

FRESHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Highways and Transport Report

10 October 2022

Report from the Transport Advisory Group

A small group of councillors and residents has been formed to advise Freshford PC on various initiatives to improve the quality of life for residents caused by transport issues in the village. This follows up from the meeting of residents on 13 April 2022.

This paper proposes actions by Freshford PC, to reflect the concerns of residents.

Quick Wins

The Transport Advisory Group (TAG) meeting on 18 July produced a list of 6 quick wins for immediate attention this year. They were:

- 1) Repaint 20 MPH roundels on all road, increased in size.
- 2) Issue Joint clear communication to Freshford School parents from PC & Governors with expectations for improved parking behaviour. Next step could be a visit by the Beat Police.
- 3) Design and plan to put double yellow lines along the lane outside the Inn and over the Frome bridge. This item was raised at the public meeting. It is a public safety issue which impacts police, ambulance, and the fire service.
- 4) Extend the 20 MPH speed limit to cover all the roads in the village, including those in the jurisdiction of Wiltshire Council.
- 5) Investigate the cost and practicality of buying/renting PANDORA speed limit mobile signage.
- 6) Disabled parking space outside St Peter's Church, on Church Hill.

Following initial conversation with the Ward Councillor and BANES Highway Engineer, and the Councillor meeting on Monday 3 October 2022, I make the following recommendations for approval by Freshford PC.

- 1) Roundels are the responsibility of Highway Maintenance. BANES is happy to paint larger 20 MPH roundels, subject to a site visit by the engineer. We need to identify NEW sites, since over-painting the existing would look messy. There would be no cost for Freshford PC. **Please approve.**
- 2) Caroline Ford, from the Freshford School Governors', is drafting a joint communication. Draft expected in time for the October meeting. This is a first step. The expectation is to see improved parking behaviours by parents. **Action – ask for an update from Caroline & the Governors.**

- 3) There is an annual review of parking enforcement measures. Matt McCabe to advise the date of the next review. The Parish Council to advise the required location of the double yellow lines, both sides of the road before the bridge over River Frome, and some distance beyond. Consultation with Inn at Freshford is required. Once approved as part of the review, which would involve a formal consultation, parking enforcement would be by BANES Parking Services. For example, if we had evidence of parking infringement, we would phone Parking Services who would send an officer to issue a fixed penalty notice.

Actions proposed:

- 3.1 **Jean, Julian & Tom** to meet to agree the extent of the double yellow lines.
 - 3.2 **Julian** to find out from Matt McCabe/BANES the date of the next review.
 - 3.3 A paper describing the proposal to be circulated for feedback from the residents, within a two-week window.
 - 3.4 **Julian** to investigate whether parking restrictions can be implemented for a trial period, such as six months.
- 4) Introduce a 20 MPH limit for the whole village. The means of introducing additional speed limits, for example, Abbey Lane to the A36 and up Staples Hill would require a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which would cost £5,000. It would have to be considered along with other rural village requests. There are competing request for whole village speed restrictions, which would cost the same amount. I am happy to register our interest with BANES Traffic Management, but I have to advise that this is unlikely to be successful for some time.

RECOMMENDATION: Take no further action

- 5) Pandora

We recommend purchase of a PTSC 906 Radar speed sign with additional, large, 'SLOW DOWN/THANK YOU' message and smiley/sad face. Cost of £2395.00 + VAT.

- Data-logging facility and PC based traffic statistics software add £250.00 + VAT.
- Spigot bracket £185.00 + VAT
- Carriage £35.00 + VAT
- Eyebolt £25.00 + VAT

Total cost (excluding VAT) would be £2,890.

These signs would be supplied with clip extrusion on the back and a set of screw-bands, which will enable the sign to be mounted to either a quad pod stand or to any existing sign/lamp post. All of the products have a 2-year warranty.

Any of our radar speed signs can be supplied for mounting to an existing post. The sign would be sent out with post clips or screw-bands for fixing to a post. BANES Highways Engineer advises that the Pandora sign must be 2.1m above the ground and 45 mm from the highway. They would want to inspect the site to approve the location. They would be willing to provide a pole, if required.

RECOMMENDATION: Pursue this proposal, subject to funding being available within FPC reserves. If funding is not available work with FLISCA and other means to find a means of funding from other sources in the village, such as Crowd Funding.

ACTION: Clerk to advise if there is sufficient budget available for this cost.

- 6) Disabled Parking Bay outside St Peter's Church. This was raised in the Public Meeting under Access for all. It would benefit people with mobility issues a) attending St Peter's and b) the Coffee morning at The Old Bakery. We need to register our interest, would be subject to a similar annual review as (2), and a site visit would be required. Our expectation would be this could take up to 12 months to introduce. Enforcement would be a phone call to Parking Services who may issue a fixed penalty notice.

RECOMMENDATION – a) Provide a polite notice suggesting that the space is reserved for blue flag disabled drivers. B) Ask the owners of the Manor if they would consent to the notice being attached to their wall.

Major Projects – there will be a paper presented to the future meeting addressing some of the major projects identified in the Highways and Transport report to the May meeting.

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5 October 2022.**