**Coleford Town Council**

**Highways and Public Safety Committee**

**Tuesday 14 July 2023**

**2.00pm – 4.00pm**

**Council Chamber**

**Present: Cllrs. M Cox, S Cox, Elsmore, Parker, Kay, and Getgood**

**Nathan Choat (GCC Highways)**

**Cllr Allaway-Martin (County Councillor)**

1. Cllr M Cox was proposed (CE) and seconded (PK) and unanimously agreed
2. Apologies received from Tom Oliver and Dawn Teague, PCSOs, and Cllr Starr
3. No interests declared re: Items on the agenda
4. No dispensation requests were received
5. The minutes of 23 May 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 23 May 2023:

Active Travel strategy – nothing received from FoDDC re: Gofee. Cllr Elsmore raised it last night, so will hopefully hear something soon.

Telephone exchange – follow up

1. No members of the public were present

**Highways**

1. **To consider On Street Parking Order 2017 consultation re: Market Place and St John St (respond by 21 July), and make recommendations as necessary**

Go back to Traders and ask for comments to go to GCC Highways. Plan is to regularise parking times within town centre. Disabled bay staying same in St John Street – same as bay by Tesco Express. Difference is loading bay by bank is shorter. The dropped kerb by Old White Hart needed access. Re: disability parking, NC to check on TRSG – without sign doesn’t need blue badge. Loading at St John Street – shortening means people can cross over more easily.

We want clarification on signage to be clear this is blue badge disabled parking with conditions that are supposed to be attached. Loading bay to South of St John street – potentially not sufficient in length for traders. Ask TRO manager – is it big enough for a lorry (6 or 8 wheeler) and is it sensible enough for manoeuvring? Changing loading bay to parking – northern bay of St John Street. Why is there a ‘no waiting at any time’ on this road? What effect does this layout have for the road? Another request to go to TRO manager for response to questions. Old White Hart would require articulated lorry. We will recommend to traders to send their views too. Re: Joint user streets – traders generally in favour of swap over of northern loading bay, if ETRO goes ahead, TRO manager will likely not tolerate a pilot scheme. NC has no available budget for TRO’s. Cllr Allaway-Martin has only contingency money left for next year. Nothing to spend for this year. She is making case for increased budget needed for Highways related issues. Escalate to Brian (area manager). Traders would not be stakeholder as Town Council so would only be informed by sign on lamp post. Councillors to let traders know for their comments.

1. **To consider roadworks issues:** 
   1. **especially gas main in Lords Hill, agree processes, and make recommendations including re compensation if needed.**

Andrew Wilding (Wales and West Utilities) – here for meeting next Tuesday 11am. Make sure bus route is raised with him. Bells Golf Club and Rec Ground affected – summer events. 1 bend in road, children using road – need to make sure it is safe. Infrastructure improvements are needed. Need workable system that works for everyone. Wales and West should visit businesses – build relationship. They were assuming starting on July 31st not 21st. Continuing until end of September – problems with taking children to school. Children cannot easily cross at Broadwell bridge – need to keep an eye on this. Not closing road – using traffic lights. Need to check if they could do section by section. 2 way lights only allowed every 300m – maximum. We want minimum time where work isn’t being done – long days are better to get work completed quicker.

* 1. **electric charging points in Gloucester Rd and make further recommendations to GCC NB timing.**

No response received. NC isn’t involved in this. National Grid need to do work. GCC contractor puts points in. Waiting to hear when that work is being done. It is in a conservation area. Looking for rapid charging because next to takeaways. Could we put some down Newland St – section where there’s no drives, terraced houses, conservation area doesn’t go all the way down Newland St – possibly ends just after Baptist Church? Not to be destination chargers – meant for people with no off street parking.

Steve still not responded re: meeting requested. Email him again, noting request for rapid chargers. This is Conservation Area, near to take-away restaurants in area heavily parked. Also NB potential position in Newland St west side out of town centre, where terraced housing to be investigated. Cc NC who will also contact Steve. District Councillors asked to follow up timing of rapid EV chargers in Main car park.

1. **To update re: VAS camera installation** **and to make recommendations as necessary**

GCC’s Matthew Parker has left but his successors have picked up this correspondence and will action next week re agreed location, and will check with NC position of posts. Should go forward: any problems with info, they will contact CTC. With ANPR is fixed position, but cost of letters etc needs to be picked up by CTC after year 1. With VAS contractor will need to be asked to change locations as specified. GCC will send paperwork, which needs to be completed.

1. **To confirm Speedwatch training arrangements, with dates for volunteers/new councillors, working with Newland.**

At Full Council arrange date with new councillors, MG and send suggestions for 3 possible dates in August to both Newland and Tom Oliver.

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

Please see below.

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

Tracker has been updated as far as this part of the minutes is concerned.

**Public Safety**

1. **To receive update from Police/ Mark Harper re: knife crime reduction in the Forest, and measures in place following recent events, and to make recommendations as necessary.**

No response to date. Interested organisations have been told that £250 cost for visit by County Knife Crime unit and Baptist Church is considering funding. Put in request for a meeting again.

1. **To receive update from Police re: vandalism, and** **to make recommendations as necessary.**

Apologies from the Police, unable to attend, no written info received . Resident request re anti-social behaviour at Gorsty Knoll: motor cycle/drug issue? Refer to Police for investigation.

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

No update received

1. **To review and make recommendations re: participation in Resilience Plan; GDPR and renew permission forms**

Check forms have gone out, if not send and record volunteer responses.

1. **To advise/appoint attendee(s) for Community Forum and Road Safety Partnership.**

Cllr P Kay to attend RSP

**Meeting closed at 3:45pm.**