

Eardisley, Winforton and Whitney Traffic and Highways Working Party Report to Group Parish Council 18th January 2016

Eardisley Road Resurfacing:

- Clive Skelton and Allan Hamilton have met with Paul Shipton, the senior locality manager at Balfour Beatty, and expressed our frustration and concern. He assured us the plans for 2016 will soon be finalised and presented to Herefordshire CC for approval. The fact that Eardisley was on the list for last year should be taken into account so hopefully will be on the new plan. Clive will get an opportunity to comment before approval.

Community Speed Watch Project:

- Safer Roads Partnership have sent the speed van to Eardisley several times over the last 2 months to reinforce speed awareness

School Crossing Project:

- Clive Skelton and Amilia Burrage have had a meeting with Balfour Beatty.
- After much discussion the only acceptable viable option is illuminated poles at a cost of approximately £5,000
- Balfour Beatty has no budget available but is actioned to check the Safer Routes to School Budget.
- If necessary, we will seek other methods of funding.

PR:

- One of our members submitted a poem to the Herefordshire Times entitled Winforton Whizzers. This resulted in a very good article.
- This was however picked up by BBC Hereford and Worcester. As we don't wish this to become a controversial issue we have pulled back from further comment.

Village Gateway Project:

Traffic Orders

- All the requests for Traffic Order Changes approved at the last GPC meeting have been formally submitted.
- In total the GPC requested 8 changes in 2015.
- 2 of these for white line changes in Winforton and Whitney do not require Traffic Orders so a separate meeting is being arranged to seek approval.
- The other 6 requests have been 'scored' and put forward to the January review.(Reviews take place in January and July)
- The Traffic Order Team of 2 is currently working on 27 Traffic Orders.
- There is then the top 12 un-started requests remaining from the 2015 June Review. They will maintain their position.
- There are then 117 requests to be ranked in the January review

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- Our hope, which currently looks possible, is for our requests to be in the top 10 so we stand a chance of moving up to the top 12 un-started requests by the next review. We are then assured of being dealt with.
- The distance of a change is a key factor in the scoring. Hence Winforton has scored very high with a move of 100 metres. Eardisley has scored reasonably but Whitney has scored relatively low because the whole distance of the 50mph is considered.
- Depending on the outcome of the review we may have to reconsider the approach for Whitney.
- Even if all goes well we will not have the Traffic Orders through until well after we want to install the Gateways
- At a future meeting we will have to discuss the possibility of installing the gateways in the agreed positions before the speed signs can be at the same position

Position of Gates:

- We are meeting on-site with Ed Tonks, Head of Small Projects at Balfour Beatty, to discuss and agree Gateway locations. At this meeting we will also discuss the white line requests in Winforton and Whitney.
- We hope to then present the recommended positions at the next GPC meeting for your approval.

Grant Application:

- We have drafted a Grant Application to Kingspan for just under £5,000 towards the Gateway Project
- As the Whitney Library received 'Grants for All' Funding we are unable to apply to them until May / June.
- We feel that all Grant Applications for Community Projects should go through the GPC for approval.
- We are thus asking you to approve our Kingspan Application.