

## HALBERTON TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Present:

Ian Batchelor (Parish Councillor), Carol Graham (Parish Councillor), Councillor Colin Slade (Devon County Council) and Margaret Anderson, Liz Brooks, Cristina Cure e Couto, Georgie Fice, Mel Haslam, Catherine Kellow, Jerry Mahany, Terry Payne and Lindsey Rowe.

### 1. Apologies

Ken Browse (Parish Councillor), Tom and Nuala Gear and Debbie Wall Pamer who is leaving the committee.

### 2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest

### 3. Progress Report

Councillor Batchelor (Chairman) opened the meeting.

Councillor Slade confirmed that he would take the Halberton Traffic Committee report to the next HATOC meeting in mid-February and that the finished report should be with him as near to the beginning of February as possible.

The report should include all areas that the committee would like to see improved and Councillor Batchelor asked all members to complete the spreadsheet circulated with the call of the meeting to identify areas for improvement.

All Traffic Committee members to have completed the form by end December 2021.

**Action:** Clerk to re-circulate spreadsheet and co-ordinate all the responses.

Clerk to speak to Councillor Furmedge about the possibility of making the spreadsheet available online through Google docs so that all Traffic Committee members could comment but not edit a single document rather than have the need for the Clerk to co-ordinate responses.

It was also noted that Councillor Furmedge had set a form up on the website to allow all parishioners to enter traffic related problems.

**Action:** Clerk to ensure access to form clearly visible on website

Barrie Corden's report on the traffic signals had been sent to Councillor Slade who had received a response from James Bench who had indicated that he would look at the signs and replace them as and when necessary.

Both Meg Booth and Stuart Hughes were aware of the traffic problems within the area and so a strong plan and strategy needed to be produced alongside the petition signed by parishioners and interested parties.

Members of the Traffic Committee undertook to obtain signatures on the petition from parishioners.

It was hoped that work on the petition would be completed by end December 2021.

**Action:** Clerk to ensure that the petition was available online and links to it circulated through Facebook and Halberton Nextdoor.

The strategic plan needed to include:

- Identification of the problem(s)
- Identification of the desired outcome
- Possible solution(s)
- Cost implications
- Action the village can take itself (Road Warden scheme/Speed Watch)
- Desired action by Devon County Council/Police and Crime Commissioner

The need for a collaborative approach was emphasised.

Problems should be prioritised in order of the danger they posed to public and road safety.

The Clerk had sent the video of the lorry to the local police and a response of possible actions had been circulated to the Traffic Committee and these actions could be included in the report.

**Action:** Clerk to ask police if they would follow up the video with the company/driver concerned.

#### **4. Vision Zero**

The application from the Traffic Committee to Vision Zero had been approved for the full amount of £10,000, however, there was a significant amount of work to be done before the money would be released and a liaison officer at Devon County Council had been appointed by Vision Zero. It was agreed that a small committee of Jerry Mahany, Georgie Fice and Elizabeth Brooks together with the Clerk would work to achieve realisation of the funding.

The group would feed back to the Traffic Committee.

**Action:** Clerk to circulate letter to all Traffic Committee members and Councillor Slade.

Clerk to follow up on email already sent to James Anstee copying the three appointed members.

Clerk to contact Steve Short (DCC) who had provided valuable information to the Parish Council in the past regarding VAS etc.

#### **5. Road Warden Scheme**

The Road Warden scheme allowed for members of the Parish Council or willing parishioners to train as Road Wardens and carry out minor repairs and works to maintain the parish roads such as filling in minor potholes.

Councillor Browse held the required qualification and Councillors Batchelor and Furmedge would be undertaking the course in the coming months.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

Concern was expressed that there were a significant number of aggregate lorries coming through the village. It was suggested that a member of the Traffic Committee should follow a lorry to see where it was going. It was noted that lorries for the Tiverton East development should not be using the Sampford Peverell to Tiverton Road.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Councillor Radford to ascertain that the

#### **7. Date of next meetings**

5 January 2022 @ 7.30pm

2 February 2022 @ 7.30pm

Meetings to take place in the Village Hall (restrictions allowing).

In the event of restrictions, the meetings could take place via Zoom.

Report to Councillor Slade 14 February 2022 latest.  
HATOC meeting 23 February 2022 @ 10.30am