

Freshford Parish Council

Meeting: 8th April 2019, Memorial Hall, Freshford.

Road Traffic/ Transport Update.

Attendance Note' 19th March 2019

Meeting with Stefan Chiffers and Martin Walker.

Bus stop.

SC saw no problem over safety in moving the bus stop to closer to the car park entrance. He accepted that the entrance was used by the bus to drop off passengers on their return journeys from Bath.

He will make recommendation to Jon King to this effect.

Note to PC.

Bench could do with renovation. SC would in former days have had the budget to tidy up the kerb and put in some kerbstones. Perhaps we could put in some CIL funds?

Road Signs

Agreed: to recommend that for now PC accept the new road signs and repeaters put in place so that the Speedwatch programme can go ahead as planned. But the PC will keep matters under review and in time it may be possible to remove some of the more superfluous signs - such as that in Dark Lane and Rosemary Lane. SC confirmed that provided the signs are properly placed in the vicinity of the Speedwatch activity a driver cannot avoid penalty by claiming that signs in another part of the village are irregular or absent.

Note: Fresh Government Initiative announced last week. All Local Authorities will be required to carry out a complete audit of road signs in their areas and to then remove all signs deemed superfluous and unnecessary.

Church Hill Meeting at Richard Blamey's Home, 12th April 2019.

Draft Agenda to be prepared by SC to include

No entry sign (top of Dark Lane)

No access

Height restrictions

Road closure or stopping up.

Width restrictions

Parking

Direction of HGV vehicles and signage

Sat Nav

Conservation Area status

Classification count of vehicle usage

Any other options e.g. delivery points

SC to bring plans

Neil Terry will be with him.

Malcolm Shirley

Subsequently NS met with MS and inspected the recent damage to his house and to RB's guttering. MS will attend the meeting set for April.

Other matters.

Yellow Lines, Rosemary Lane / Abbey Lane.

The community police team are monitoring observance of the new double yellow lines and have already advised the B&NES Enforcement Team that unlawful parking is taking place and that enforcement is required.

Freshford Station

See draft Minutes attached of recent meeting of Heart Of Wessex Railway Partnership .

VPA Severance Study.

Received from Neil Winter of Highways England:

["To make sure things weren't delayed we have had to press on with prioritisation of schemes based on HE priorities and Keith's knowledge.](#)

[I haven't got a list of priorities to hand as it is being led by a different team but I will pass on the below.](#)

[As they are gearing up for the studies already prioritised I can't promise that your preferred list below can be met but I will see if I can influence their programme."](#)

The next meeting of the VPA Highways Group is set for the 11th April. I will be seeking clarification from HE as to which schemes have been prioritised - hopefully the Pipehouse Lane and Church Lane/Midford Lane schemes will go ahead as contemplated.

NJS
1 April 2019.