



Minutes – Road Safety Committee (RSC) Meeting held 12th. February 2019 in Memorial Hall.

Present: Ian Bell, Chris Jennings (CPJ), Steve Wright, Allan Taylor, Debbie Hall & Darren Blanche*

* Mr. Blanche had come along due to interest in what the RSC was about.

1. **Apologies.** Received from Colin Johnson and John Lewis.
2. **Approval of previous minutes and items arising.** Were accepted and agreed by all.
3. **Road Safety Questionnaire.** IB confirmed that, as actioned, he had written an article summarising the report which had now been published in the 4Ward magazine.
4. **Safety Serviettes for Village Shop.** IB explained that CJ's work in getting a quote had been both protracted and difficult due to the nature of what was being asked for and in limited quantities. He had finally been supplied with a quote for £457.32 + VAT for 1500 full colour printed serviettes. He had been offered a sample which is still awaited.

The whole matter was discussed and it was felt that the cost was prohibitive, when compared with the likely impact it would make. Before making a choice to discontinue this activity DB offered, due to his other business activities, to get some more quotes. **ACTION: DB.**

IB agreed to email CJ asking for all data and the artwork surrounding the activity so far to be passed to DB. **ACTION: IB.**

5. **Road Audit.** – IB indicated that these needed to be carried out for the rest of the parish. After discussion it was agreed that they would be carried out when the weather reached a more benign level. This to be done in early May at a date to be agreed. **ACTION: IB, AT & SW.**

SW asked about the roads in the parish which were not required to be 'maintained' and IB indicated he had extensive data supplied by Cllr. Riddle which he found difficult to unscramble. It was agreed that this data would be emailed to SW. **ACTION: IB.**

6. **Cyclist Issues.** CPJ suggested the possibility of installing rumble strips/thick paint on Church Hill to slow down cyclists. After some discussion it was considered the least desirous of solutions due to varying issues around what 'rules' applied to such action and the extent to which the SGC would support/condone the measure.
7. **Funding.** IB indicated that there were several possible routes for potential funding assistance via the Road Safety Trust, SGC, Oldbury Parish Council, Community Engagement, Horizon Nuclear Ltd. and the actions undertaken by our MP. Mr. Luke Hall. Despite all the foregoing, IB stated that he had been advised by the OPC's Chairman that the RSC should concentrate on measures and their associated funding and to submit them to the OPC for consideration who would then gather funding as required. Under these circumstance IB reiterated that the RSC's prime targets should be gathering data and submitting request for VAS (See item 8 below), Wheelie Bin Stickers (See item 9 below) and possibly, if considered viable and impactful enough, Safety Serviettes. (See item 4 above).

ACTION: All.

8. **Vehicle Activated Signed (VAS).** Further to data passed earlier to the committee IB asked AT to summarise his actioned results on the detailed subject. A report and spreadsheet had been circulated and three companies had been contacted. What was looked for was a system that was battery operated, portable and that could be altered for speed requirements. Prices are in the range £2000 to £3000 and we would be looking for two units to be used in Chapel Road and Church Hill. The systems needed to be compliant with SGC requirements and AT indicated that the supplier he recommended was compliant. Morelock was the best company so AT will arrange for them to come and carry out a demonstration.

ACTION: AT.

9. **Wheelie bin stickers.** IB reported on the many suppliers of stickers and they all seemed to be around the same price range. As the SGC (as reported via Cllr. Riddle) no longer have any stickers, nor the original artwork to hand, we will decide on a supplier and formulate a cost to request funding for from the OPC. It was agreed, due to pricing levels versus quantity, that 100 x 30 MPH and 100 x 20 MPH stickers will be priced.

ACTION: IB.

10. **Parking.** As a result of the earlier meeting held between CPJ and the Police he had been advised that all the RSC needed to do was to pass information regarding vehicles considered to be causing parking issues to them. They in turn will take the matter up with the individual vehicle owners concerned. It was agreed that the necessary photos and surrounding data of where the cars were causing parking issues would be passed to the Police.

ACTION: CPJ.

11. **SGC Interface.** IB reported that, as a result of an issue raised by a parishioner, he had met with Mr. Rob Wiltshire of the SGC. The meeting had been arranged by Cllr. Riddle and we reviewed and discussed concern raised about the bad state of the road junction where Stock Hill joins the Thornbury to Oldbury road by St Arilda's House. There are faded road markings, the corner is dangerous, etc. Mr. Wiltsher will review the situation and advise Cllr. Riddle of actions he will be taking and Cllr. Riddle will advise IB accordingly. When the result is available it will be advised to the RSC.

ACTION: IB.

12. **Thornbury, Alveston & Severn Community & Engagement Forum (CEF).** CPJ had previously reported to the committee that there is a meeting on 19th. March at the Turnberries. The Police, Fire Service and other government bodies will be attending the meeting. CPJ is not able to attend the meeting and it was agreed that IB & SW would attend instead. We also need new parking leaflets from the police which they said they would provide but have not yet.

ACTION: IB & SW.

13. **Police interface** – Nothing further to report other than via item 12 above.

14. **Presentation.** This is an ongoing item to be actioned by IB when enough milestones have been achieved by the RSC.

ACTION: IB.

15. **A. O. B.** CPJ asked if there was enough historic data to supplement any request for VAS funding that might be put forward. It was agreed that there was enough data going back several years, as well as recently, to support the case due to increased vehicle numbers travelling at illegal speed limits.

AT indicated that he has, in line with SGC requirements, completed their Highways Investigation Request Form which he considered to be an extremely complex and confusing document. It appeared not to identify any real relevance to such as the RSC who were requesting action of the SGC. It was agreed that the completed form would be emailed to IB who would, in turn, discuss it with Cllr. Riddle regarding its validity and relevance to RSC objectives.

ACTION: IB.

Date of next meeting. The date of the next meeting has been set as Monday 1st. April in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room commencing at 19.30.