

**A meeting of the Traffic Committee of Halberton Parish Council will be held at
Halberton Village Hall on Wednesday, 4 October 2023 at 7.30pm**

All members of the Traffic Committee are summonsed to attend for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda below.

**Sue McGeever
Clerk for Halberton Parish Council
28/09/2023**

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4	Approval of the Minutes of 6 September 2023	2 to 6

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Minutes of the Traffic Committee of Halberton Parish Council held at Halberton Village Hall On Wednesday, 6 September 2023

Present: Councillors Batchelor, Browse and Graham together with Liz Brooks, Christina Curee e Couto and Terry Payne. The Clerk was also in attendance.

Councillor Batchelor chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Margaret Anderson, Georgie Fice, Jerry Mahany and Neil Purves.

Jerry Mahany and Neil Purves had advised that they would both be stepping down from the committee.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Forum

There was no-one present for the public forum.

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 7 June 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

5. Update of Vision Zero South West

VAS posts

Councillor Browse had circulated the location on the two posts in the High Street. Both posts were on private land (Methodist Church and Village Hall) and would be installed by David Williams. It would be possible to turn the VAS unit around on one of the units to monitor traffic in both directions.

Councillor Batchelor would collect the posts (specifications as received from James Anstee) and deliver to Councillor Browse at the Methodist Church.

The post installed by Devon County Council in Lower Town was for new signs.

It was noted that because the VAS units were on private land, the volunteers would not need to have Chapter 8 training.

The Clerk had provided Georgie Fice with all the information required to complete a Health & Safety document specific to Halberton and volunteers could also be given access to the Devon County Council document that was available online. An example of a Risk Assessment form had also been provided and would need to be completed for both sites.

Action: Georgie Fice

A volunteer form had been produced that could be used for those volunteering to assist the Traffic Committee/Road Wardens in its/their work.

Other Action points:

- Press Release when VAS units in place (GF)

Road Signs

A delivery date for the pedestrian signs was still awaited. Regular follow up emails copying in Councillor Slade were undertaken.

Action: Clerk in contact with DCC

Flashing lights at school

The flashing lights at the school had been approved in writing from Devon County Council Highways and a final meeting to confirm location was being organised.

Quotes for the lights themselves from two suppliers had been circulated with the agenda for this meeting and a further quote from Messagemaker had been received.

Devon County Council had recommended the use of Simmons signs and their quote was the second highest. It was felt the product aligned to the cheapest quote were of a lesser standard.

James Anstee had approved the use of Vision Zero funding for the flashing lights and had been copied in on all correspondence. Clerk to ensure that written confirmation had been received

Action: Clerk to contact James Anstee

Parish Council to confirm expenditure at a Full Meeting (21 September 23)

Accounts

The Parish Council has still not been invoiced for works by DCC – this is likely to occur in the next financial year. This is understood to be acceptable to Vision Zero.

Action: Clerk to monitor

6. Discussion on a new action plan for the Traffic Committee

At the previous meeting it had been agreed to remove the agenda items:

- Update on actions resulting from the Petition
- Update on ways to submit traffic incidents/submissions

given the time elapsed and the lack of incidents being reported.

Actions from the meeting with Devon County Council resulting from the petition had been raised again at a meeting in June 2023 as reported in the agenda:

A meeting had taken place in June with DCC. The following items were discussed:

1. Flashing lights at the school in Lower Town

It was agreed that the best location for the lights would be a) on Jubilee Corner facing down the hill towards Lower Town and b) by the existing school sign heading from Pethertons towards the car park and Church Lane.

As reported in Item 5 above.

2. The pavement at Church Lane

The agreed action was for DCC to draw up a legal document to allow the Parish Council to acquire the land and provide drawings of the proposed pavement.

3. The Mead Playing Field to Cordwents

The Parish Council had received the new Heads of Terms for The Mead which will allow a pathway from the Mead to the car park – again allowing pedestrians safe access.

The Parish Council would be reviewing the Heads of Terms at its next full meeting and it was likely that a solicitor would be appointed and quotes obtained for the installation of the path.

Action: Councillor Browse/Clerk

4. Signage through Vision Zero grant

See item 5 above.

5. VAS units

See item 5 above.

6. Flooding at the Farm Shop

It is understood that this will be looked at as part of the work to re-surface the road currently scheduled for the autumn (confirmed dates in October).

7. Pedestrian Crossing at the Village Hall

The Parish Council is currently consulting with parishioners as to the need for a pedestrian crossing.

8. Railings at the pond

It is understood that the railings are scheduled to be replaced.

9. Potential pavement at The Hickory Inn

Some work has taken place at The Hickory Inn but it is believed further work is required.

Work was ongoing with respect to the neighbourhood parking that was supposed to be part of The Orchard development and the need to provide parking at the Sampford Peverell end of the village remained on the agenda so that a pavement could be installed.

Action: Clerk

10. Lorries on the Halberton to Willand road

The Parish Clerk had met with the police on 30 August 2023 and they would be writing a report to Devon County Council on the need to prevent lorries that did not have local business from using restricted routes through Halberton and causing damage to properties.

11. Rose Cottage Bridge

It is understood that there is no current plan for a priority system to be put in place but when the road is re-surfaced, additional road marks may be put in place.

12. Lorries between Halberton and Brithem Bottom

The number of long vehicles attempting to travel from Halberton to Cullompton via Brithem Bottom is increasing with them having to back up along the lanes on reaching the T Junction.

There are weight restrictions on the road and one 'unsuitable for long vehicles' sign heading up the road to Crossparks from Crow Green. This issue related to 10. Above and was considered at the meeting with the police.

Action: Councillor Browse/Clerk to monitor work with the police

Community Speed Watch

The Parish Council has taken the decision to re-introduce the Community Speed Watch scheme and a call for volunteers had been put in the last edition of the Newsletter and three volunteers had come forward.

Action: Clerk to contact the Community Speed Watch team
Information to be included in the Newsletter

Electric Car Charging points

The Parish Council was also considering the need for electric car charging points once the Power of Competence had been achieved. Potential sites could be the Jubilee Car Park and the Farm Shop Car Park (subject to approval).

The Traffic Committee felt the key points were to improve pedestrian safety through the various initiatives identified above with the first focus being on lorries through the village.

7. Update on lorries and potential action on weight limits

See item 6, 10. above.

In addition, it was noted that a public campaign had been initiated as a result of the proposed landfill site at Greenway. Gathering expert information on traffic movements along Blundells Road would also give an indication of current HGV and agricultural traffic entering Halberton Parish.

The next meeting was on 11 September 2023 and Terry Payne undertook to attend on behalf of the Traffic Committee.

Action: Terry Payne/Clerk

8. Update on 20mph extension submission

Expression of Interest for 20mph speed limit

Halberton would continue to press for a 20mph speed limit in Lower Town.

20's plenty campaign

The campaign was actively petitioning DCC for more funding to be allocated to 20mph speed limits.

Seddon signs

No requests for Seddon signs had been received by the Clerk.

9. Joint speed limit committee

The Clerk had contacted Sampford Peverell, Uffculme and Willand and received confirmation that all still wished to be involved. A meeting would be called and other parishes would be invited.

Action: Clerk

10. Other traffic related items

Overgrown hedges

It was noted that hedges would be cut back as part of the re-surfacing work.

Action: Clerk to monitor.

Mirror at the top of Orpington

It was suggested that a mirror at the top of Orpington would be beneficial to traffic users.

Action: Clerk

Traffic Counting on the Halberton to Tiverton road

It appeared that traffic counting was going on along the road from Tiverton Golf Course to Red Linhay.

Action: Clerk to ascertain its purpose

12. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday, 4 October 2023 at 7.30pm when a new agenda would be set

Action: Councillor Graham to book the Jubilee Room

Following the meeting, recent vandalism in the High Street was raised and this would be discussed at the Parish Council meeting with a request to move the possibility of a neighbourhood watch scheme along.

Signed _____ Date _____
Chairman

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5	Update of Vision Zero South West	7

VAS posts

DCC have provided the specifications for the posts that will go on private land.

Action: Parish Council to organise installation

VAS signs

Delivered

Other Action points:

- Press Release upon receipt of VAS units (GF)
- Press Release when VAS units in place (GF)
- H&S documentation for volunteers
- Forms for volunteers

Signs

A delivery date for the pedestrian signs is still awaited. There are supply issues.

Action: Clerk in contact with DCC

Flashing lights at school

Confirmation has been received from DCC that the Vision Zero monies can be used to purchase the flashing lights. The cost will involve a top-up from Parish Council funds.

Accounts

Information has been received that the Parish Council may not be invoiced for works by DCC until the next financial year. This is understood to be acceptable to Vision Zero.

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6	Action Plan	8

In line with the minutes of the last meeting, the Traffic Committee would concentrate on improving pedestrian safety through the following initiatives:

a) Flashing lights at the school in Lower Town (see Vision Zero)

b) The pavement at Church Lane

The agreed action was for DCC to draw up a legal document to allow the Parish Council to acquire the land and provide drawings of the proposed pavement.

c) The Mead Playing Field to Cordwents

d) Signage through Vision Zero grant

See item 5 above.

e) VAS units

See item 5 above.

f) Potential pavement at The Hickory Inn

g) Lorries on the Halberton to Willand road, through the village and through Brithem Bottom

The first focus would be on the flashing lights and lorries.

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Tim Walsh of Devon and Cornwall Police has written a comprehensive report on lorries on the Halberton-Willand road and the wider parish which has been sent to DCC.

The report has been followed up and an on-site meeting requested.

Actions: Clerk to liaise

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9	20mph speed limits	10

Expression of Interest for 20mph speed limit

A new application to be submitted when they re-open in 2024.

Action: Clerk to monitor

Self-funded 20mph speed limit zones

A request for costings had been made.

Action: Clerk to monitor

20's plenty campaign

Halberton Parish Council is signed up to the campaign.

Signs for windows, bins and cars are available from the Village Hall.

Seddon signs

It was agreed that these signs would not be used in the existing 20mph area.

One or two signs have appeared in the 30mph areas.

Should a note be put in the Newsletter to say they are available for Brithem Bottom, Crossparks, Lower Town etc.

Information would suggest that provided they are on private land, Highways is happy for them to be displayed.

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10	Joint speed limit committee	11

There is ongoing work to raise funding for a traffic survey relating to the Greenway application.

A positive response has been received from Sampford Peverell, Uffculme and Willand with regard to the another joint speed limit committee meeting.

Action: Clerk