

MINUTES of the Highways & Streetscene Committee of Melksham Without Parish Council held on Monday 16th January 2023 at Melksham Without Office Space (First Floor), Melksham Community Campus, Market Place, Melksham, SN12 6ES at 7.47pm

Present: Councillors Alan Baines (Committee Chair), John Glover (Chair of Council), David Pafford (Vice Chair of Council), Mark Harris and Stefano Patacchiola JP

In attendance: Wiltshire Councillor Nick Holder (Bowerhill), 4 Members of Public and Councillor Wood (for part of meeting)

Officers: Teresa Strange, Clerk & Lorraine McRandle, Parish Officer

348/22 Welcome, Announcements & Housekeeping

Councillor Baines welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the fire safety evacuation procedures for the building.

349/22 To receive Apologies and approval of reasons given

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chivers who had an appointment in Southampton and Councillor Shea-Simonds who was due to have an operation that day.

Resolved: To note and accept the reasons for absence of both Councillor Chivers and Councillor Shea-Simonds and to send the Council's best wishes to Councillor Shea-Simonds.

350/22 a) To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

b) To consider for approval any Dispensation Requests received by the Clerk and not previously considered.

There were no dispensation requests.

360/22 Public Participation

Standing orders were suspended to enable members of public to speak to this item.

Howard Yardy, Wildlife Officer for the Melksham & Chippenham Branch of the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust was in attendance to inform Members of the Bee Route Project, with the aim to develop wildlife friendly areas along the still existing route of the Wilts & Berks canal, enhancing grassland to wildflower rich areas for pollinators, birds etc.

Mr Yardy explained the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust had received a grant from the Underwood Trust, a national charity, to purchase a tractor and mower collector to help achieve the project's aim. However, he felt the equipment should be used beyond the canal on suitable public areas nearby.

Mr Yardy explained he was currently fostering local support and had started to recruit Berryfield residents to assist with the project and was working on plans for other sites in Berryfield and would be seeking the Council's support in due course. He was also liaising with Bowerhill Residents Action Group (BRAG) and Friends of Shurnhold Fields to offer assistance with their wildflower projects.

The proposal was to develop the verges along Semington Road and the Police Station roundabout on the West side and from Outmarsh Farm to the top of Semington junction in order to create a wildlife friendly area.

Mr Yardy explained he had consulted widely with qualified people about the proposal, including Plant Life, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and Ali Rasey, Ecologist at Wiltshire Council and understood a licence would need to be obtained from Wiltshire Council Highways and sought the backing of the Parish Council for application.

Mr Yardy stated he would like to extend the project beyond the canal at some point and understood the old route went through the Bowood View housing development which may have opportunities for creating wild flower areas.

Councillor Wood explained there were opportunities for an area near the sewage works on Semington Road, as well as on the site for 144 dwellings adjacent to Bowood View, which would also provide a buffer between the two sites.

Councillor Wood left the meeting at this point.

Mr Richardson, Chair of Community Action Whitley & Shaw (CAWS) updated the meeting on speeding issues in Shaw and Whitley with enforcement action recently being undertaken on Shaw Hill and Corsham Road, resulting in 88 drivers being caught speeding.

Mr Richardson requested another meeting with both Councillor Baines and the Clerk regarding speeding and road safety issues.

With regard to speed indicator devices, Mr Richardson explained Community Action Whitley & Shaw (CAWS) were keen to see these more frequently in Shaw & Whitley, with CAWS still minded to contribute towards the costs of a device, however they would like it just to be dedicated to the villages of Shaw and Whitley.

With regard to a potential footpath from West Hill to the main part of the village, Mr Richardson stated whilst it was understood this was no longer being pursued as residents had not requested it, clarified residents had asked for this to be put in place.

Councillor Baines clarified there had been no request to the Parish Council for the footpath, with the original suggestion for a footpath being the other side of the road. However, this was ruled out as it would have been a major construction project to put one in on the other side of the road (the Pear Tree pub side).

With regard to the proposal on the agenda for yellow lines on Westlands Lane, Mr Richardson felt this would be welcomed by people who use the lane regularly, as the road narrowed at this point. However, noted residents in Westlands Lane had little parking themselves, hence why they parked on the road.

With regard to agenda item 8b and Bowerhill School, Councillor Holder explained he had been contacted by the Principal of the school resulting in a meeting being arranged with the Headteacher, which Councillor Harris would also be attending in his capacity as Chair of Bowerhill Village Hall.

With regard to item 9c and Redstocks Lane, Councillor Holder stated he was unaware of any concerns and therefore would be interested in listening to the debate on the concerns raised by the resident.

Regarding item 9b and speeding concerns on Pathfinder Way, this had been brought to his attention by a resident.

Councillor Baines sought clarification if additional signage had been put in place to correct the anomaly of a 30mph speed limit in one direction and 40mph speed limit in the other.

Councillor Holder stated he understood these had been put in place with Pathfinder Way now a 30mph zone.

Councillor Baines expressed a concern there appeared to be a new 30mph sign on the exit from Halifax Road roundabout when the whole of Bowerhill was already 30mph and therefore this was a re-emphasis of the 30mph speed limit and was not sure this complied with the Traffic Regulations.

Councillor Holder explained he would query this with Julie Cleave, Highways Development Control Engineer.

Councillor Harris explained there were two 30mph signs, one as highlighted by Councillor Baines and the original 30mph sign when coming up from Pathfinder Way. However, there was still an anomaly with the painted speed signs on the road.

Councillor Glover also noted the painted turn left sign on the road at the Bowerhill roundabout/Pathfinder Way junction was still to be removed.

Councillor Holder informed the meeting Chris Clark, Head of Local Highways had been instructed to resolve this matter and would chase when this work would be undertaken and suggested the Clerk also follow up on this.

It was noted the incorrect arrows on both sides of the roundabout (i.e. Spa Road and Pathfinder Way) were causing confusion for drivers and some drivers were adhering to what was painted on the road and others were adhering to the Highway Code, not aware of the road markings. This included the Faresaver buses, with incidences of road rage as drivers both felt they were in the right.

Councillor Baines asked Members if they were happy to move item 16 regarding the Bee Route Project further up the agenda, which Members agreed.

361/22 Bee Project Route. To support the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust request in creating more wildlife friendly verges along the old canal next to Semington Road at Outmarsh Farm

Following discussions earlier in the meeting, whilst it was noted Wiltshire Council would have to agree to the project, Members welcomed proposals for a Bee Route along Semington Road.

Councillor Baines noted the proposal would need the approval of Highways and possibly a Street Works Licence would be required.

Recommendation: To support the proposal of a Bee Route along Semington Road at the locations highlighted and to approach Wiltshire Council to ask if they would take this project forward.

Mr Yardy and his guest left the meeting at 8.17pm.

362/22 To note Minutes of last Highways & Street Scene Committee meeting held on 26 September 2022 and updates on actions taken.

Members noted the minutes of the Highways meeting held on 26 September 2022 and the actions taken.

- a) **Highway Funding. To note updates (if received) following a request to Wiltshire Council, the £200,000 Section 106 Highway contribution from planning application PL/2022/02749 for 144 dwellings on Semington Road be spent on various highway projects in the vicinity of Berryfield, including the provision of a footway along Western Way to improve access for residents of new developments on**

Semington Road to the proposed new primary school at Pathfinder Place

The Clerk explained in relation to proposed new developments on Semington Road i.e. PL/2022/02749 for 144 dwellings and PL/2022/08155 for 53 dwellings, she had contacted Mark Wiltshire, Highway Planning Officer, seeking a meeting to discuss a potential new footpath along Western Way, providing him with a copy of the current walking route from Semington Road to the proposed Pathfinder Place School. However, whilst receiving a holding email, was still awaiting a full response and would continue to chase.

Having met with the Town Clerk earlier that day, as the current walking walk to Pathfinder Place is in the town, had highlighted the route for information and shown a potential new path along Western Way.

The Clerk had highlighted to the Mark Wiltshire, hopefully all these planning applications together (including the “appeal site” 20/07334/OUT) would be enough to create funding in order to build the footpath.

Councillor Baines stated he had noted in late correspondence for Planning relating to proposals for 144 dwellings on Semington Road (PL/2022/02749), there was an indication on one of the plans at outline stage for a light controlled crossing on the Western arm of the A350 (desire line), however at Reserved Matters there was no proposals for one, with the developer being asked to make the Western arm less attractive.

The Clerk confirmed in the Section 106 Agreement it stated the developers for the 144 dwellings had to contribute to making the Western Arm of the A350 roundabout less attractive.

b) Pathfinder Place Implementation of 20mph to note correspondence from Julie Cleave, Highways Development Control Engineer (Min 177(c)/22)

The Highways Development Control Engineer had confirmed Pathfinder Place was subject to a 20mph speed limit on both sides and the relevant signage to be installed, including 20mph roundels painted on the road.

The Clerk queried if the same applied to the new Bowood View development which should therefore should also be subject to a 20mph speed limit, if all new developments were subject to such restrictions, and therefore would chase this up.

Recommendation: To seek clarification on whether Bowood View was also subject to a 20mph speed limit.

363/22 Local Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) (formerly Community Area Transport Group – CATG)

a) To note Minutes and action log of Local Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) meeting held on 27th October 2022.

Members noted the minutes and action log of the Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) held on 27th October 2022.

b) To approve 50% funding towards installation of village gates in Beanacre (Issue 9-22-11)

Councillor Baines stated it was hoped there would be some funding from the Beanacre Solar Farm to cover the Council's 50% share of the village gates and noted it appeared a gateway feature was the only option to reduce traffic speeds approaching from the North entering the 30mph speed limit in Beanacre, as advance signs were not permitted, with the Highway Engineer adamant progressive signage was not a permitted sign with no justification for a traffic order to apply a 40 mph speed limit in advance of the 30mph speed limit.

Councillor Patacchiola asked if there was evidence to show providing village gate signage had a positive impact in slowing vehicles down.

Councillor Baines stated there was anecdotal evidence from Atworth, that such signage had a positive impact on slowing drivers down from the Bath direction.

It was noted the estimated costs of providing the village gates was between £8,000 and £10,000.

The Clerk stated for clarity that the Parish Council were looking at their budget on Monday 23rd January and this 50% funding had been included in the budget figures at this stage. Also, Wessex Water, in terms of mitigation for their proposed mains drainage project in Beanacre were offering some community benefit, with the Parish Council having provided several projects for consideration, including contributing towards providing village gates or a new gate at St Barnabas Church to give improved access to the public to the community recreation areas. However, they were yet to come back on which project they would be prepared to contribute towards.

The Clerk clarified officers had contacted Bath & North East Somerset Council (BANES) seeking their authorisation documentation for

providing such signage, as they had done in Bathford, with their Head of Highways looking into it.

Recommendation: To approve the Council's 50% funding contribution towards the provision of village gateway signage at Beanacre at a total cost of £8-10,000 exclusive of VAT; therefore a £4-5,000 contribution from the parish council.

364/22 To consider residents' requests for support by the Parish Council including requests for the Local Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) next meeting on 2nd February 2023):

- a) **To note a request from Wessex Water for double yellow lines on Westlands Lane on junction with A350 to enable better access for vehicles to their proposed new pumping station on Westlands Lane.**

Members noted and supported this request.

- b) **To consider a request from Bowerhill Primary School & Bowerhill Village Hall for improvement to access to the grounds for parking and drop off (including update on School Travel Plan).**

The Clerk explained the new Head was in touch with Ruth Durrant, School Travel Advisor seeking a copy of their travel plan and understand the new Head of Shaw Primary School was also in touch with Ruth Durrant to get hold of their travel plan.

Councillor Baines stated unfortunately the travel plans for both schools were out of date with Wiltshire Council stating they were unable to share them with the Parish Council.

The Clerk explained the Head of Bowerhill School had acknowledged children were attending the school from further afield, as highlighted in the education report earlier in the Planning meeting with children being directed to places available, which were not necessarily near where they lived and therefore this changed their Travel Plan.

The Clerk noted there was a proposed meeting with the Head of Bowerhill School, Councillor Harris as Chair of Bowerhill Village Hall Committee and Wiltshire Councillor Nick Holder, suggesting as a meeting had already been arranged, if a representative from the Parish Council should attend, rather than have another meeting with the same people.

The Clerk explained she had put this back on the agenda as it

had gone forward to the Substantive Highway Fund for consideration, unfortunately, Melksham was not eligible for funding, as there was funding available via the Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) and therefore asked if a request for funding be sent to them.

It was noted the next the Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) meeting was due to be held on 2nd February.

Councillor Harris confirmed the meeting with the Head and Councillor Holder was due to be held on 26th January.

It was noted any request submitted after the 26th January meeting, would be too late to go to the Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) meeting for consideration, as requests for funding needed to be submitted several weeks in advance.

Councillor Holder explained he would contact the Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) to see if he could get something on the agenda for consideration.

Councillor Harris explained he had had a very productive meeting with the new Headteacher do discuss amalgamating both the village hall and school car parks and improving the access to the car park.

Councillor Baines felt it was important the Highway Engineer also attend the meeting, particularly if it involved an exit onto the highway.

Recommendation: Councillor Baines to attend the meeting on 26th January and to invite the Highway Engineer.

To forward a request to the Local Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) to investigate highway improvements at Bowerhill Primary School and Bowerhill Village Hall.

c) To note concerns raised by Shaw Primary School with dangerous driving outside the school grounds, and update on the School Travel Plan

Councillor Baines informed the meeting Shaw School had a new Head, who was looking to update the School Travel Plan.

It was stated Shaw Primary School were keen there be some form of enforcement regarding poor parking/driving at school times and therefore it has been suggested a request be made

for enforcement action.

The Clerk confirmed requests for enforcement action outside the school had been made previously and highlighted incidences of extremely dangerous driving endangering those accessing the school with vehicles mounting and driving along the pavement.

It was noted there were several things at play, i.e. poor driving and poor parking with the school needing to encourage people not to drive pupils to school, in order to help ease the situation of vehicles trying to access the school car park and consequently causing congestion.

It was noted the local Police were already aware of the situation outside the school.

Recommendation: To request enforcement action outside Shaw School.

365/22 Speed Enforcement

- a) To note Police Speed Enforcement undertaken in Shaw and Whitley in December and to note increase in prosecutions and to consider a request for additional enforcement action elsewhere in the parish**

Councillor Baines stated as mentioned earlier in the meeting some enforcement action had taken place in both Shaw & Whitley, resulting in 88 drivers being prosecuted for speeding, with 55 offered speed awareness courses and hoped similar enforcement would take place elsewhere in the parish.

Recommendation: To write to the Police stating whilst welcoming the enforcement action undertaken in Shaw and Whitley, hope to see it take place elsewhere in the parish, highlighting other roads in the Parish which qualify for a Speed Indicator Device (SID) deployment and/or Community Speedwatch.

- b) To note concerns of resident of Pathfinder Place at speeding on Pathfinder Way and A365 Bath Road and to consider requesting a traffic survey**

A resident of Bowerhill had raised concerns at the number of vehicles speeding on Pathfinder Way.

Members noted there had been confusion with the speed signage on Pathfinder Way, however, felt it was felt this was no excuse. It was also noted the complaint had been received

prior to current speed limit signage being erected, which would correct the confusion, however it was felt speeding would still take place nonetheless.

Councillor Pafford felt Pathfinder Way was an ideal location for enforcement and having a traffic survey undertaken to ascertain the level of speed in order to support further action.

Councillor Baines noted the entrance to Pathfinder Place is extremely narrow which in turn causes a problem for vehicles turning in, if there is someone waiting to come out. It was noted there would be a similar situation on the other side of Pathfinder Place, particularly if a recent planning application for 210 dwellings were to be approved, as access was proposed via this road.

Members noted when commenting on the original planning application for Pathfinder Place they had stated a 'No Right Turn' signage should be erected, given the flow of traffic coming off Bowerhill roundabout; and this was contributing to the issues of speeding on this stretch of road. Drivers would be better to turn left, go round the roundabout and come back down Pathfinder Way

Councillor Glover suggested a 'No Right' turn should also be requested on the exits of the next phase of Pathfinder Place being built on the other side of the road, including the new access for the proposed Pathfinder primary school with Councillor Holder supporting the request.

Recommendation:

1. To request a traffic survey be undertaken on Pathfinder Way.
2. To request police speed enforcement take place once the signage on Pathfinder Way has been regularised.
3. Given concerns of residents and the Parish Council's own observations, particularly given the increase in traffic on Pathfinder Way, to submit a request to Local Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) for the installation of 'No Right Turn' signage on the exits of Newall Road and Maitland Place (and the exit from the proposed Pathfinder Place school) onto Pathfinder Way. This is to direct vehicles to the roundabouts and back down rather than crossing fast oncoming traffic to the other carriageway.

c) To note concerns of speed limit on Redstocks Lane and to consider requesting a Traffic Survey to support a reduction in the speed limit

A resident of Redstocks had written requesting a change in the speed limit on Redstocks Lane, as well as raising concerns at the condition of the lane.

Councillor Baines noted there were several lanes in the parish all very similar, single-track roads which had national speed limits and felt a traffic survey on Redstocks Lane would not support a reduction in speed limit or think the 85% percentile would show excessive speed, as most traffic using the road would be residents or visitors who would drive accordingly.

Members noted the resident's concerns regarding the condition of the lane and the response from the Highways Engineer and felt the condition of the road required attention.

Councillor Patacchiola, being fairly new to the Council, sought an understanding in order to get a Traffic Order to change a speed limit was to get a traffic survey undertaken where there is excessive speeding or where there had been a change such as development.

The Clerk explained a speed limit review was undertaken some 5/6 years ago of A, B and C class roads by Wiltshire Council and therefore only if there is a major/material change would that trigger Wiltshire Council to investigate again; it was very hard to get a change in speed limit. A traffic survey gave the eligibility for the deployment of Community Speedwatch and a Speed Indicator Device (SID) if the results met the criteria, it did not trigger to have the speed limit reviewed.

Also, if development takes place along a particular stretch of road, with a perceived speeding issue, this may also trigger a review.

It was noted some speeds in the parish had automatically been changed, such as outside the former Forest & Sandridge School (now Lopes Close) and George Ward School (now George Ward Gardens) whereby once the schools had relocated the 30mph speed limits were removed and replaced with 40mph speed limits, as having the school situated on those particular stretches of road where the only reason why it qualified for a 30mph speed limit, despite the remonstrations of the Parish Council for the 30mph limit to remain.

Councillor Patacchiola sought clarification if a fatal accident occurred if this triggered a change in the speed limit.

The Clerk clarified it was only on the recommendation of the Coroner; it wasn't automatically done, or on the request of others.

Councillor Baines stated an accident record did also count towards reconsidering speed limits.

Recommendation: To write to Wiltshire Council stating the condition of the road in Redstocks requires attention copying in the local Wiltshire Council member, Councillor Nick Holder.

d) To note response to Michelle Donelan MP regarding speeding concerns on A350 in Beanacre

Michelle Donelan MP had written to the Parish Council and completed a Highway Improvement Request form seeking a 30mph speed limit in Beanacre and the installation of traffic calming measures between Beanacre and Melksham.

Councillor Baines noted the majority of the A350 through Beanacre was already subject to a 30mph speed limit and therefore concluded a reduction in the 40mph speed limit was being requested between Beanacre Church and Nortree Garage, which was currently subject to a 40mph speed limit.

Councillor Baines highlighted this was a similar request to the one in Shaw, whereby residents were seeking a reduction in the speed limit between Shaw and Melksham to 30mph which would result in a very long 30mph speed limit which was detrimental to the observance of speed limits generally, as drivers do not perceive there to be a reason for it and therefore, they will not adhere to the speed limit and the undeveloped section between Beanacre and Melksham is just such a stretch of road.

As regards traffic calming measures, Councillor Baines noted there were already traffic islands in Beanacre, which were intended as traffic calming measures and felt any further traffic calming measures would not be permitted on an 'A' class road.

Members noted the full response to Michelle Donelan MP from the Parish Officer.

Recommendation: Not to support a request to the Local Highway & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) for a reduction in the speed limit, as it was felt unnecessary or desirable.

e) To consider changing threshold levels on the Speed Indicator Devices

Councillor Baines informed the meeting this request had arisen following discussion with the Highway Engineer who had highlighted Wiltshire Council's Guidance on the deployment of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) with regard to trigger speeds.

It was noted trigger speeds should be set to match the Police threshold levels for prosecution and as such should not be altered.

Councillor Patacchiola felt the guidelines was slightly unenforceable, as whilst the Police had guidelines at what prosecutions are set at, each individual Force set their own guidelines depending on what they were doing.

Councillor Pafford noted speed indicator devices in the parish were deployed to encourage people to observe the speed limit and not to undertake enforcement.

Councillor Baines stated he was interested in automatic Speedwatch cameras and awaited with interest the enquiry Community Action Whitley & Shaw (CAWS) had made with the Speedwatch Co-ordinator, as these devices might hold much more promise.

Recommendation: To contact the manufacturers of the Council's speed indicator devices (SIDs) to ascertain how to adjust the threshold points.

366/22 Cleveland Bridge and Clean Air Zone Bath. To note response from Councillor Clewer, Leader, Wiltshire Council to proposals by BANES to extend the Clean Air Zone and continuation of 18 tonnes weight limit on Cleveland Bridge

Members noted the press release issued by Councillor Clewer, Leader of Wiltshire Council expressing Wiltshire Council's opposition and frustration at Bath & North East Somerset Council's (BANES) proposal to extend its Clean Air Zone by introducing a charge for Euro VI diesel HGVs exceeding 12 tonnes, given the potential damaging impact this would have on West Wiltshire towns and villages, which were currently being impacted by the extended 18 tonne weight restriction on Cleveland Bridge, with vehicles finding alternative routes through West Wiltshire.

367/22 Proposed A350 Bypass (Standing Item)

a) To note any updates since the last meeting

The Clerk informed the meeting there had been no update since the last meeting. The M4 to Dorset Coast Connectivity Strategic Study which was due in the Summer the previous year, was still to be issued.

368/22 Rights of Way (Footpaths)

a) To note an Inspector has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to undertake a Public Enquiry into Order: Melksham Without Path No 107 & Melksham Without Path No 151 DMMO 2020 to determine the Order. The inquiry will be held on Tuesday, 13 June 2023 at Forest Community Centre. To give consideration to a representative of the Council attending the Inquiry

Members noted an Inspector had been appointed to undertake a Public Enquiry into Order: Melksham Without Paths No 107 and 151 on 13 June at Forest Community Centre.

Councillor Baines stated he had submitted a personal representation regarding the creation of Melksham Without Path 151 and understood the Council had also made a similar representation as it duplicated an existing right of way in the town ie Melksham No 6.

Councillor Baines stated as he was attending in a personal capacity if another Councillor could attend instead the inquiry instead.

Recommendation: To ask Councillor Doel if he was happy to represent the Parish Council at the meeting.

b) To consider future action regarding PROW MELW100 requiring a Diversion Order as it is currently inaccessible (to improve pedestrian access to town using a Right of Way)

Councillor Baines noted over the last 60 years there had been a house built across Right of Way MELW100, making it inaccessible for pedestrians to access the Right of Way to walk into town (MELW67 & MEL1) without a circuitous route.

The Clerk explained this had been raised some time ago with Wiltshire Council but not progressed, however, it had been

raised again recently as residents in Beanacre had to go some distance on the pavement towards Lacock in order to access a Right of Way to get to the one that then took residents into town avoiding the busy A350. The Clerk explained she had discussed the issue with the Rights of Way Officer recently and it was felt that it was a priority over some of the complaints about maize on other Rights of Way, as that was only for 4 months of the year.

Councillor Glover sought an update on MELW109. The Clerk stated this Right of Way led to a well but otherwise was a dead end, and was still blocked by a resident who had erected fencing, with the Parish Council some time ago having gone back to Wiltshire Council to say this is unacceptable.

Recommendation:

1. To request a Diversion Order of MELW100.
2. To contact Wiltshire Council stating it was unacceptable MELW109 was still blocked and ask that action be taken to unblock it.

369/22 Traffic Orders

- a) **To note No Waiting Restrictions at Any Time proposed for the North Western access road off Portal Road (both sides) and North Eastern access road, Portal Road (both sides) Re Dick Lovett entrances/exits**

Members noted this application had now been made.

370/22 Grit Bins. To consider if parish council would be responsible for distributing salt in icy conditions from grit bins at Pathfinder Place development

Councillor Baines reminded Members Taylor Wimpey had offered grit bins for Pathfinder Place on condition the Parish Council own them and were responsible for distributing the contents, and sought a steer from Members if they wished the Parish Council to take on responsibility for the bins.

The Clerk reminded Members, in order to have a grit bin, a Snow Plan was required and the responsibility attached to this, which meant requests from community groups/parish councils would only be accepted as they would have resources to consistently grit footpaths when necessary; and not individual residents/

Recommendation: To decline the offer of grit bins on the Pathfinder Place development.

371/22 Electric Vehicle Charging. To note update on EV Charging in

**Wiltshire following recent webinar by Sarah Valdus, Assistant
Director Environment, Wiltshire Council**

Members noted the update on electric vehicle charging in
Wiltshire.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed
Chair, 23 January 2023