



Minutes of the Aylsham Town Council Traffic Group Meeting held on Wednesday 28th September at Aylsham Recreation Ground

Present

Trevor Bennett (chairman)	David Harry
Maureen Burr	Alan Kerrison
Sue Catchpole	Barry Lancaster
Gordon Clarke	Richard Laxen
Andy Christie	Pat Prekopp
Catherine Fletcher	Graham Ramm
Nicholas Elphinstone	Arthur Rope
Nicholas Haag	Patricia Taylor

Sue Lake

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from:

Clare Alban	David Faulkner
Paul Baker	Lynda Hartley
Ellie Baker	Lindsay Little
Mary Evans	

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st August were circulated with the agenda.
The minutes were **AGREED**

3. To summarise failures and successes of the project

This is to quantify whether we have headed in the right direction over the length of the project, and how will it be concluded.

Gordon Clarke offered to do a schedule of events and set a timeline to enable a report to the public to be made.

The group will need to look at how the strategy will be managed – will a new group need to be formed also what has worked well and areas that had not worked so well and the immediate thoughts were.

Things that worked well;

Consultants
Survey
Baseline Strategy

Areas for improvement;

Consultant Brief
Interaction with businesses
Communication generally – but not through lack of trying

4. Traffic Strategy

a) Response from ttc to 31st August Meeting

It was felt that the response was broadly positive to the suggestions made.

b) Initial report on stakeholder meetings

Ttc have spoken to most of the major stakeholders and the reaction so far has been positive with the County Council welcoming 'shovel ready' projects.

The final document is currently being prepared and should be received by the end of September.

The document will form a baseline for the new developments which could be delayed further by the Nutrient Neutrality issue and the current economic situation.

5. Burgh Road/Red Lion Street

a) Report on findings of SAM2 on Burgh Road

The SAM2 findings were circulated and on the whole showed that the vast majority of drivers were either below or within 5mph of the speed limit. The excessive speeds tended to be in the night. The highest speeds recorded was 65mph.

Unfortunately the road was closed for some of the time due to water works but the findings then reflected the speed of residents.

Residents of Burgh Road were not happy with the placement of the SAM2 and the clerk will look at placing it in a different location on Burgh Road.

b) Feedback on items discussed at August meeting – Burgh Road

The suggestion of making Oakfield Road one-way was rejected by residents. The fact it is two-way reduces traffic speeds. Also the bin lorry cannot use the Burgh Road junction as the turning circle is not big enough.

The crossing at Forster Way was considered a good project and details of type of crossing will follow later in the process.

c) Feedback on items discussed at August meeting – Red Lion Street

Residents on Red Lion Street advised they did not receive details of the recent consultation. Arthur Rope was adamant that he leafleted every home and this once again shows that communication is difficult as people do not always notice or read information sent to them.

There was a discussion about the additional signage which was not universally welcome – nor was the wish for roundels on the road. A different surface, cobble type but suitable for walking and cycling, which can be more indicative for drivers than signs was welcome. Also the possibility of removing the pavements could be considered.

A real problem area for pedestrians is when they leave the shops and businesses on Red Lion Street and it was thought some form of signage on the inside of shops could be considered. This maybe a way of really connecting with the business community in the town

6 A140 Signage

Gordon Clarke advised he was in the process of putting together a more detailed proposal and this will be ready for the next meeting.

7. Traffic Strategy – Consultation with public

a) To agree format of consultation

It was agreed that rather than heading this as a consultation it would instead be a presentation of findings. Rather than a formal meeting this would be better as a drop-in session with members of the committee available to speak to residents. Display boards of the suggestions would be created as well as details of items that had been rejected and why.

b) To agree dates etc

It was thought that towards the end of November would be the best time. The session to run from the afternoon into the evening. A firm date to be agreed. Consideration of a flyer circulated with Just Aylsham will be considered.

8. Market Place - To consider any possible changes on top of that agreed

It was felt that we were too far along the process for significant changes. The changes already proposed for the Market Place may enable other smaller works to be considered.

9. Double Yellow Lines

It was advised that when yellow lines were first introduced into the town the colour was agreed as primrose rather than bright yellow. The clerk will check this with Highways.

10. To note any items for future discussion

Nothing Raised

11. To note date of next meeting Wednesday October 26th 2022

The meeting closed at 9.10pm