



**Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym  
Neighbourhood Partnership (NP3)**

**Notes of the Transport Working Group Meeting  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013, W-O-T Academy**

**Present:** Alan Aburrow (Chairman & WOT Ward Rep), Mark Sperduty (BCC Traffic Management), Farhan Ahmed (BCC).

**NP3 Ward Reps:** Gay Huggins (SB), Tony Hoare (SB), Alan Preece (SB), David Mayer (WOT), Simon Tomlinson (HEN).

Sheila Preece, Terry Miller, Philippa Gardom (Safer Routes to School), Ken Clarke (Westbury Park Traffic Group), David Redway, Sue Mayer.

**1. Apologies:** Cllr Alastair Watson, Stephanie French, Jenny Hodges, Graham Donald, Peter Hobbs, Janet Brewer, Mike Batten, Hilary Long, David Glasson, Andrew McGrath.

Alan Aburrow welcomed all present and introduced Mark Sperduty who was standing in for Alan Berridge until his replacement is appointed.

**2. Notes from previous meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

Agreed, subject to amendments:-

- 1) References to Springfield Road should read Springfield Grove.
- 2) References to Wessex Water should read Bristol Water.
- 3) BCC's Cycling Officer is Nick Pates, not Nick Bates.

**Matters Arising:** None.

**3. GBBN:** Geoff Gollop's petition regarding removal of the White Tree bus lane was on the Agenda for today's Full Council Meeting. Probably nothing will be done until all current road works in the area have been completed. Issues about construction sites blocking roads, as had happened in North View and was now happening at the top of Blackboy Hill, were discussed. David Mayer said it was not true that the Council has to allow contractors to have access to the pavement with a TTRO and Mark Sperduty was asked to take back our grumbles about these TTROs to his Highway colleagues.

**4. Local Sustainable Transport (LST) Grants:** Mark Sperduty advised that work on the Phase 1 LST Grants that were sanctioned last October, as well as many of the 10 Minor Traffic Schemes sanctioned by the NP last June, would probably be contracted-out by BCC due to the current shortage of in-house resources. Mark assured us that there was NO danger of the budget disappearing and he hoped to have some of the feasibility studies completed by the end of this financial year. The next round of bidding (Phase 2) had to be in by the end of March. Alan planned to resubmit the scheme for a Zebra Crossing on Southmead Road (Highway Issue W117), under the banner of "Safer Walks to School", at this second round of bidding. Bids are open to all Community Groups etc and full details and an Application Form can be found on the Council's website: [www.bristol.gov.uk/page/communities-grant](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/communities-grant)

The proposed city-wide blanket 20mph scheme was discussed at length. Alan pointed out that Geoff Gollop had stated that we should “allow 20mph zones for residential roads where residents want them BUT the major routes MUST remain 30mph”. A Council Officer will be attending all the NP3 Forums in May to talk to residents as part of the 20mph consultation process. It was felt that the first stage of this consultation process had not been administered very well and it was likely the scheme would be implemented, irrespective of whatever residents said they wanted.

**5. Current Highway Issues:** The following issues were reviewed:

**H101 (20mph limit in Henleaze)** - this would be addressed as part of the consultation process for the proposed city-wide 20mph speed limit.

**H105 (Parking Restrictions in Westbury Park)** - the requisite TROs were being processed and implementation of the “yellow lining work” will be undertaken when the current major road works in the area had been completed.

**H118 (Park Grove pavement build-outs)** - consultation and implementation should be completed during the 2013/14 Financial Year.

**H123 (West Broadway/South Croft traffic calming)** - Alan reported that the West Broadway Neighbourhood Watch were proposing to make a bid to the NP’s Small Community Grants Fund to fund a consultation to evaluate (and cost) possible remedial measures. Simon Tomlinson suggested that Kellaway Crescent should also be included in the evaluation process.

**H124 (Wellington Hill West, junct with Kellaway Ave)** - the ASL had been assessed by BCC’s Highway Engineers as being too close to the junction and new road markings would be introduced.

**H127 (Downs Park West)** - parking restrictions at the junction with Henleaze Road would be considered when the next Parking Review is carried out in the area.

**S101 & S103 (Shirehampton Road/Sea Mills Lane & Stoke Hill/Old Sneed Ave)** – implementation of new traffic restrictions (yellow lines) at these junctions should be completed in the Spring of 2013.

**W101 (Passage Rd/Greystoke Ave junction)** – a recent BCC study concluded that it was impractical to ban traffic turning in and out of Passage Road from Greystoke Avenue. An alternative improvement has been proposed to provide a larger pedestrian refuge and provide a 2-lane exit from Greystoke Avenue on to Falcondale Road (see **W133**, below).

**W112 (Stoke Lane)** – a parking review and consultation along the length of Stoke Lane and adjacent roads would be completed this year. Subsequent implementation would be funded from a recently-awarded LST Grant for £4k.

**W122 (Falcondale Road Traffic Lights)** – funding of £2k has recently been secured from the NP’s Small Community Grants Fund to upgrade the communication links between the 4 sets of traffic lights, before the end of this financial year. Adam Crowther (Traffic Signals Manager) may also be able to include some traffic cameras (at no additional cost to the NP) to further improve the traffic management through the area.

**W133 (Greystoke Ave/Falcondale Road junction)** – see W101, above. A scheme would be progressed, subject to consultation and funding priorities.

Sue Mayer asked whether a scheme to build out the pavement on Shirehampton Road (or even a zebra crossing) could be added to the Highways Issues list in anticipation of the new play park in Stoke Lodge, to help children cross a very busy road. It was agreed that this aspiration would be added to the list of Highway Issues (as S117).

**6. Maintenance Issues:**

**M112 & M113 (Glen Drive and Eastfield)** – the planned pavement refurbishment in Glen Drive had had to be postponed due to planned flood relief work by Wessex Water. The NP had agreed, at their

last Meeting in December, that refurbishment of pavements in Eastfield should proceed instead. The work in Glen Drive would be assessed for inclusion in the work programme for the 2013/14 Financial Year.

**M118 (Springfield Grove)** – pavement refurbishment is planned for completion before the end of the current Financial Year.

**M125 (Waters Lane)** – the large dropped kerb outside Ash Cottage had been inspected by BCC's Highway Engineer (Phil Harrison) and modifications could be completed soon, subject to funding.

**M126 (Farne Close)** – the condition of the pavement would be assessed and ranked with others for possible refurbishment from the NP's 2013/14 budget allocation.

A request was made for additional yellow lines in Henley Grove (outside No. 2) as the owners had trouble getting out of their drive due to vehicles parking right up to the beginning of the current yellow lines. This would be included when the next Parking Review is carried out in the area.

Alan Aburrow asked Mark if he would send him details of the proposed 2013/14 footpath maintenance schemes before the next NP Meeting (4 March) so that he could circulate them to WG Members for comment, in advance of the NP Meeting.

#### **7. AOB**

1. Money was available for upgrading bus stops along the routes of the 501, 502 & 505. It was suggested that the stop by Lake Road and the one on the opposite side of the road (at the bottom of Hill View) should be submitted for improvement.
2. Parry's Lane, from Stoke Lane to the Downs, had been the subject of recent road works and the road was now badly rutted and potholed, particularly in the cycle lanes. Mark will follow this up.
3. Sue Mayer raised problems arising again from inconsiderate parking in Shirehampton Road by users of Stoke Lodge when the gates to the site were not open. Alan suggested that this issue should be raised at the next Stoke Bishop Open Forum on 23 January.

#### **8. Date of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17 April 2013 at 7pm, venue TBA.

Alan had circulated proposed dates for the next year's meetings and these are now confirmed as: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July (AGM), Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October (please note change from original proposal of 7 October) and Tuesday 21 January 2014.

**Please note** that these dates will need to be reviewed in order to accommodate any significant changes to the dates for Neighbourhood Partnership Meetings and Neighbourhood Forums.