

**Traffic & Highways Working Party**  
**Report to Eardisley Group Parish Council**  
**November 2016**

**Village Gate Project:**

The Village Gates are now installed and feedback has been positive.

The Eardisley Brown sign is safely stored in Andrew Preece's sheds.

As was discussed at the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October, Balfour Beatty reduced their quote by £1,000 which made them very competitive. After consultation we went ahead with their proposal.

As also reported on 5<sup>th</sup> October the project required £328 from the precept. This was due to having to fund the Traffic Management after Tarmac pulled out and also not being able to work with Phil Eggerton because of 'A' Road certification issues.

We now have to produce a report for the West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner's Fund by the end of the year. This will show how we have spent their money and initial results. Hence you will notice the SID's moving around a bit more than usual as we gather data.

We are also gathering more volunteers to maintain the area around the gates & provide planters next Spring.

**Eardisley School Crossing:**

We have the ear & support of Mairead Lane, Head of Infrastructure Delivery at HCC. She arranged for Tom Hancock, a BBLP project manager to visit Eardisley with another Engineer to examine the site and determine all the options. Amilia Burrage and Sue Brown met with them and felt it was productive & positive.

Mairead informed Amilia today that she now has the report from Tom with several costed options. She has some technical queries and once dealt with by

BBLP she will share the options with us. Mairead hopes this will be by the end of this week

### **Community Speed Watch:**

Our last session for the season was on 30<sup>th</sup> September which was also West Mercia's speed awareness day. We were joined by Tracey Onslow, the Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner. She was very positive about all our initiatives and said her door will always be open to us if we have any issues or need support.

As you will have seen it also resulted in a positive article in the Herefordshire Times.

The seasons statistics are that since April there have been 40 sessions and 214 drivers reported speeding. There will be no more patrols now until April next year.

### **Police:**

A new police Inspector has been appointed, based in Leominster & responsible for our Villages. She is Inspector Callie Ann Bradley. On 11<sup>th</sup> November she informally asked Yvonne King to show her around. She was impressed by the Village Gates and asked for details of all our other initiatives.

### **Winforton Double White Line Project:**

As you know we have approval to install double white lines in Winforton, subject to a detailed Technical Drawing. Now the Village Gate Project is complete we want to focus our efforts on this project for Winforton.

The cost of the technical drawing will be less than £200 and we request that you fund this from the precept. There is an opportunity for you to approve this request later in the agenda.

Once we have the drawing we can get formal approval and firm quotes. Rough quotes so far have indicated a budget approaching £5,000. We believe it will not be possible to get Grant funding for this sort of project.

One approach you may like to think about is that we fund raise 50% from the community & businesses and you consider funding 50% from the precept.

### **Whitney Traffic Island & Road Marking Project:**

Yvonne King & Mike Budd have had a meeting with BBLP to understand further the rejection of the 50 to 40 mph request.

The key issue is it is a straight road & doesn't look like a Village. BBLP re-emphasised the main issue is overtaking and this requires engineering to control, traffic islands & road Redding.

To proceed we need to draw up detailed plans & consult with all stakeholders including the community, farmers, hauliers, public transport and the Police.

We plan to start with a Public Meeting in Whitney in the first 3 months of next year.

### **Speed Limit Moves Requested for Winforton & Eardisley:**

The requests are at the top of the Traffic Order waiting list but consultants have not yet been commissioned to start the review process. We are assured the process should start before the end of 2016 and will take about 6 months. It has been reconfirmed that as our requests were in before new charges were introduced to fast track we will not be charged anything.

### **General Public Meeting:**

We are planning a Traffic & Highways Public Meeting for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January in Eardisley Village Hall. The intention is to review progress to date and discuss plans for the future. We will be encouraging feedback & discussion to help ascertain where we should put our efforts going forward.

We intend to invite representatives from Tarmac & other hauliers and from the Police.