

MINUTES OF LITTLE TEW PARISH MEETING

5TH FEBRUARY 2024

IN ATTENDANCE: Anthony Cripps (Chair), Keith Reeve, Chris Hollander, Lizz Mollington, Peter Buckman, Viv Bennett, Mike Bennett, Tiff Loehnis, Andrew Dunstan, Maggie Norris, Max Richter, Rob Pollock, Andy Wigmore, Cath Hollier, Richard Howarth, Kitty Wengraf, Zoe Hudson, Louise Anthony, Florence Anthony, Jacquie Bradley.

APOLOGIES: Kathleen Beggin, Deidre Fallows, Rory Paget, Mike Tomlinson.

1. Traffic Calming. Keith Reeve (KR) presented the Recommendations Paper that had been available on the village website for 3 weeks. Clarification given that the minimum signage required would be the vertical 600mm diameter signs at each entrance to the village, followed by 300mm diameter 'Repeaters' at regular intervals, but no less than 200m apart. These would use existing infrastructure wherever possible. There is no requirement to have markings on the road surface. It was also clarified that the Speedwatch Group, once fully trained, could undertake a speed and traffic number survey on The Meetings road in order to highlight potential issues to support our case for a speed limit reduction on that road.
KR clarified that we are unable to have a 'speed hump' without another earlier speed reduction item such as a chicane, as we would not be in a 20mph 'zone', but a 20mph 'area' according to advice from OCC.
Our understanding regarding budgets, is that the 20mph proposal will be fully funded by OCC, but OCC would only meet 50% of the cost of any additional measures such as speed humps or chicanes. The meeting were advised that we currently understand that Little Tew is being allocated a sum of £60k from the Mullins project for traffic calming measures, although the timing of availability on this is not yet clear.
A discussion as to where the 20mph limit should start on each entrance to the village, concluded that on the approach from Church Enstone it would be just before (west of) Oakridge House, and on the approach from Great Tew it would start beyond (east of) the sharp bend before descending the hill into the village. On the approach from the Meetings, it had been suggested that it would start just north of Rymans, close to the green lane, but after discussion it was agreed we should ask for it to be pushed further out (northwards) from the village.

The meeting were invited to vote for the proposal of;

A 20mph speed limit for the village,

Setting up of a Speedwatch Group,

Monitoring compliance over a 12 month period and then review the need for additional measures.

In favour – 15

Against – 0

A discussion as to additional signage concluded that we should ask for a sign LITTLE TEW, VILLAGE ONLY, to be erected at The Meetings junction to deter through traffic.

Keith Reeve and Anthony Cripps to progress the proposal and report back at the next village meeting, or earlier if major developments.

2. The Chair advised that the development advisors Finchatton have asked to present their revised proposals for the 'Mansion', to be situated south of The Meetings, prior to submitting a revised Planning Application. After a brief discussion it was agreed that we should meet with them as a village, and a date of 26th February was proposed. Anthony Cripps to arrange.