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Oldbury on Severn Road Safety Committee meeting held on the 10th November 2021 via zoom

Present, Chris Jennings, Sheila Bedford, Rob Wiltshire, Steve Wright Matthew Riddle (Part)

1. **Apologies** – Apologies were received from Steve Freke and Guy Fielding
2. This was a special meeting to discuss various points with Rob Wiltshire.
3. **Sweetwater Lane**. Discussions took place regarding the large amount of traffic that uses Sweetwater Lane as a Satnav cut through when the M4 and M5 are busy. Various actions were agreed:
   1) A suitable sign indicating it was not a suitable road for Satnav instructions to be erected at the Mumbley's road end. Action RW
   2) Satnav companies to be contacted so they could update their directions removing Sweetwater Lane as a suitable road for vehicles. Action RW
   3) There is currently an action going through SGC to have reduced speed limit of 20 or 30 mph. This would link to giving Sweetwater Lane 'Quiet Lane' status. Action RW

   4) **Temporary VAS for Kington Hamlet**. The RSC wish to erect poles to hold temporary VAS equipment with the aim of reducing speeds on the roads in Kington. All three suggested areas identified in the pre meeting minutes have been adopted by the SGC. One is at the bottom of Mumbley's Hill, just past the Kington sign, the second is near the garage of Holly Tree Cottage, and the third is on the verge near Kingtonmead Farm. We need to make sure the adjacent properties are happy to have a VAS pole adjacent to their property. Action SF

      Once we have confirmed that the poles can be erected, the RSC will come back to RW for their installation. Action RSC and RW

      It was agreed that a speed/volume assessment would be carried out near Kingtonmead Farm to establish the current situation as soon as possible. Action RW

   5) **Horse signage around the Parish.** RW went through the criteria of signage and in particular that it is targeted in the correct locations. The RSC also recognise the need for effective signage and the fact that we do not want to 'urbanise' the countryside. It was agreed that **SF, for Kington and SRB, for Oldbury** would identify where the main stables and private horses were kept and which were the major 'hacking routes'**.** Once established the RSC would report back to RW and discuss signage and appropriate locations. Action SF and SRB

6) **Newlands Gout**. Shepperdine Road and The Naite junction. The road has 'sunk' just prior to this junction resulting in a significant 'bump' in the road which has caused two accidents in the recent past and many near misses. The temporary warning triangle is often in the ditch. In the short term it requires a permanent sign warning of the hump, with maybe additional paint to highlight the problem to drivers, and in the longer term the road needs to be repaired. Action RW

7) **Shepperdine Road.** RW to investigate the bends at 620 941 grid reference on Shepperdine road where there are two bends- a right hand bend followed by a left hand - that if taken too fast could result in an accident. Could 'slow' be painted on the road or warning signs be placed to identify the bends? Action RW

8) **Oldbury on Severn.** Speed control measures on Church Hill. Currently, according to the latest VAS information, over 40% of all vehicles go over 20mph. Previously it was agreed that a 20mph roundel painted on the road would be helpful. These have not been implemented and would be very beneficial. Action RW

   It was requested that white lines are painted about 500mm from the edge of the road, on both sides, to give a 'narrowing effect' of the road, this will, hopefully slow vehicles down. Action RW

   A review is required to see if there are the correct number of 20mph repeaters on Church Hill Action CJ/SW

   There have been complaints regarding vehicle and pedestrian interaction between Westmarsh Lane and the Sailing Club entrance gate. It was requested to put a white line down the grass verge side, with a white figure painted within the line and roadside. This would indicate an area for people to walk and restrict the width of the road which will, hopefully, slow the traffic down. Action RW

   Gateway Signage: The RSC need to provide a detailed design of our proposal to SGC, as there was some concern that a solid structure could cause a safety hazard. It has to be a certain distance from the road side. Action RSC

   There are visibility issues created along Camp Road and West End due to cars parking too close to junctions. It was requested that white lines be painted 10m in the following locations:

   - Camp Road, for 10m north of the junction with Featherbed Lane.
   - 10m either side of West End Lane on Camp Road.
   - Around the junction of Hams Lane and West End grid ref. 610929

   Car parking at the end of West End cul de sac. RW thought this was a local issue, but we could send a photo to demonstrate the problem. There is no precident for having signs for local people only.

9) Date of next meeting to be arranged for March 2022