

FRESHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

14 November 2022

Report for Highways and Transport

This is a work in progress report on the actions agreed at the October meeting.

Roundels

- Site meeting with BANES Highways Engineer (Stefan Chiffers) and Ward Councillor Matt McCabe on 4 November.
- Agreed to progress with repainting of roundals as maintenance issue using the Highways Inspector for Freshford Robert Willis. The scope will include all faded street markings (which is most of the village), including SLOW signs that are barely visible. I am trying to ensure there is one days' work for the maintenance team.
- Photographic evidence has been shared with Highways Inspector. Written asking for him to book a date for a day's maintenance in the Freshford. Due to weather it may not be until the Spring, unfortunately, since the roads have to be dry.
- Site visit by Rob Willis is planned for Wednesday 9 November.
- We are planning to add two more sets of roundals, one in Rosemary Lane near Rowena and Bob Wood's house, and one in Church Lane, on the approach to the school.

Radar Speed Signs

- I have obtained the evidence from SpeedWatch requested by the Chair, which I will store on the Transport section of the website, in case of any challenge from residents.
- Obtained an additional set of quotations from ElanCity, based in West London, for Solar and battery-powered radar signs. These cost respectively £2,250 and £2,200. <https://www.elancity.co.uk/evolix-radar-speed-sign/>
- Obtained a further set of quotations from StartSafety, based in Worcester, for Solar and battery-powered radar signs. The cost is approximately £3,053 (net of VAT). www.startsafety.uk
- I have obtained further information about the Pandora signs; the solar version would cost the following:
 - Basic radar speed sign £2,495
 - Solar kit £475
 - Spigot bracket system £280
 - Delivery £40
 - Data collection software £250
 - Eyebolt £25
 - Total £3,565 (net of VAT)
- The Pandora battery option would be:
 - Basic radar speed sign £2,495
 - Battery pack £135
 - Spigot bracket system £280
 - Delivery £40
 - Data collection software £250
 - Eyebolt £25
 - Total £3,225 (net of VAT)
- In the site meeting (referenced above), four locations were discussed with Highways Engineer, one in Rosemary Lane and 3 in Freshford Lane. For two sites poles are

available, but two other require permission from Scottish and Southern Energy (SSEN). The proposal would be to move the Radar Speed Sign between the four locations. SSEN does not appear very keen to provide permission but lots of other signage is attached to the poles – including our lights.

- An additional 20 MPH notice will be placed by BANES on the former bus stop sign on Freshford Lane 50m from the entrance to The Galleries.
- If we opt for battery-powered we would have to be prepared for replacement every 4 days, according to my information, although the marketing literature implies it is 7-10 days.

School Parking

- A one-page leaflet in PDF format has been prepared by the School Governors, to which I have added comments. This is to be sent out to parents encouraging better parking behaviours and asking for more parents to walk their children to school.
- I plan to personally watch the parking behaviours on Friday 11 November.

Julian Carpenter

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