

Report from the Safety Working group 04.02.20

Bishopswood Village Hall 7-9pm

Present - Attending - Cllr Newbert, Cllr van Lienden (Chair), Cllr Akers
Cllr Cole, Bill Cansdale,
Members of the public attending - Bridget Vine

1. **Apologies** Cllr Jordan, Cllr Smith

2. **Declarations.** None

3. **Public Participation Session.**

7. Item brought forward to allow Cllr Cole to leave early for gritting duties.

Canoe launch Signs - Cllr Cole has costed 2 hardwood finger signs to direct visitors one way to Kerne Bridge and the other way to the Picnic Site to be attached to existing sign at a cost of £230 for the 2. The state of the notice boards was discussed and it was proposed to remove the one broken sign at the village hall end of the car park and repair and improve the other sign to include walks, site maps, information and insurance details.

Toilets - Cllr van Lienden had a successful and friendly meeting with BVH committee members who agreed to re-open the toilets but will not bear any costs and expect them to be cleaned properly. The costs to be born largely by RSH but with possibly a small contribution from the council with the toilets closed out of season and when there is no one on site. Options will be discussed on the return of Charlie Baker later this month. Coin operated locks will be looked at and a health and safety checklist needs to be drawn up. The clerk to formulate & circulate an agreement with BVH, RSH & WPC. It was agreed to hold a meeting as soon as possible after the return of Charlie Baker as toilet provision needs to be in place for the new season. At 7.30 Cllr Cole left the meeting.

On site refreshments - The introduction of an on site refreshment outlet was discussed this would take the form of a temporary removable unit to be sited sensitively and not on the SSSI, not connected to a water supply and with safety in mind. Points to be discussed with Charlie baker on his return - Type of products & packaging to be sold, litter management, hours of business.

4. **Smart Water** - it was decided to recommend to council to approve the Smart Water scheme subject to the discount still being available. Cllr van Lienden will ask the clerk to ascertain the deadline date and Cllr van Lienden will supply the figures to the Clerk to circulate to councillors before the next meeting.

5. **Speeding in Walford** No progress, the council is still waiting to hear from the police regarding the community speed check.

6. **Bridleway safety and WA50 footpath.**

Cllr Newbert agreed to write to John Harrington at Herefordshire CC to make a case for improvement and re-opening.

8. **Leys Hill Junction** - Bill Cansdale reported that BB had been contacted and due to high costs now quoted to produce a consultancy report the residents action group will

narrow the scope of their consultant remit to looking at - Signage painted on the road, signage on posts, caution pedestrian signs, vehicle activated signs and the speed limit. It was suggested that contact should be made with Whitchurch & Ganarew to see if they can offer any advice.

9. Meeting frequency - It was agreed to ask full council to approve a change to the TORs of the group from meeting monthly to meeting when required.

10. Public participation session - Bridget Vine gave helpful input at several points during the meeting and offered her services to the group and it was agreed to put her name forward as a new member.

11. Items for next agenda - Repeat of the same issues.

12. Recommendations to full council - To ask for approval for Bridget Vine to join the group & to ask for approval to agree to the Smart Water scheme with the conditions as stated, to approve a change to the TORs to meetings as required.

13. Next meeting date - To take place as soon as possible on the return of Charlie Baker. Cllr Cole to inform Cllr Newbert of when this will be so that the meeting can be arranged.