**Coleford Town Council**

**Highways and Public Safety Committee**

**Thursday 18 July 2024**

**9.00am – 11.00am**

**Council Chamber**

**Present: Cllrs. M Cox, S Cox, C Elsmore, P Kay, M Getgood**

**Nathan Choat (GCC Highways), PCSO Oliver**

**Laura-Jade Schroeder**

1. **No apologies were received**
2. **No interests were declared re: Items on the agenda**
3. **There were no dispensation requests**
4. **The minutes of 2 May 24 were proposed (PK), seconded (CE) and unanimously agreed.**

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

1. **Matters arising, that were not on this agenda, from the minutes of 2 May 24:**

Follow up with Nick Cook re: police shift work. Number of people in station at what times? What is the baseline?

Fire and Ambulance to be invited or to send a report.

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

**Highways**

1. **To consider roadworks issues, and make recommendations as necessary.**
2. **To receive updates from GCC Highways, and make recommendations as necessary, including:**
   1. **Market Place**

The Regen committee have put a recommendation to Full Council to agree heritage paving slabs. Locations have been sent to NC.

Highways will lift stones on footway opposite Dora Matthews, end of September, and reset.

Traders annoyed about Town Centre being closed at late notice. It was planned to be done later on. Potholes needed sorting before CMF with pedestrians on roadway. Emergency road closures Highways cannot notify anyone. It was a safety issue. CTC will report this back to traders. Town Centre was open for the entire time. St John’s Street was closed for half a day.

Tried to do Perrygrove under normal traffic management, but wasn’t possible due to size of machinery.

High Street past the cinema. Highways need to confirm budgets.

Barriers outside bus stop are being replaced soon. Additional money has been received from Shire Hall to improve safety.

* 1. **Broadwell Bridge**

Mannequin on junction needs to be removed – it is a distraction. It is attached to Highways pole – not allowed. Speed survey is currently underway. Data received next week. Held it back due to resurfacing of North Road. Survey bands have gone now, so safety team will review and feedback. Can’t plan with TRO money. County Cllrs have Highway local funding – election next year so can be agreed in principle but a new cllr may change this plan. Time scale is a concern with residents. No further reports of near misses or incidents. CTC to contact residents leading the facebook page to let them know the mannequin is a problem. It can be used elsewhere, but just not at the crossroads. NC to contact the school to let them know where is suitable. Stuart McLester Chair of Governors, James Barrow Head of Coalway Juniors – NC to contact them. School, Highways and CTC can meet at school and see what next steps are re: moving it. Can store at Cannop until September when school re-opens. They have to be moved by next week.

1. **To review Tracker, in conjunction with GCC Highways and Flood Authority updates, including:**
   1. **VAS sign installation**

Thanks to NC for delivery VAS sign and additional fixings have been delivered. Poles are going up in the next 25 days. We may need tuition on how to remove it and move it. West Dean – Jim Richmond should be able to show us. Edenwall, Staunton Rd, The Gorse. Speedwatch timing may be needed again soon. We have a new volunteer. CTC to send message to West Dean and Newland to ask if any volunteers require training. Do speedwatch session again 6 months after signs have been in. All cllrs and police to keep eyes open and review.

* 1. **Bakers Hill green space and roundabout**

Cllr M Cox is concerned about roundabout that is proposed. Local green space on triangle in middle of Bakers Hill will be affected – eaten into for dumping and removal of works, moving the gas governor to that side of the road. Dangerously concerned about lorries coming down Bakers hill, losing control/going too fast and pull to left and go through gas governor. Police to review in planning application. Nothing is in the planning application at the moment. They’ve begun moving pipes to where the governor might go already. That corner is still Highways owned. Looking at putting grass seed down there. It is with streetworks team to work with gigaclear to make good.

* 1. **TRO**

TRO has now been signed off legally. Need to just change the signs. There now needs to be another TRO if anything is to be done about humps in the road. Staffing has improved and it is going faster now. Change to road humps needs to go through this process. TRO for 20mph – need to amend to remove humps. Local Plan is out for consultation – we will review NDP in response. If we had consultation that around the town needs to be different, this could be consulted. TRO £15-20k for legal order. Keeping them as crossing areas. Could be looking at £50k. Repairing is easier than removing them. A week and half road closure for each hump to be removed. We would need to relocate bus stop temporarily if we did it. May do a traffic management study in whole town centre as part of NDP. Drop kerbs could come up as a traffic centre study. We want a crossing on Old Station Way too. Can we put all in one? Active travel – toucan crossing – was £85k. Still work to be done on mechanics around Clock Tower. No definite plan yet. Corridor down Old Station Way, past Clock Tower and down St John Street as refined corridor.

* 1. **Water infrastructure upgrades**

CTC to contact Joe re: Spout. Road has been up for a while now.

* 1. **Kingsmeade crossing update**

Response has gone to Democratic Services to respond to residents.

* 1. **Correspondence re: Highways**

Resident complaining about paving being taken up and tarmac put in. Drop kerbs need addressing. Highways are happy with the work and more will be done this year. Heritage aspect of conservation area will review again, but Highways are happy it is working effectively. Finishing up to Proper Job this year.

* 1. **Local Plan**

Nothing further re: Local Plan

Other tracker items:

Additional money received to do lining to join what was done last year. Lidl to Lambsquay joined to Bream Avenue, and Bakers Hill. It’s with the contractor. £500,000 extra received for lining.

Complimented again on Coalway bus shelter – people like that its new and the environmental roof. Complaint about rain coming in though.

Resurfaced North Road. Plans for closure of Fetter Hill resurfacing – down to Ellwood junction. Coalway Rd and Lords Hill not in forward programmes yet. No local money for it. Need to wait for it to come up in larger programme. JCB pothole pro did Lambsquay. Drain at Lambsquay/Puzzlewood has lifted again. Road mender in town centre and pike crossroads. Hot rolled ash felt cracks, then winter comes and makes it worse. Sealed now before winter so will see how this fares. Buses heaving road and it looks to be moving but will monitor. Road mender looks to be a good product – environmentally better too. For every ton of material it has 9 lorry tyres in the blend so is recycling. Anything swept goes in boiler to be re-boiled and reused. 20 ton of plannings delivered to Cannop – we can use this for Angus Buchanan. Easement is not part of PROW. Tar and chip is being done – Newland area. People don’t like it though. Pingry Lane resurfacing – no plans yet.

Cleaning road signs – street name signs is FODDC and directional signs are Highways. May need to get volunteer work on board to deal with weeds.

Switch main lights off to do footway by police station – end of august early September – won’t be switched off over Bank holiday. Victoria Rd – storm drain – will keep pressure on Wales and West Utilities to get that removed. Signs being replaced – NC to send plan. Back of sign at Broadwell is rusty – it is being replaced.

Whitecliff – internal cctv of pipe to check tomorrow. Lining at Poolway - meeting next week.

Newland St – Skew bridge – FODDC accept it is their bridge – Highways due to investigate water affecting bridge – NC to talk to Harry Ives.

1. **To review Speedwatch arrangement, links with neighbouring groups, training, and programme for 2024 and make any recommendations**

CTC to send email to Newland and West Dean. Keep West Dean in link, and will let them know when we’re doing things. Need more speedwatch people to be trained – new cllrs? Need 3 people at a time. One person needed to hold sign. Lines on road again after signs have been put up instead of having speedwatch? NC to look into.

**Public Safety**

1. **To receive update from Police re: ASB, and community forum**

Meeting is planned. TO to send list of agencies involved.

Angel Vale – kids in park

Broadwell club

Newland St – ASB dropped

FVAF – not reported anything. Going to youth club – this is working well.

New graffiti tag being investigated

1. **To receive further update from Police including crime statistics, detection rates, and make recommendations as necessary**

Dropped in Coleford Central and East – all very positive

CMF was ok – just 1 arrest on Saturday for assault. Police worked well with security services that were in.

Vandalism of stones on Burial path – stones will be put back up next week. Review of policy of managing green lanes is underway.

1. **To note revised Coleford Resilience Plan, and potential training on Emergency planning to include:**
   1. **Map of defibrillators**

Done but needs a check

* 1. **Bleed control kit**

Has been ordered, not arrived.

* 1. **Volunteer recruitment**

Need suggestions for how to recruit people and how to keep them. Volunteer day to do something together? Different categories of volunteering. Cubs/Scouts – community badge – CTC to ask if they’re interested – could do weeding/litter picking.

We have adopted the new resilience plan.

**Meeting closed at 10:43am.**