do Tour of Britain, but now they are back to planned work. Now doing yellow boxes too.

Staunton Road lines haven’t been sorted. Hand work left to do. Machine work is done.

TRO: response to consultation with Hannah right now

Telephone exchange in Boxbush Road – not an option for many years yet.

Cycleway/footway approaching lights: Tufthorn Ave for part of site that isn’t complete. Expecting another application soon. Looking for s106 to come on down to the lights. Looking for costs. Change existing footway for shared use requires TRO. Footway would need widening to meet requirements for Active Travel. Couldn’t therefore use existing, would need further work on it. Put that in with the planning team when making request.

Asked Joe Baker for meeting.

At bottom of Poolway, 140 houses, discussion on water, access on roundabout or whatever goes in there. 30mph sign may need to go. Local green space in GCC ownership needs to be thought about. Half sold to house, need to make sure we still have green in that area. Exit from the estate (only way in and out) and Poolway (only way in and out), may get extremely difficult. Design phase – please involve us. Poolway Road into Coleford, old mine was on that corner – bear in mind. Coal fields people need to be involved. Main lorry route. We have traffic info to send to them if they need it.

Flooding at Lower Lane – need to raise it with the developers. Huge attenuation ponds – should allow for it.

CTC to go back to Nathan on place for gateway trees ASAP – we are in planting season now.

Tarmac on pavement instead of stones in Town Centre. GCC are doing improvements all along pavement. GCC will replace kerb from Mushet Walk to Solicitors. Pavers won’t go back down. Ice is deadly on some of these corners. GCC want to get away from specialist materials and to standard materials. Can get better skid resist materials. Easier to clear ice from Tarmac than ridges? We would like to be involved in a discussion. Works are booked in for end of January. Would like to do more there – speed cushions, may be able to replace both at the same time with Tarmac. They are potholed. Can’t remove them. Order on them. Has to be cushions there. Tarmac is easier to maintain. Design code under NDP review for Conservation Area. Tarmac was used to get contractors gone. Temporary as there is more works to be done. Active Travel route to bring people into town centre. No objection to some brickwork within Tarmac framework. Design would stand out more. GCC can be involved in discussion. Highway approved products don’t stick to bricks, but do stick to Tarmac.

* 1. **electric charging points: arrange site meeting for alternatives to Gloucester Rd and thus make further recommendations to GCC**

Meeting asking Steve Lowe for to sort out this

1. **To receive feedback re Victoria Rd/Bowens Hill Rd junction and road safety**
2. **To receive updates from GCC Highways, and make recommendations as necessary**

13/11-23/11 dates for South Road

Coalway Road not in forward plan – tried his hardest to get this. Jet patcher will come back and close road for a day to sort potholes. Will keep pushing to get it in the programme.

**Meeting was no longer quorate due to Cllr Lusty having to leave to go to another meeting. Remaining items will be worked on and updates will be brought to the next meeting.**

1. **To urgently update re: VAS camera installation** **and to make recommendations as necessary**
2. **Toconfirm Speedwatch arrangements: dates for use and volunteers/new councillors training**
3. **To review Highways Tracker, in conjunction with GCC Highways updates**

**Public Safety**

1. **To receive update from Police/ Mark Harper re: community forum and progress, date of next meeting.**
2. **To receive further update from Police including crime statistics, detection rates, and make recommendations as necessary.**
3. **To review and make recommendations re Coleford Resilience Plan:** 
   1. **To review status of renewed permission forms**
   2. **To consider ways to recruit: conversations, social media, newsletter (Nov?), stall on Tump**
   3. **To train, maintain, develop the group with shared understanding and purpose**
4. **To review feedback of Community Road Safety Partnership and make any recommendations.**

**Meeting closed at 3:32pm.**