**Coleford Town Council**

**Highways and Public Safety Committee**

**Tuesday 7 March 2023**

**3.00pm – 5.00pm**

**Council Chamber**

**Present: Cllrs. M Cox, S Cox, Elsmore, Lusty & Getgood**

**PCSO Tom Oliver**

**Public: Greg Daniels**

1. Apologies received from Nathan Choat (GCC Highways), and Dawn Teague, PCSO
2. No interests declared re: Items on the agenda
3. No dispensation requests were received
4. The minutes of 24 January 23 were proposed, and unanimously agreed.

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

1. **There were no matters arising, that were not on this agenda, from the minutes of 24 January 2023**
2. **Public Forum**

Greg Daniel~~s~~ stated that he was in attendance regarding Item 17 and TROs

**In light of the absence of Nathan Choat (GCC Highways), Cllr M Cox took Items pertaining to Police input first, in order to maximise efficient use of PCSO Tom Oliver’s time**

1. **To update re VAS camera installation and review Speedwatch arrangements in that context. To make recommendations as needed.**

Cllr. M Cox summarised, and for Town Clerk to progress with Matthew Parker, including arranging Site Visits

**19. To review Speedwatch schedule and training potential, with recommendations as necessary.**

Cllr. M Cox stated that some Speedwatch activity had been scheduled, and to be

focussed on the following areas:

* The Gorse / Lark Rise
* Edenwall, before Palmers Flat

**(Note:** a resident of that area keen to be trained)

* Old Station Way
* Coalway Road
* Prosper Lane Note: If any activity in Prosper Lane, then prior risk assessment to be done**~~.~~**

It was noted that speedwatch data should then be forwarded to David Holland, and PCSO Tom Oliver would provide advice on details to progress that on receipt of Cllr Elsmore’s email address

*Note: Subsequent to these minutes, the speedwatch activity wasn’t undertaken, due to bad weather conditions.*

1. **To receive update from Police including crime statistics (in attendance) and make recommendations as necessary**.

PCSO Tom Oliver provided a summary report on Coleford activity, and comparisons to previous year were noted, as similar.

More education awareness re: drugs was also being undertaken in Schools, within a strategy called ‘Fearless’, and Police also working more closely with parents in respect of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Orders. A new Police Cadet Corp has been established in the Forest, with 23 Cadets, and is positively engaging with local activities, and has provided a great opportunity for young people.

The Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Forum was also discussed, and it was noted that this forum would be progressed through more direct dialogue with Inspector. Nick Cook

Cllr. M Cox thanked PCSO Tom Oliver for his attendance, and updates, in particularly making the speed cameras available, and offering more training, to be scheduled when volunteers confirmed.

**Time: 3.27pm PCSO Tom Oliver left the meeting**

**Highways**

**M Cox took item 10 forward as G Daniel present from the public.**

1. **To consider response and make recommendations re TRO scheme Forest of Dean, including St John St and Market Place and also response re potential experiment in St John St to extend pavement and reorganise waiting spaces into part of the northern loading bay.**

Cllr.M Cox summarised the position re original TRO St John St following correspondence with Hannah Bassett-Louis, Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Manager, GCC. Essentially the waiting time was to be altered from 30 mins to 1 hour for the existing area on the left of St John St leaving Market Place; the disabled space to remain but be changed to 3 hours with no return within 3 hours; and that the northern loading bay to remain the same (as this is a no stopping at any time road); the southern loading bay to be reduced in size as there is a dropped kerb by the White Hart.

Given the no stopping status, it seemed unlikely that any trial could take place with GCC Highways agreement.

MC suspended the meeting for the public to make comment. Greg Daniels

MC recommenced meeting.

After further discussion, it was proposed, and unanimously agreed that:

**Recommendation 1:**

**Town Clerk to reply to NC and HBL to arrange a meeting e.g. by zoom with MC and members of the committee to consider the following.**

* the no stopping status, what that means, whether that could be changed and any criteria required for that to happen
* when the formal consultation on the proposed TRO starts and ends
* that CTC councillors would report back on the status of that TRO i.e. out for consultation and clarify that any ETRO would be separate

Also: as a separate entity

* the idea was to do the experiment/pilot to check the viability of a permanent change. Can this be done without a full ETRO?
* can any changes re northern loading bay area being used to substitute for waiting area be included in an pilot or ETRO?
* Which measurements would GCC require as base before subsequent findings taken in pilot/ ETRO?

**Recommendation 2:**

**Once roadworks have been completed on St. John’s Street, further census of traffic data is collected regarding flow on St. John’s Street, on a weekday and Saturday, with type of vehicle; footfall. This base-measure not to be during holiday periods, ~~and~~ or with roadworks**.

**Time: 4.00pm Greg Daniel~~s~~ left the meeting**

1. **To receive updates from GCC Highways, and to make recommendations as necessary**

In light of Nathan Choat’s absence, this Item was ~~not~~ taken according to the tracker details sent by NC, however many specifics missing, and for the Town Clerk to pursue GCC Highways, accordingly, regarding updates e.g. Tufthorn Ave to Tufthorn Lights cycle/footway

1. **To review Highway Tracker, in conjunction with GCC Highways updates**

Cllr. M Cox coordinated comments, and updated the Tracker regarding a number of items, including Tufthorn Avenue, St. John Street, Spirit of the Forest, and Road Safety Partnership; and for the Town Clerk, and staff, to further progress actions on the Tracker, from this meeting.

1. **To consider and make recommendation as necessary re. Local Green Space, Bakers Hill Triangle, part of which is a current planning application and part is owned by GCC Highways.**

Cllr. M Cox summarised issues re the degradation of the space, and the Town Clerk was asked to pursue Nathan Choat, GCC Highways, for answer as to when the GCC part of this sp

1. **To review roadworks in the Parish**

It was identified that the roadworks data is not accurate, and for the Town Clerk to investigate with GCC Highways/ relevant utilities further, especially when works are not carried on for the full working day eg Newland St, or not started when originally scheduled. Critical is the need for the town centre to be fully available for Easter Monday Carnival of Transport.

**Meeting closed at 5.00pm.**