
Humber, Ford & Stoke Prior Group Parish Council

Draft Minutes

of the ordinary Meeting of the Group Parish Council

Wednesday 17th July 2024 at 7.30pm in Stoke Prior Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Hugh Fowler-Wright (Chairman)
Cllr. Tim Yair
Cllr. Derek Silk
Cllr. James Hinton
Cllr. Richard Thomas
Cllr. Ken Bemand
Cllr. Janette Fulwood
Cllr. Chris Marston
Cllr. Anne Grace
Cllr. Rob Pugh

Ward Councillor: Bruce Baker
Clerk & RFO: Allan Drew

66/24 Apologies for absence

All Councillors were present. (Cllr. Hinton left the meeting during item 75/24)
To consider, if necessary: excusing absence of members to the following meeting.

67/24 Declaration of interests and dispensations

None received

68/24 Minutes of the last meeting

To consider: approval of minutes of the meetings held on 29th May and 26th June 2024.
Cllr Marston raised the matter of the Clerk's salary and had hoped for a paper to progress the matter. The Clerk had contacted HALC on this matter and awaited a reply. The Chairman then signed both sets of minutes

69/24 Matters for report arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

To resolve: appointment of a vice-Chair for 2024-25 (held over from the Annual Meeting)
After some discussion Cllr. Hinton agreed to undertake the role of vice-Chair for 2024-25.

To agree: allocation of roles to Councillors (held over from the Annual Meeting).
It was agreed that the allocations for 2023-24 would continue unchanged but see planning committee (following).

To confirm: final membership of committees including any changes arising from Cllr. Collins' resignation.
The membership of the planning committee was confirmed as-
Chairman & vice-Chairman (ex-officio), Cllrs. Bemand, Marston, Fullwood and Grace.

Cllr. Thomas commented that the Council should ensure that unnecessary bureaucracy did not stifle the work of selfless and dedicated volunteers organising events such as Community Week. There was full agreement with this comment.

70/24 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman had no points to raise. The Clerk reported that the Council's cloud storage allocation was now full and more space was required so that Council files could be backed up. It was agreed that the Clerk could purchase additional storage via Microsoft 365.

71/24 Public participation

Under Standing Order 8, any member of the public may make a statement or give evidence to the meeting on any business to be transacted or any other business, and ask or answer questions. At the discretion of the Chairman such participation may be permitted under the relevant agenda item.

No members of the public were present.

72/24 District Councillor's report

Cllr. Baker reported that-

- C&U class roads would be surface dressed over the next few months. £3.6m had been allocated to this work. . Cllr. Baker confirmed that there was an on-line reporting system for pot holes. Patching of pot holes was necessary before surface dressing.
- Free school meals would be provided to 4700 primary school children during the summer holidays
- Andrew Lovegrove, the Chief Accountant/S151 officer is retiring and his replacement has already been selected.
- A Parish Council summit had been held and had been successful. Another event will be held in October.
- There will be a Local Nature Recovery Strategy but the details have not yet been clarified.
- COVID cases are on the rise again. Residents are advised to use the precautions learnt a few years ago.
- There will be more support for unpaid carers many of whom are children.
- The King's Speech contained mention of a review of the National Planning Policy. On a longstanding planning application (Priory Farm) Cllr. Baker had asked that, if refusal by officers was likely, this application goes to Committee.
- The case of development at Hatfield had been passed at Committee for the erection of five dwellings at the edge of the village. Such a decision seemed to run counter to the adopted Local Plan. Cllr. Thomas commented that many houses are now unaffordable due to widespread building of extensions.

Cllr. Thomas asked about Leominster town centre work and why progress appeared slow. There had been a number of problems and there was significant dissatisfaction from local businesses suffering disruption. Cllr. Fullwood asked about bringing in free parking to try and encourage visitors back into the town. There had also been a problem with residents' parking permits which, though now resolved, appeared to be a lapse which Cllr. Baker would find out more about. Cllr. Hinton stated information received from Herefordshire gave a completion date of 29 November 2024.

Cllr. Marston asked why the 50mph speed limit on the A44 had not been extended as promised by the end of June. Additionally, there was confusion about the flooding problem in Stoke Prior centre and Cllr. Baker would follow up.

73/24 Planning Committee and planning applications update

To consider: new applications to be determined by Herefordshire Council

Ford & Stoke Prior

241567 Certificate of lawfulness for the existing occupation of Highbury in non-compliance with condition no. 2 of planning permission 93 154 (agricultural occupancy) for more than 10 years.

Humber There are no new applications

Council noted the updates on current planning applications-

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240279 Land at Hathaway, Stoke Prior, HR6 0LR

Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling.

Approved with Conditions

33094 Priory Farm Stoke Prior HR6 0ND. The construction and retention of a rural worker's dwelling, seminar room and a range of eight stables with ancillary tack and hay store.

Undecided

223610 Land north of Bowley Court farm

Change of use from a water storage lagoon to a water and anaerobic digestate storage lagoon (retrospective).

Undecided.

200705 Land adjoining Croft Gate Farm Stoke Prior.

Proposed new dwelling and garage adjacent to Croft Gate farm. THIS IS A RE-CONSULTATION FROM A 2020 APPLICATION

Undecided

Humber.

212600 - Land adjacent to Risbury Cross Cottage, Risbury HR6 0NG

Approval of reserved matters following outline approval 181648 (residential development of 6 houses).

Undecided - on hold due to phosphates

212473 Dev 1 Land adjacent to Risbury Cross Cottage Risbury HR6 0NG

Proposed permission for the siting of a caravan to provide accommodation on site during the construction of a dwelling on Plot 5 approved under application ref 181648. **Undecided- on hold due to phosphates.**

211802 - Land at Gob's Castle Risbury Leominster Herefordshire

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 7 9 10 11 12 13 15 18 19 & 21 attached to planning permission 173687. **Undecided**

74/24 General Financial Matters

The RFO reported that-

Bank balance on 10 July 2024 is £14311.12

Income received since last meeting -

Date	Description	Amount £	Classification
08/07/24	Lion Court Podiatry and Associates Invoice TP63	80.00	Adverts
28/06/24	PCC of Leominster Inv TP62	27.00	Adverts
13/06/24	Thomas H W Humber Woodland Of R	100.00	Adverts
12/06/24	Davidson EM TP61	100.00	Adverts
15/05/24	HMRC VTR	2,097.15	VAT Refund
13/05/24	Clear Minds Dog Training Limited	150.00	Adverts
	TOTAL	2554.15	

Payments made since last meeting

The following payments were agreed at the 29th May 2024 meeting (minute reference 57/24) and have been made.

Description	Cost £	VAT £	Total £	
Clerk's salary April 2024	260.13		260.13	
Clerk's salary May 2024	260.13		260.13	
Autela	65.28	13.05	78.33	Quarterly Payroll charge
Barrington Print 12507	460.00		460.00	The Pump printing (April 24)
Barrington Print 12613	460.00		460.00	The Pump printing (May 24)
Parish Online	30.00	6.00	36.00	Annual invoice, mapping services
Zurich Insurance	167.44		167.44	Annual renewal premium
Risbury Village Hall	32.00		32.00	May 24 meeting
Information Commissioner	35.00		35.00	Paid by DD 28 June 2024
Unity Bank	18.00		18.00	Q1 Service charge
TOTAL	1787.98	19.05	1807.03	

Payments for Authorisation

Description	Cost £	VAT £	Total £	
Barrington Print	603.00	0.00	603.00	June 2024 Pump (360 x 44 pages)
Barrington Print	460.00	0.00	460.00	July 2024. Pump (360 x 36 pages)
Clerk's salary	260.13	0.00	260.13	June 2024
Clerk's salary	259.73	0.00	259.73	July 2024. Pay 25 July 2024
HMRC PAYE	519.60	0.00	519.60	Q1 PAYE
Autela	68.22	13.64	81.86	April – July invoice
HALC	250.00	50.00	300.00	Internal Audit fee
TOTAL	2410.68	63.64	2484.32	

Council reviewed and agreed these payments.

Notes on payments

1. Autela payroll is now sending HMRC statements monthly instead of quarterly as in the past. However, payment can still be made quarterly – this involves assembling and summing three invoices to no real advantage. The RFO would prefer to pay these invoices monthly as they arrive. Additionally Autela has advised that HMRC is getting much more aggressive in their fines which are a flat rate of £100. To avoid any such situation the RFO asked that he is granted delegated authority to pay HMRC invoices. (Two Councillors will still have to authorise payments).
2. Barrington Print for the Pump also have a 5%/week surcharge (beyond 30 days) in their terms although this has never been enforced. Again the RFO would like delegated authority to pay these invoices on receipt.

Council agreed that delegated authority would be granted for payment of these invoices.

Budget Monitoring for 2024-25 April – June 2024

PREVIOUS YEARS				2024-25				NOTES FOR 2024-25 BUDGET	
		OUTTURN 2022-23	OUTTURN 2023-24	BUDGET 2024-25	YEAR TO DATE	FORECAST OUTTURN	VARIANCE FROM BUDGET		
1	Precept	12289.00	15000.00	15344.00	7661.00	15344.00	0.00	1	As agreed at meeting 7 February 2024
2	Pump Advertising	575.00	2391.00	2500.00	1179.50	2500.00	0.00	2	With advertising rates flat prudent view holds budget as 2023-24
3	Pump Postage	40.00	40.00	40.00	20.00	40.00	0.00	3	Nominal amount
4	Grants	0.00	7729.00	2400.00	3852.00	4400.00	2000.00	4	£3852 received for 2023-24. PROW grant estimated at ~ £500
5	Other Income	115.12	108.06	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	5	Misc. payments. Includes £400 SPVH contribution to noticeboard
6	VAT Reclaim	0.00	2751.62	2073.00	2097.15	2097.00	24.00	6	As 2023-24 outturn
7	CW Fundraising	2070.18	300.45	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	7	Estimated as last year
8	Other Projects	2080.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8	Income generating projects not yet identified
9	TOTAL INCOME	17169.30	28320.13	23157.00	14809.65	25181.00	2024.00	9	
EXPENDITURE									
10	Clerk	4403.50	4343.36	3930.00	520.26	3930.00	0.00	10	2023-24 Salary award plus arrears plus 10% uplift in hours minus tax increase.
11	Administration	445.88	411.66	500.00	148.44	500.00	0.00	11	
12	Insurance, audit, professional	887.38	1235.32	1200.00	167.44	1300.00	-100.00	12	Increased payment to internal auditor (£50 up to £200).
13	Website & IT	155.00	451.99	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	13	Increased cost for .GOV website
14	Hire of Halls	200.00	167.00	200.00	32.00	200.00	0.00	14	
15	Training and development	0.00	229.36	0.00	0.00	250.00	-250.00	15	Training for new (co-opted) Councillor(s)
16	Equipment	1065.22	890.50	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	16	Nominal amount
17	Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17	
18	HMRC	733.60	1105.24	1900.00	260.00	1900.00	0.00	18	Increased due to salary award plus change to 40% tax rate
19	Other	86.00	579.13	100.00	132.15	200.00	-100.00	19	No election costs nor National events contribution expected
20	DAY TO DAY EXPENDITURE	7976.57	9413.56	8430.00	1260.29	8880.00	-450.00	20	
PROJECTS									
21	War Memorial	5678.00	403.00	60.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	21	Engraving for S. Preece (Price)
22	Parish Pump	4260.00	5338.88	4000.00	920.00	4000.00	0.00	22	Costs have come down recently with fewer pages printed. Move towards online?
23	Lengthsman	6271.00	9095.00	5400.00	0.00	5400.00	0.00	23	£2400 grants + £3000 Parish spend
24	Community Week	1933.00	435.00	450.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	24	Estimate similar to 2023-24
25	Environment Project		0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	25	No spend last year. Council to agree way forward on this project.
26	Website modernisation		500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26	Project closed
27	Welcome pack		516.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27	Project closed
28	Trails Project			500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	28	Nominal estimate. Project owner to confirm.
29	Road Safety Project			1000.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00	29	Nominal estimate. Project owner to confirm.
30	Project C			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30	
31								31	
32	PROJECTS EXPENDITURE	18142.00	16288.28	11910.00	920.00	11410.00	500.00	32	
33	Reclaimable VAT on the above	2110	2072	1800	19.09	1800.00	0.00	30	VAT reclaim forecast does not yet include any project work
34	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	26118.57	25701.84	22140.00	2199.38	22090.00	50.00	31	
35	SURPLUS	-8949.27	2618.29	1017.00	12610.27	3091.00	2074.00	32	

Key Points

- Income looks very close to budget.
- Day-to-day costs are very close to budget
- Project costs remain unclear and project owners should develop business plans so the budget can be properly established.

Bank Reconciliation Q1 2024-25

HFSP CASHBOOK 2024-25							
Date	Details	Receipt	Payment	Classification	Add to Asset Register	VAT	Running Balance
01/04/2022	Balance brought forward	1620.85					1620.85
08/04/2024	HMRC PAYE		260.00	HMRC			1360.85
09/04/2024	Herefordshire L/man grant payment	3852.00		Grants			5212.85
12/04/2024	Oak Tree Funeral Services	150.00		Adverts			5362.85
18/04/2024	Hugh Fowler-Wright refund for		132.15	Other Expenditure			5230.70
19/04/2024	Herefordshire Precept Pt1	7661.00		Precept			12891.70
29/04/2024	Margaret Brown	20.00		Postage			12911.70
30/04/2024	Grove Golf & Bowl	200.00		Adverts			13111.70
01/05/2024	Nicola Davies	30.00		Adverts			13141.70
02/05/2024	Jenny Pipes Morris	20.00		Adverts			13161.70
02/05/2024	Services for Independents	112.50		Adverts			13274.20
07/05/2024	Morris MDH	40.00		Adverts			13314.20
08/05/2024	Jamie Price	100.00		Adverts			13414.20
09/05/2024	Woolhouse KLS	150.00		Adverts			13564.20
13/05/2024	Clear Minds Dog Training	150.00		Adverts			13714.20
15/05/2024	HMRC VAT return	2097.15		VAT Reclaim			15811.35
03/06/2024	Barrington Print Inv 12507 (April)		460.00	Parish Pump			15351.35
03/06/2024	Barrington Print Inv 12613 (May)		460.00	Parish Pump			14891.35
03/06/2024	Humber Parish room		32.00	Hire of Halls			14859.35
03/06/2024	Geosphere		36.00	Administration		20.00%	14823.35
03/06/2024	Autela		78.53	Administration		20.00%	14744.82
03/06/2024	Zurich Insurance		167.44	Insurance, audit,			14577.38
03/06/2024	Clerks April 2024 salary		260.13	Clerk			14317.25
03/06/2024	Clerk's May 2024 salary		260.13	Clerk			14057.12
12/06/2024	Davidson EM	100.00		Adverts			14157.12
13/06/2024	Thomas HW	100.00		Adverts			14257.12
28/06/2024	ICO		35.00	Administration			14222.12
28/06/2024	PCC Leominster	27.00		Adverts			14249.12
30/06/2024	Service charge		18.00	Bank Charges			14231.12
Apr-Jun	Sub-totals for period (Horiz.)	14809.65	2199.38				
	Sub -totals for period (Vert)	14809.65	2199.38				
	Balance check	14231.12	OK				
	Reconciliation	OK	OK				
	Totals for financial year to date	14809.65	2199.38				

At 30 June 2024 the cash book shows a bank balance of £14231.12. Following is the relevant bank statement

75/24 Lengthsman & PROW

To consider: any work required in the Group Parishes (fallen trees on HU3/HU6 at Steens Bridge)

Council had received a letter from a local resident concerned about possible flooding of the Humber Brook caused by a fallen tree. It was established that the landowner was Mr Les Morgan and Cllr. Thomas undertook to contact Mr Morgan and arrange for remedial work. The Clerk would write to the resident outlining the action to be taken.

The Clerk also asked the Councillors with drainage responsibilities (Cllrs. Pugh, Bemand & Fullwood) to consider where grant money could be effectively spent once the grants became available.

The Prill was discussed again with the new quotations being little different to the Lengthsman charges. Cllr. Fullwood stated that the area outside Devon Cottage did not need attention and work should be restricted to the length outside Monkerton. Given the cost of removal of spoil and that the owner of the Prill is not known then the spoil could be left on the bank. The Chairman and Cllr. Thomas volunteered to dig out the Prill in the Monkerton area.

76/24 Traffic Management Plan

Cllr. Grace reported that-

- A warning sign (SLOW - TURNING VEHICLES) has been ordered for Steens Bridge and will be erected on a local farmer's land with their agreement.
- A traffic data survey has been carried out by Herefordshire in the 50mph area of Steens Bridge. It is only one week's data but is a start.
- An application has been made to the PCC to fund a series of traffic surveys along the A44 over a 12 month period. It is hoped that the size of the survey will support substantial action to combat speeding on the A44. However, it would have to be match funded so the application is for 4 surveys each of one week's duration. Total cost would be £5881 incl. VAT. The match funded element would be £2940 to be shared between Monkland and HFSP. Per Parish ex-VAT would be £1225.

The Chairman was keen that the Parish should contribute hopefully in company with Monkland Parish.

Cllr. Marston proposed that the Traffic Management Plan be adopted by the Council. This proposal was seconded and carried.

77/24 Current projects

To receive: any updates on current projects

Trails booklet Cllr Fowler-Wright

There had been some illness and holidays which had delayed progress somewhat. The Chairman would discuss any roadblocks with Philip Brown the FPO for Humber Parish

Traffic Management Plan Cllrs. Grace & Marston

The Traffic Management Plan had already been discussed under 76/24

Environment Cllrs. Yair & Hinton

Cllr. Yair had no update to present.

78/24 Purchase by ECHO of Eaton Barns

Cllrs. had read the material from Nick Bullock. Cllr. Fullwood volunteered her support for the project and felt that the best way forward is for residents to write in support of the project.

The Clerk would write a supportive letter on behalf of the Council.

79/24 Employment Matter. By resolution the public were excluded from this item.

Councillors discussed an employment matter (concerning the Clerk) in closed session. The Clerk was not present during this item.

80/24 Matters for information and future business

A report on Stoke Prior school prepared by Cllr. Yair.

Clerk's salary scale point review

Date of next meeting

To note: the next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 7.30pm in Stoke Prior village hall

The Chairman will close the meeting

Appendix 1 – Draft Traffic Management Plan & Draft Traffic Action Plan

Headline Issue: Speeding & dangerous driving A44. The Drum crossroads & Steen's Bridge

Specifics	Proposed Action / Suggestions	Action taken	Responsible/ date
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blind bend travelling East just after The Luce farm. Residential properties, with drives opening into the A44, just after the bend with little or no visibility of oncoming traffic, are at risk each time vehicles enter or leave properties. 2. Lack of police speed monitoring vehicle presence, particularly at known high traffic times, for example weekend motorcyclists and early morning quarry lorries. 3. Traffic speeds excessive approaching The Drum crossroads and restricted visibility due to bends on both eastern and western approaches. 4. Pedestrians, including school children, having to walk in the road as verge is uneven, unkempt and deep ditch is hidden by overgrowth. 	<p>Speed limit reduction to 50 mph on the approaches to the Drum crossroads, currently out to public consultation. Fully supported by the PC.</p> <p>Apply for speed reduction from 50 mph to 40 mph through Steen's Bridge.</p> <p>Apply for funding from the PCC for the supply and operation of a Traffic monitoring survey and speed indicator device (SID)</p> <p>Additional signage and road markings, such as bend warning sign, SLOW road markings, concealed entrance sign</p> <p>Work with the local police to ensure regular speed camera monitoring, especially at weekends to focus on motor bikes and early weekdays to focus on quarry lorries.</p> <p>Pavement or pathway along verge to allow pedestrians safe walking route towards SP, currently have to walk on verge, which is uneven, unmaintained, muddy and with concealed deep ditch or on the highway.</p> <p>Traffic surveys to be carried out to support the above actions/suggestions.</p>	<p>Arrange on site meeting with Callum Bush (Highways HC) to discuss: Date speed limit will be actioned, Steens Bridge & A49 Ford turning; Options & solutions to items 1 & iv;</p> <p>Confirm PC can apply for movement of signs and speed limit changes & procedure for doing so.</p> <p>Follow up with Ian Connelly (WMC) for data required to support additional mobile speed camera van visits</p> <p>Contact Bodenham PC to discuss how they obtained SIDs camera</p>	

Headline Issue: Turning off A49 Towards Ford. Poor visibility when its dark.			
Specifics Turning right from the A49 into Ford road, travelling north from Hereford, is difficult to see in the dark. This results in vehicles carrying out dangerous turns and adjustments.	Proposed Action / Suggestions Reflective markers to ensure road entrance is clearly visible in darkness or poor light.	Action taken	Responsible/ date
Headline Issue: Poor visibility at junctions B & C roads due to hedge overgrowth			
	Proposed Action / Suggestions Audit of affected junctions. Contact land owners/Lengths Men/BB to advise they need to cut back and manage – need agreed plans for when cutting will take place each year.	Action taken	Responsible/ date

Headline Issue: SP school parking during drop off & pick up. Speeding drivers around school during school hours.			
Proposed Action / Suggestions	To Do	Responsible	TSG Review
<p>Drop off is naturally staggered and not a major issue. Pick up is more problematic, collections are staggered between 3.00 and 3.10 pm. Parents asked collect children and move on without socialising and causing congestion, but they still do it. Parents speeding through village to and from school.</p> <p>Discuss with Academy for approach to neighbouring farm to purchase/lease a section of the adjacent field to create staff and parents parking.</p> <p>If parking area is agreed and set up, apply for yellow no parking lines to be laid along both sides of lane outside school.</p> <p>Apply for speed reduction to 20mph along lane – ideal but not easy to achieve</p> <p>Apply for funding for the supply and installation of a timed flashing school warning sign – find out who can fund.</p> <p>Voluntary one way system for parents to pick up and drop off, with angled parking bays</p>			

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Traffic Management Plan 2023/2024 Action Report

Plan to be read in conjunction with the Traffic Management Plan 2023/2024

Headline Issue Speeding & dangerous driving A44 from The Drum crossroads through Steen's Bridge		
Specifics	Actions taken & Date	Target Timescale
<p>The Drum crossroads has restricted visibility from all entry points. Current speed limit is 60mph which is too fast. Extension of existing 50mph speed limit area to the west of the crossroads to be extended to incorporate The Drum crossroads.</p> <p>Blind bend travelling East just after The Luce farm. Residential properties, with drives opening into the A44, just after the bend with little or no visibility of oncoming traffic, are at risk each time vehicles enter or leave properties.</p> <p>Frequent incidents of dangerous driving witnessed by residents, for example overtaking on bends, excessive speed, cars and motorbikes racing</p> <p>Lack of police speed monitoring vehicle presence, particularly at known high traffic times, for example weekend motorcyclists and early morning quarry lorries.</p> <p>Pedestrians, including school children, having to walk in the road as verge is uneven, unkempt and deep ditch is hidden by overgrowth. Passing traffic not giving due care and attention and often harassing pedestrians.</p>	<p>02/04/2024: Meeting held with HC Highways Officer Callum Bush (CB) , Councillors Grace & Marston in attendance. Actions agreed:</p> <p>There are currently no plans to reduce the speed limit through the village. Last reduced to 50mph approx. 4 years ago.</p> <p>Traffic data survey: Callum (CB) to arrange for a data survey to be conducted on the A44 through Steen's Bridge and to share the data provided. This will provide evidence of excess speeds and support future actions.</p> <p>Lack of signage to indicate blind bend heading east from Leo: CB to review and advise what signage/road markings would be appropriate.</p> <p>Installation of new speed limit at The Drum crossroads: CB to follow up with BB for a works date.</p> <p>Installation of pavement or pathway along verge to allow pedestrians safe walking route towards SP, currently have to walk on verge, which is uneven, unmaintained, muddy and with concealed deep ditch or on the highway. Installation of pavements would need to be raised by Ward Councillors for discussion at full Council level.</p> <p>We discussed whether residents/PC could purchase and install hazard warning signs or similar on private land. It was indicated this would not be an issue.</p> <p>AG has been in contact with PCC to complain about lack of response from West Mercia Police in respect of attendance of mobile speed monitoring vehicle. PCC office have undertaken to follow up in this and ask WMP to contact AG direct. Once we have the contact we will request details of dates and times when van has been at Steen's Bridge and try to obtain commitment for regular visits.</p>	<p>Summer 2024</p> <p>2026</p> <p>Winter 2024</p> <p>Winter 2024</p> <p>Summer 2024</p> <p>2025</p> <p>April 2024</p>

Headline Issue Stoke Prior School parking, vehicles driving at inappropriate speeds around school during drop off/pick up times and through village		
Specifics	Actions taken & Date	Target Timescale
<p>No dedicated parking provided for staff and parents leading to vehicles parked on rough ground at side of the lane. This restricts visibility and access for passing vehicles. Children not adequately supervised by parents/guardians running into the road during pick up and drop off times.</p>	<p>02/04/2024: Parking issues outside school: CB to check and see if there are any existing Traffic Orders in place which could be added to and advise on timescales and other relevant information.</p> <p>Existing speed limit signs to be moved back nearer to Bowley Lane end and 30mph to be painted on the road – CB (Note: potential imposition of mandatory 20mph speed limit outside all schools is under consideration)</p> <p>Installation flashing 20mph sign in school hours: CB to provide guidance. (see note above)</p>	<p>Winter 2024</p> <p>Winter 2024</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Headline Issue: Turning off A49 Towards Ford poor visibility in the dark		
Specifics	Actions taken & Date	Target Timescale
<p>Turning right from A49 into Ford road, travelling north from Hereford, is difficult to see in the dark. There is no right turn indicator arrow in the turning land on the A49 so it is not clear to see where the junction is in the dark. This results in vehicles carrying out dangerous turns and adjustments.</p>	<p>02/04/24: (Note: I have been advised today an accident occurred at this junction approx. 2 weeks ago). Road from A49 up to change of road surface is Highways Agency responsibility.</p> <p>Signs on bridge are dull and may not be fully reflective: CB to arrange for Locality Steward to check reflectivity and clean the signs to see if this improves reflectivity.</p> <p>No right turn arrow in central turning lane on A49 so not clear where turning is when dark. CB to provide contact details of person at Highways Agency to contact direct to discuss this issue.</p>	<p>Autumn 2024</p> <p>Autumn 2024</p>
<p>Poor visibility at junctions B & C roads due to hedge overgrowth</p>	<p>Audit of affected junctions. Contact land owners/Lengths Men/BB to advise they need to cut back and manage – need agreed plans for when cutting will take place each year.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Regular meetings with Hereford Council Highways team		To be held monthly to discuss and assess progress on above mention points.	May 2024 and ongoing
A44 Traffic Safety Group		<p>02/04/24: The group is ongoing with the local ward Councillors now involved. There is a general lack of effort on behalf of the other parishes, and this will be monitored moving forwards to establish if they are prepared to take responsibility for their own Parishes or expect us to do it all for them. We won't be doing that!</p> <p>We are planning to apply to the PCC Safer Roads Fund 2024/25 for money for SID's cameras. These may be shared with a couple of parishes or we try for one per parish.</p> <p>The request to the PCC for funding for SID's and traffic =data surveys was directed back to the PCC SR Fund application. This is shame but not unexpected and if nothing else it has let them know we are around.</p>	