

## Astons' Community Led Plan - Roads, Traffic and Public Transport project team

Minutes of a meeting held at 8.00pm on 27 April 2017

Those present: Jane Knight, Ted Betts, Bob Picken, Greg Locke, Andy McLellan, George Curtis and Simon Young.

Apologies were received from Louise Binder.

**Parish Council** - the papers discussed during this meeting were reviewed by the Parish Council at their meeting on 24 April and their view was that our project team should continue to give priority to the A417 junctions, while continuing to work up plans for a 20 mph speed limit in the villages.

**Guidance for project teams** - our working group is now referred to as the "Roads, Traffic and Public Transport project team". Following feedback from the Parish Council the final guidance note is likely to propose that a co-ordination group, chaired by a Parish Councillor, should meet no less than twice a year. Each project team will have one representative on the group. Any contact with local authorities should be made through the Parish Clerk.

**Junctions with the A417** - it was agreed that Simon should prepare an email to be sent to Mark Francis of OCC Highways via the Clerk, based closely on Ted's email of 19 April 2017, asking for a response to the outstanding queries.

After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed that the project team should recommend that the Parish Council proceed with the proposed installation of a mirror at the Chalk Hill junction on Peter Backhouse's land subject to it being installed by a reputable contractor in compliance with all statutory requirements, and subject to regular checks thereafter. Ted to re-work his recommendation and costing to reflect this.

**Traffic calming** - in the light of the feedback from the Parish Council, it was agreed that the project team should continue to work up the proposals for a 20 kph speed limit, but with the idea of entry gates to the villages being treated as a second phase. Andy agreed to prepare a brief article for the June edition of the Astons News to keep everyone in the villages informed.

### **AOB**

It was agreed that improving the signage at Croft Corner remained a priority, possibly asking OCC Highways to position a stop sign on the left as you approach Croft Corner from the Moretons once a response has been received on the outstanding A417 queries.

George expressed concern about the impact the plans for Didcot Garden City will have on public transport serving the villages. George agreed to brief Simon on the point with a view to asking the Parish Council to raise it before the consultation period ends.

Bob explained that the possibility of a surfaced footpath leading to the pavilion had already been discussed by ARC but that, for a variety of reasons, they were not keen to proceed.

Jane proposed that the PC should be asked to order more “Twenty is plenty” posters for use in the villages. The proposal was supported notwithstanding some concern that the posters were encouraging villagers to leave their bins out longer than necessary.

**Date of next meeting** - to be agreed once a further meeting is required.