

Notes from HASTAG meeting 11th September 2023

7.15pm 10 Perry Road or via zoom (RM Clerk set this up)

Attendees: Cllr Catherine Grigg (Host) **CG**, Cllr Emily Lankfer **EL**, Cllr Gerald Sansom Cllr (Chair) **GS**, Terry Hayward **TFH**, Amy Burbridge **AB** **via zoom**.

Apologies: Caroline Underwood Cllr **CU**

Actions from last meeting

CU Operational plan **DONE**, **CU** & **GS** in response to DoT consultation with grateful thanks to **AB** drafting the response, **DONE**.

CG still to draft an email for the residents on the state of the roads and pavements, and submit to **HASTAG members to review**.

TFH has been in contact with a resident **PF** in reference to mobility issues in regards to pavements etc and will report back when he has the information

Information in regards to speeding for the Roundabout **CG** still to do this, **AB** is assisting and forwarding a graph to aid this task, **CG** still to complete.

GS contacted **RM clerk** for MVAS unit on Perry Road to be repaired as agreed to finance by the group **DONE**.

GS has made contact with **CCH** in regards to **LHI** assistance with a response back from **PP CCH**, **AB** pointed out the need for possible **LHI** for dropped kerbs in manor gardens.

Cycleway update

CG & **AB** had reported still work to be completed but very close to being finished, **CU** had circulated updates and submitted photographs to **AHJ** (BPC Chair) that had been in the previous months Roundabout to show progress at that time.

Speed Watch and MVAS units

GS still to cost the potential of Lucks Lane **MVAS** units and **CCH** advice on pole positioning; also the need to look at 20mph on Lucks Lane members in agreement on this because of residents raised concerns when speed watch was carried out.

RM (Clerk) had circulated MVAS data and **CG** is forwarding these PDF graphs to **EL** to see if she is able to make them more suitable to residents to read so they can be put into the Roundabout.

National Highways

GS. The North and South Subway lights internally have been replaced with **LED** and is a great deal better and will help now winter is approaching **AT @ NH** has been thanked and asked about the approach down lights that were missed. Grass cutting of verges and central reservations has been cut just recently.

TFH reported that **JM** at number 1 Great North Road has asked him if the line of site line from this end of the A1 needs have vegetation cut back improved as site line and speed of traffic is making it harder to get access onto the road here and was felt to be very dangerous, **GS** to take a look and contact **AT @ NH** and raise this issue and liaise with the traffic police also.

Mill Road

Hedges along Mill Road have been cut back as **Cllr SA** and **TFH** had raised previous concerns along the footpath/cycle path as a safety issue, it appears that **KB CC** had raised this and if this was the case we thank him for his assistance in this matter.

Winter management plan

This item was actually not discussed, but needs to be an item for other meetings and an Agenda item in July 2024.

AOB

Email was forwarded by the Clerk **RM** to the group for the **24/25 LHI** applications by completing the **SURVEY by the end of September 2023**, as expressions of interest open at the end of **October 2023**, **GS** to ask anyone in the group to assist as this is still quite new to him, so **CU and AB** may well be able to give further guidance on this matter.

TFH said this will be his last meeting on this group as he feels he wants to ease off after aiding assistance on **BPC** over many years even on the council, but will offer assistance should we need to ask advice etc. **GS, CG, EL and AB** thanked him and wished him well but we all understood.

As a group we were going to seek advice from **KB and MH** about the control of weeds, kerbside as well as on footpaths, we understood the need of less weed killing and use of pesticides, but felt there are other ways in which the weed control could be dealt with by **CCH and District C** as it was felt that slip hazards could bring claims by those who have falls because of the action taken.

Date of next meeting:

7pm 11TH December 2023 venue TBC