

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

27th October 2020

At a virtual meeting of the **Traffic Management Committee** on **Tuesday 27th October 2020 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Councillors S Green (in the chair), A Brooks, H Clarke, P Duigan, A Grey, K Grey, H King, L Monument, T Monument and P Morton.

Also in attendance: County Councillor W Richmond, Town Clerk Tony Needham and Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron.

1. **To consider apologies for absence.**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Bunting and H Bushell.
2. **Declaration of Interest.**
There were no declarations of interest.

The meeting was adjourned

Councillor A Brooks thanked businesses and individuals in Dereham who have offered to make free meals for families struggling to feed their children this half-term.

She continued by saying this is one of the many reasons why I'm proud to say that I come from Dereham, it's the community spirit and the selflessness of many individuals to ensure children are fed this half term. You've blown me away."

Councillor Brooks also praised the work of the Mid Norfolk Foodbank, and said that while she personally doesn't agree that food banks should be necessary in 2020, the work that they do to make sure people are fed when they can't afford it is amazing, and in many cases life-saving.

The meeting resumed

3. **To consider proposals for the Parish Partnership Scheme – 2020-21.**

The committee recommended the following proposals for the Parish Partnership Scheme – 2020/21:

- Bus Shelter on Norwich Road - £2500
- Walking and Cycling improvements - £19,000
- Signs for Elvin Road stating 'Unsuitable for HGV's' - £100 per sign
- Part-time 20mph signs with flashing lights near Neatherd high school - £4500

There were two further suggestions, hedgehog warning sign on Stone Road £100 and white H bars across private drives on Vicarage Meadows £50, Councillor P Duigan said that these could be paid for from his £6000

County Councillor Highways budget.

County Councillor W Richmond said that he would add a further £3000 towards the Shillings Lane/Restricted Byway 32, Neatherd Moor improvement works which has yet to start but has accumulated £24,000 of funding from the Parish Partnership Scheme and the Local Members Highway Budget in 2019/20 and 2020/21.

4. **Ideas for the Parish Partnership Scheme 2022.**

The following ideas were put forward:

- Trod between the new Cemetery and Etling Green
- Pedestrian Crossing Wellington Road
- Bus Shelter somewhere between Middlemarch and Stone Road
- Part time 20mph speed zones around schools
- Pedestrian Crossing near to Northgate School (Norwich)

Councillor A Brooks reminded the meeting that Councillor C Bunting had requested at a previous meeting for a speed survey to be carried out at Stone Road.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that this is not a definitive list and that any Councillor with an idea for a scheme should raise it with their County Councillor who would work it up into a scheme ready for next year.

5. **To consider supporting proposal for traffic calming on Withburga Lane. (Cllr Duigan)**

Councillor P Duigan raised his concerns about the number of large lorries going past Bishop Bonners cottages and the damage that could be caused. He said that there were no signs to say not suitable for HGV's, and it is definitely an area that needs looking at.

Councillor L Monument suggested that having 20mph painted on the road might make a speed restriction more visible. Also, maybe a road sign should be erected stating 'Not suitable for HGV's' and including a weight restriction.

County Councillor W Richmond was asked if Norfolk County Council considered weight restrictions, he said he was not sure and that he and Councillor P Duigan would look into it.

Councillor T Monument said that the Council should look at ways of trying to stop all big vehicles coming into the centre of Dereham, Councillor P Morton said he supported this proposal.

It was agreed to recommend that the Town Council supports traffic calming in the area of Bishop Bonners Cottages in order to prevent HGVs using Withburga Lane.

Chairman

