

Whitchurch-on-Thames
Traffic & Roads Group

Note of Meeting on 30th October 2009 at PH's house

Present: Harry Butterworth, Peter Hawley, Richard Wingfield

Apologies: Adrian Dixon

1. **Weight limit in High Street.** Formal confirmation of the reinstatement of the 7.5 tonne environmental limit is awaited from OCC. CC Dave Sexon is enquiring as to the nature of related signs and cost. When they are needed is to be decided.
2. **Traffic speeds – 20mph limit.** Two new signs have been erected outside the surgery to announce the end of Pangbourne's 20mph speed limit and the start of a 30mph limit on approach to bridge. Agreed that this will encourage drivers to speed up and also reduce the chance of the weight limit being noticed. In the same week, the Bridge Company's new 20mph limit, starting only 10m further on from the new 30mph signs, was painted on the road. The group recommends that a major effort should now be made to extend the 20mph zone further into Whitchurch, at least as far as Duchess Close and possibly right up to Hartslock Bridleway. HB to raise this at the next PC meeting and discuss with CC Dave Sexon.
3. **Parking near Hardwick Road junction.** The situation is reported to have improved somewhat since local parkers have been made aware of safety concerns. Windscreen letters are available for use here and in HR narrows.
4. **Toll Bridge North End Pedestrian Safety Scheme.** PH reported that there had been informal discussion to ensure the Bridge Company is aware of benefits of this scheme in drawing up its plans for improvements with bridge reconstruction. It was noted that the Bridge Company has satisfactorily repainted all its road markings.
5. **Condition of pavements.** The group will inspect pavements on Saturday 31st October. Responsibility for weed control along pavements, apparently abandoned by OCC, needs to be defined by the PC as soon as possible.
6. **Ferryboat narrows.** Church hall planning consent is due soon and is expected to carry a condition for the pedestrian refuge on the corner. Pedestrian ramps (like the many in Pangbourne) should be requested here, on each side of the High Street. Also, better defined pavements are needed from here northwards across church entrance and across pub frontage and part of car park.
7. **White lines in Eastfield Lane narrows.** Repainting of junction markings done but virtual pavement lines not yet repainted. To be raised at next PC meeting.
8. **Removal of High Street central white line.** HB reported that this seems to be working by causing drivers to be more cautious.
9. **Disappearance of AONB sign near bridge.** Reason for this is not clear.
10. **Station road crossing.** Agreed that the pavement realignment is an improvement but bollards should be installed to protect waiting pedestrians from vehicles emerging from the bridge. To be discussed with Pangbourne PC.

Next meeting of group: Monday 29th December.

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