



Minutes of the Aylsham Town Council Traffic Group Meeting held on Thursday 11th August 2022 at Aylsham Town Hall

Present

Pat Prekopp (chairman)	Nicholas Haag
Clare Alban	David Harry
Ellie Baker	Lynda Hartley
Maureen Burr	Barry Lancaster
Sue Catchpole	Richard Laxen
Gordon Clarke	Lindsay Little
Andy Christie	Arthur Rope
Catherine Fletcher	

James McGavin via Zoom
Sue Lake

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from:

Paul Baker	Mary Evans
Trevor Bennett	David Faulkner

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th May were circulated with the agenda. The minutes were **AGREED**

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3. Traffic Strategy

New members attending for the first time asked how the committee came about and how people found out. It was reported items were placed in Just Aylsham and also on Social Media prior to the commencement of the committee in January 2021.

A further document had been prepared by ttc with adjustments made as discussed at the last meeting. These were discussed as follows.

Issue 1 – 20mph speed limit area

Awaiting the report from Trevor Bennett

Issue 2 – Penfold Street

Since the last meeting the Town Council have been informed that when the fire engine needs to turn right out of the station they use the pump as a roundabout as an immediate right turn is too tight.

Bearing this in mind it is proposed that the arrangement be modified slightly to allow for deliveries and emergency vehicles to access the built up side.

This was accepted.

Issue 3 – Mill Road/Cawston Road

Following the discussion last month this has been re-instated.

This was accepted.

Issue 4 – Buses in Market Place Issue 6 – Red Lion Street

Market Place –

This was accepted.

Red Lion Street

Red Lion Street is exceptionally narrow and ttc advised that traffic calming would likely cause more of an issue with congestion and vehicle on vehicle conflict. The suggestion from ttc was to omit Red Lion Street from the strategy and retain as a two-way road.

Some members felt that all options had not been explored sufficiently and were very opposed to this and felt that more could be done to increase pedestrian safety.

Suggestions made and discussed during the meeting would either cause more issues or would not be allowed by the Highway Authority.

James agreed to look into this again and see if there was anything he could suggest.

Issue 5 – Burgh Road Give Way

This became an issue at this meeting with residents of Burgh Road saying the give way did not work. and wondered why it was installed. The reason why it was in place was explained to residents but they were still not happy with it.

The issue of the additional traffic on Burgh Road was discussed at length and it was universally acknowledged that this would be an issue going forwards. It was suggested that signage should be altered on the A140 so no traffic would come down Burgh Road as a means of accessing the town.

Transport Hubs

It was suggested that further conversations are required regarding Keys Sale Yard

Cycle Routes

Happy to re-visit this if local data could be obtained. All suggestions were based on the data gathered.

4. To summarise failures and successes of our 1st year (to 30 March)

It was noted that there are only 20 weeks left of the original 2 year timetable set. Once the strategy is agreed then it would require a Stakeholders Meeting prior to going out to public consultation. It was felt consulting with the public before stakeholders could be counter-productive.

James and Gordon Clarke will work together on a programme of work for the last four meetings.

5. To note any items for future discussion

Residents of Burgh Road and Red Lion Street were still unhappy about how things were left. It was suggested that they meet as two groups to come up with a solution to the issues which would retain public transport, not include unworkable detours nor adversely impact other roads. Both groups agreed to this and would meet and report back at the next meeting.

6. To note date of next meeting Wednesday August 31st 2022

The meeting closed at 9pm