

Whiteley Parish Council

Highways and Transport Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 21st October 2009 at 7.40pm.

Parish Council Committee members present: Kairen Goves (Chairman), Vivian Achwal, Roland Diffey, Mike Evans, Al Menzies,

Parish Councillors Colin Bielckus, David Jenkins, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Paul Beaumont, Brian Hughes (Vice-Chairman) Brenda Hatch, Pat Thew
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public** Not required.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To progress proposals within the adopted 'Safer Access to Schools' paper

4.1.1 To consider HCC draft proposals for safety improvements to Yew Tree Drive crossing areas. **The draft Safer Routes to School proposals are to upgrade signage and repaint road as existing. The Committee agreed the proposals were disappointing and offer no additional safety measures. The agreed response is noted overleaf.**

4.2 To receive update on the yellow line review regarding the parking issues in Parkway and elsewhere. **A request for Whiteley to be made a lorry free zone has been made to WCC. Following a resident's concerns regarding the length of white line markings on dropped kerbs in the Business Park, the Chairman has looked at the markings and considers them to be of an adequate length. Progress on the yellow lines is still awaited.**

4.3 To consider issues relating to HCC's Whiteley Emergency Traffic Plan **HCC Cllr Allgood has been asked for emergency plans should Whiteley Way be blocked between R2 roundabout and Parkway.**

4.4 To receive update on proposed improvements to Whiteley bus services including researching request for bus shelter opposite the Solent Hotel. **It was noted that the request for a shelter was from users of a private bus service serving a non catchment school. It was agreed not to proceed with the request.**

4.5 To receive update on requests to HCC/Police Road Safety Unit including maintenance requests. **The maintenance list has been updated to include pavement / greenway cracks in a number of areas.**

5. **To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** None.
6. **Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available** Continue to monitor.
7. **Recent correspondence / reports from meetings of relevance to this committee.** A resident of East Whiteley asked for speed reduction measures to be implemented in Whiteley Lane. A response from HCC has been received outlining why this would not be appropriate, a copy has been forwarded to the resident for information.

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Agenda item 4.1.1 Response to HCC Safer Routes to School proposed improvements

The Council is disappointed that the proposals are a refurbishment of existing measures and offer nothing new to slow traffic; all proposals are visual and as such are reliant on the compliance of drivers.

The Council requests that consideration be given to a speed table extending five metres either side of the crossing point preferably with further tables 70 m to the south east and north west of the crossing.

Comments regarding the impact on buses have been received. This route is used by very few buses and there are no plans to increase the bus services in the medium term but it is noted that similar measures have been used outside Swanmore Primary School and on the access route to Wildern School which are on bus routes.

Members have inspected the condition of Yew Tree Drive where the measures are proposed and noted that the existing wearing course in the vicinity of the high friction surfacing is also showing signs of failure. Your assurance that the existing surfacing will be refurbished prior to the application of any new surface treatments would be appreciated.