

FRESHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

17 June 2021

Highways and Transport Report

Report of the meeting on 9 June 2021 with Stefan Chiffers, BANES Highways Engineer.

The Tynning

- Stefan Chiffers recommends that we install reflectors on all the wooden posts in the Sharpstone direction (but ideally both sides).
- The logs need to be moved 1.2m from the border with the carriageway, behind the posts which will have reflectors installed.
- Currently, if a vehicle is damaged hitting one of the logs, this will be a potential liability for the Parish Council and not Friends of Freshford.
- The other alternative is a bundle (or earth mound) as in the other side of the road.
- The additional passing place would not be required if the logs were moved 1.2m back from the road as suggested above.

Dark Lane

- The view from Stefan Chiffers is that the current signage is adequate.
- The problem statement is to prevent commercial traffic and visitor traffic with Sat Navs using Church Hill and Dark Lane. The majority of the traffic come from the Church Hill direction into Dark Lane.
- Stefan Chiffers recommends that we need to log Dark Lane on the NavTech website as unsuitable for traffic. ACTION: Julian to ask BANES for the website address for NavTech. Nick has tried in the past without success. IN theory we should be able to create an account and log certain streets as unsuitable
- Stefan Chiffers does not recommend making Dark Lane One-Way, since this encourages traffic to speed and cannot be policed in a rural location.
- Stefan Chiffers recommends that the only solution is a road closure. Options are:
 1. Closure at Church Hill at the junction with Dark Lane; OR
 - 2.1 Closure at the top of Dark Lane.
 - 2.2 Introduction of a mini-roundabout at the junction of Freshford Lane/New Road/Dark Lane. This is to mitigate the poor sight line at that junction when exiting from Dark Lane.
- There would have to be a consultation exercise with residents describing these options in detail. Please can we discuss the merits of these options.

Village Hub Bus Stop

- Stefan Chiffers said the surface can be hoggin, if the Parish Council agrees in writing to maintain it. The BANES recommendation from George Bottin is for tarmac. Suggest we wait for response from George Bottin to Jean Hawker before taking this forward.
- Stefan Chiffers advised that the cement base of the bench needs to be removed, since this is a hazard.
- The stones are a potential liability to BANES if any damage is caused to a vehicle. Stefan Chiffers recommends wooden posts with reflectors, as on the Tynning.

Julian Carpenter

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