

Highways and Sustainable Transport AG –

Meeting – Tuesday 29th June 2021 8.15pm (via Zoom)

Attendees: Cllr Amy Burbidge (AB), Cllr Martin Hassall (MH), Cllr Caroline Underwood (CU), Cllr Elaine Scott (ES) (Chair)

Apologies: Cllr Richard Salmon

1. Highways and Sustainable Transport TOR
Reviewed and agreed by all attendees with no changes or comments received
2. Chair
Cllr Elaine Scott voted as Chair for the AG by all attendees
3. ES and AB attending a Meeting on Wednesday 7 July with CCC to review progress with Buckden to Brampton cycleway to discuss their proposals on the scheme. They will be performing speed test in the next few weeks around the proposed route
4. Next round of LHI applications started on 30 June with deadline of Monday 2 August.
PROPOSAL: Buckden PC submit an application for an LHI grant to implement traffic calming and improved conditions for cycling and walking on Church Street in the 30mph zone
5. Private LHI – the Highways AG would like to improve the parking and accessibility around the Green and other areas of the village via Private LHI
PROPOSAL: Buckden PC to fund improvements to double-yellow lines existing and new, dropped-kerbs to improve accessibility. The cost will be approximately £10k
6. Highways England have sent out an email via CCC to discuss improvements to local walking, cycling and bridleway routes in the Buckden area as part of a scheme to resurface the A1 south of the Buckden Roundabout. AB has proposed a meeting and will attend on behalf of Highways and Sustainable Transport and would like a Large Scale Planning rep to attend to ensure consideration given to the impact of potential new housing and how this could fit in to the plans
7. We would like to hold a Road Safety and Sustainable Transport Focus Group in September to include multiple parties and to allow for involvement of the residents of the village. Groups such as CCC, HE, Cambs Constabulary, Speedwatch, HDC, School Streets would be included. The agenda would be along the lines of: LCWIP Highlights, Priorities for the village in relation to Road Safety and Sustainable Transport, School Streets
PROPOSAL: Hold a Focus Group for this purpose on Monday 27th September at 7.30pm via Zoom and in person at the Village Hall
8. AOB

- a. Parking and enforcement – Brampton School in conjunction with Cambs Police had a focus on parking and enforcement via fines which was facilitated by their District Councillor. We would like to see if it is possible to do the same for Buckden School

ACTION: AB to contact Hamish Mason to see if this can be arranged in the new school year in September 2021

- b. CCC LCWIP – Hunts Walking and Cycling have asked for input in to the response to the LCWIP by 13th July 2021. This is the proposed reply provided by AB:

We welcome the consultation and that the county have engaged in the production of this document. Buckden PC is, as far as we are aware, the only Parish produced LCWIP in the County and seeks to achieve safer and more convenient cycling and walking facilities for all. We welcome that the key route connecting Buckden to Hinchingsbrooke is identified, but feel that key routes connecting Buckden to St Neots are missed. However fundamentally we are disappointed by the lack of ambition in the County LCWIP which seeks to increase cycling by 1% in Hunts (it states it is proposing a doubling the level of cycling but with such a low base). Given that the Climate commission has identified surface transport as the highest emitter in the area, that it is above the national average and is rising, we think the sense of urgency and ambition to significantly increase walking and cycling uptake needs to be expressed much more strongly in this document, and that it should be targeting that Huntingdonshire achieve the same levels of cycling and walking as there is already in Cambridge. This needs to be matched with more investment in the rural areas than currently targeted.