

Minutes of the Aylsham Town Council Traffic Group Meeting held on Wednesday 29th June 2022

Present

Trevor Bennett	Lynda Hartley
Clare Alban	Barry Lancaster
Ellie Baker	Pat Prekopp
Paul Baker	Arthur Rope
Catherine Fletcher	

Sue Lake

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from:

Andy Christie	David Faulkner
Gordon Clarke	Nicholas Haag
Mary Evans	Richard Laxen

2 Minutes

The clerk apologised as the minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2022 were not yet available.

3 Traffic Strategy

Following the meeting in May the consultants had sent a response Strategy. These responses were discussed in detail

a) Vehicle Speeds

20mph is not enforceable and tends to only be adhered to if the road conditions appear to make it reasonable. It was felt that the town centre should have a blanket 20 limit. Trevor Bennett will map the area so the group can confirm what the boundaries of the town centre are.

b) Penfold Street

The proposal here was to reclaim some of the road back for pedestrians by closing the road to the side of the pump near Concept Carpets. This idea was welcomed but there was concern regrading larger vehicles making the turns. Lynda Hartley advised she would test this out with a large vehicle she owns.

c) Market Place and Red Lion Street

This matter caused a lot of debate and the proposals were not welcomed as the dispersal of vehicles was seen to still be a problem. The numbers linked to the one-way system seemed very high and it was queried how these were reached. It is believed to be because all vehicles would need to follow the one-way system and that would lead to vehicles travelling the route because they have to rather than that is the way they wish to travel i.e. all cars exiting the Manor Park estate would have to follow the one-way system rather than a simple right turn to get to the A140.

It was also felt that buses **MUST** continue to come through town so a one-way system was probably not workable.

After a lengthy discussion it was felt the only achievable and workable solution would be some form of traffic calming on Red Lion Street and this will be put to the developers.

The Market Place realm improvements were welcomed.

d) Burgh Road give-way

No problems with this remaining but Burgh Road is going to be an issue once the new development is built.

e) Transport Hubs

The group were basically in favour of this

f) Cycle routes

It was felt not much thought had gone into this aspect of the report

Points from the report which do not seem to need discussion

- Red Lion Street / White Hart Street pedestrian crossing
- Wayfinder signage
- Sir Williams Lane / Aylsham High School pedestrian crossing
- Marriott's Way improvements
- Bure Valley School
- Car parks
- Public transport strategy
- Cawston Road/ Mill Road

Most of these were considered to be fine.

One member asked why the Cawston Road/Mill Road junction suggestion of yellow lines had been omitted. After discussion it was agreed to retain this in the report

4. Next Stages

The clerk will respond to the report

5. To note any items for future discussion

Need to discuss the work schedule

6. To note date of next meeting

Wednesday July 27th 2022

The meeting closed at 9.20pm