



## Minutes of the Aylsham Town Council Traffic Group Meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Present

Ellie Baker  
Paul Baker  
Gordon Clarke  
Sue Catchpole

Lynda Hartley  
Mary Evans  
Arthur Rope

Sue Lake

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from:

Clare Alban  
Trevor Bennett  
Andy Christie

Richard Laxen  
Pat Prekopp

In the absence of the chairman Mary Evans took the chair.

### 2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January were circulated with the agenda. The minutes were **AGREED**

### 3. Traffic Survey

The baseline Traffic Survey had been received and distributed to members of the group. The survey covered various aspects of the road network in the town and was very detailed. The next stage will be to bring this data together to formulate a strategy to be considered by the Traffic Group, the Town Council and the public.

The survey had mixed reviews with some members finding it difficult to navigate whilst others felt it was well written and presented. This document was never meant to give conclusions and ideas.

It was felt there were some issues that may need to be addressed and these would be fed back to the consultants.

- Width of roads – no mention is made of vehicular traffic using peoples gardens on some roads e.g. Petersons Lane
- Stakeholder comment by the NFU that they would ignore any new regulations
- Oakfield Road pedestrian numbers were thought to not reflect the amount of Aylsham High School students who use this route
- Some of the summaries were incorrect

**4. Next Stages**

As stated the consultants are currently reviewing the data and creating an initial draft strategy. This should be available for the next meeting and will be sent to members as soon as it is received..

**5. Car Parks**

The Town Clerk had contacted Broadland District Council regarding the car parks – upgrading and possible charging – and EVCP (Electric Vehicle Charging Point) installation. The response was as follows:

*We have made some counts and so far we can see that Burgh Road has virtually no churn whatsoever and is space blocked. Butts Land was better, although both the weekday and Saturday so far, were both pretty wet and the town was quiet on both occasions. We will take more counts when the weather improves just to see if it was an anomaly – though I suspect it wasn't. My job will be to put the evidence to members with recommendations sometime in October, at this stage, it's too early to say what they'll be, but there is definitely an issue that is affecting footfall and access which needs a solution of some kind.*

*We're now in discussion with the National Trust about a long lease on Butts Land and that, when agreed will allow us to make confident long term investment in the site. This will mean a redesign, resurface and almost certainly some more infrastructure work to bring it up to scratch to accommodate better lighting and EVCP's at some stage. There will be EVCP's in Burgh Road first potentially, and we are drawing up plans to include them in this year's delivery plan rather than wait.*

**6. GNLP**

The hearings in front of the Planning Inspectors were held in February and March. The Town Council presented the case for just one development and the final report is anticipated later in the year.

A presentation by the developer of the site on Norwich Road will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> and can also be viewed on <https://www.norfolkhomes.co.uk/aylsham-information-graphics.pdf>

**7. To note items for future discussion**

Details re strategy and workshop.

**8. To note date of next meeting**

Next scheduled meeting Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

The meeting closed at 8.30pm