

Whitchurch-on-Thames
Traffic & Pavements Group

Note of Meeting on 6th May 2010 at Flint House

Present: Harry Butterworth, Adrian Dixon, Peter Hawley, Richard Wingfield. Also: Keith Brooks, Environment Group.

1. **Crossing the High Street.** AD reported that he had been informed by the school that 17 children probably need to cross the High Street. General concern that 'lollipop' solution will be too costly. AD will communicate further with the school and with OCC.
2. **Traffic speeds – 20mph limit.** PH tabled a draft case for a 20mph limit. All asked to read it and send any comments to PH within the next week. HB will adapt the village schematic map to show proposed 20mph zone, part of Pangbourne, location of narrows etc. Case will need endorsement by PC. Agreed we should press ahead rather than wait for perfect moment.
3. **Inspection of roads and pavements, 1st May.** Two page report and map are attached. See also HB's four page photographic record. All points were discussed and the actions agreed are shown in the final column of the report.
4. **Pruning vegetation along Hardwick Road.** Neither OCC nor SODC shows signs of taking this on. Land ownership is debated. Near Hillside someone has done some cutting back recently. Agreed that present situation has a benefit for traffic calming and there is no need to chase authorities.
5. **Toll Bridge North End Pedestrian Safety Scheme.** PH reported that he had had a meeting with Geoff Weir on 29 March and tabled some correspondence with the Bridge Company. The group continues to favour the relocation of the pavement to the opposite side of bridge, which would produce safety benefits at both ends. It is understood that the Bridge Company will submit a planning application early next year. Following the introduction of the Bridge Company's 20mph limit, GW is trying to have the unhelpful 30mph signs near the surgery removed.
6. **Church Hall refuge.** PH reported that the Church's project is likely to start construction in November. For our proposed dropped kerbs to be installed we need to lobby either OCC or SODC. Not clear which body is responsible - RW to ask Pearl Slatter if she can say.
7. **Proposed microbrewery.** Vincent Aldridge has stated that his estimated production would be 300 bottles per week, with an average 10 customers visiting per day. The group's view is that in view of the ample parking and turning space available on the site the enterprise would be likely to have only a very small impact on traffic and parking.

Next meeting of group: to be advised.

RMW, 9.5.10