**Coleford Town Council**

**Highways and Public Safety Committee**

**Monday 26 September 2022**

**2.30 – 4.30pm**

**Council Chamber**

**Present: Cllrs. M Cox, S Cox, Elsmore, Kyne, Nathan Choat (GCC Highways), Lauren Thompson (Police), Georgiana Jayne (Police), Laura-Jade Schroeder (Assistant Clerk&RFO)**

1. **Election of New Chair**

It was proposed and unanimously agreed to elect Cllr M Cox as the Chair.

**Proposed: Cllr Elsmore Seconded: Cllr S Cox**

1. **Apologies: Cllr. Getgood**
2. **No interests declared**
3. **No dispensation requests**
4. **The minutes of 24 May 22 Minutes were unanimously agreed and the Chair signed a copy.**
5. **Matters arising from the 24 May Minutes**

Concerns around Public Safety of the Poolway development Nathan Choat to send specific points to raise.

PROW – Cllr Allaway-Martin and Jeff Wheeler are working together on this.

Office to follow up on Community Speedwatch fund application.

Cllr M Cox raised the issue of speeding along Palmer’s Flat. The Police said there is no suitable place for a van to pull in and they are not allowed to park on the road to carry out speed checks. Any suggestions for an area requiring speed checks can be submitted and a team will go out to assess the suitability of the site before speed checks can begin.

1. **No members of the public were present**

**Highways**

1. **To receive updates from meeting with GCC Highways meeting of 27 June 2022**

This was reviewed as part of the tracker updates – please see tracker

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

Tracker was reviewed – please see tracker for updates.

1. **To review upcoming works in the Parish**

There is a sinkhole on Newland Street – road will be closed for maintenance. This may have implications for the lorries at Whitecliff quarry.

1. **To further consider Pavement, and Street Licensing / Seating area in St. Johns Street, and to make recommendations, as necessary.**

There is no evidence that this was implemented in Cirencester and NC requested evidence from Traders and they have not provided it.

There are 3 options:

1. extend the footway into the carriageway and amend the TRO to exclude that section – this will lead to a reduction in short term parking for other businesses
2. permanent pedestrianisation
3. Reduce the size of the loading bay and move everything else up. This requires engineering and therefore there will have costs attached – approximately £25k

**Public Safety**

1. **To receive updates, and to review Public Safety Tracker**

No tracker items currently set up

1. **To consider raised matters, and to make recommendation re meetings with Gloucestershire Police**

The Police updated. POP Plan - hot spots - agencies involved

Nothing for older kids to do. Younger children afraid to go to Bells

Police have no power to disperse – youths are not causing significant issues - they'll just move to another place.

Graffiti - Gloucester City council artwork on BT boxes – no progression

Police suggested street artists visit schools - not progressed

Swimming, tennis courts would be beneficial to give young people more things to do.

The Main Place could offer more for youngsters.

Cllr N Penny was invited out on patrol.

Report EVERYTHING - they don't necessarily get the message unless it is logged as an incident.

The Police will communicate with older drivers about dial a ride.

Later Days Campaign - elderly safe after dark hours – they will incorporate talking about driving conditions.

6-10th October is cross county operation - involving county lines - community engagement vehicle - Bells Field and Clock Tower.

Police will bring General crime details for 6th October meeting.

Great Oaks Hospice and FVAF both doing community wellbeing - go to FODDC - check who we talk to and how different programmes work.

FODDC emergency plan is being done today and will be released this week

1. **To make recommendations re: Annual Risk Assessment**

Not taken at this meeting. To be considered further at scheduled Risk Management workshop.

**Meeting closed 4.30 pm**