**Great Budworth Parish Council**

**Notes of the Meeting with Highways Department, Cheshire West and Chester, and Police Liaison, Cheshire Police - Friday 20 January 201 – 09.30am – Upper Pumphouse**

**Present:** Jamie Barron (JB), Area Engineer, Cheshire West and Chester Council

 Andy Hamman (AH), Principal Engineer, Cheshire West and Chester Council

Chris Burnham (CB), Traffic Management Officer, Cheshire Police DHQ

Hilary Brudenell (HB), Chair, Great Budworth Parish Council

Anna Lee (AL), Parish Councillor, Great Budworth Parish Council

Malcolm Torrance (MT), Parish Councillor, Great Budworth Parish Council

Peter McAndrew (PMcA), Parish Councillor, Great Budworth Parish Council

**The following was discussed:**

1. **Damage to properties at Ring O Bells corner by heavy wide vehicles.** The Highways Department agreed at the last meeting in June 2016 to continue to take action to change the legal status of High Street, Church Street and Westage Lane to be weight and width restricted and prohibit vehicles that exceed the weight limit. JB requested agreement of CWAC local councillors to the width restrictions through Great Budworth and this was confirmed to JB in June 2016. JB confirmed he would ask colleagues to draw up some proposals and forward them to the Parish Council for consideration. **JB agreed to follow up on the development of these proposals.**
2. **Concerns about high vehicle speed in Westage Lane.** At last meeting in June 2016 the Highways Department agreed to do some covert monitoring to support the need for other speed calming measures that may be agreed in the future. JB informed that there was a four-year plan for all 20MPH speed limits to be reviewed and this has placed considerable pressure on the monitoring process. He confirmed that a request had been made and that the monitoring would take place but could not confirm when it would happen.
3. **Poor parking warning notices.** Confirmed that these had now been finalised on the advice from the last meeting and would be used after local residents have been informed of the use. **HB agreed to include in the next Bulletin article.**
4. **Parking issues in Great Budworth.** JB was thanked for providing information on primrose line marking which had been considered for use on High Street and especially where access and egress was a problem. The Parish Council decided they were reluctant to use the markings as they felt it would have an adverse aesthetic effect on the village environment.
5. **Parking and Pedestrian Safety in Church Street.** The Parish Council had researched and considered the use of urban realm methods as a design solution for Church Street to meet the concerns but the associated high costs and lack of enforcement were felt to mitigate against the use.
6. **Parking Issues in the Central Area of Great Budworth.** The Parish Council have agreed to erect a no parking notice on the wall of the Upper Pumphouse and will monitor its effectiveness in restricting parking before making an y future decisions about he use of further notices.
7. **Parking Issues in High Street Outside the Vicarage.** Cars have been parked against the wall and make it difficult for pedestrians and for people to use the bench which is situated there. HB suggested positioning a couple of flower planters or tubs strategically in the locality to make parking more difficult. JB stated that this was possible but the Parish Council would need to apply to the Highway Department to amend the agreed plans for planters and tubs. **PMcA agreed to action.**
8. **Residents Parking.** PMcA suggested that the land which provided three parking spaces adjacent to the George and Dragon was owned by the Parish Council and that these should have priority access for local residents. There is some issues with the use of the spaces as debris from the overhanging trees potentially damage cars. JB confirmed that this land did not belong to the Highway and that the Parish Council should attempt to negotiate with the landlord of the George and Dragon for these spaces to have priority use for local residents.
9. **Pedestrian Safety – Budworth Lane.** There are no pavements and there have been many reports of danger to pedestrians who walk between the villages of Great Budworth and Comberbach. JB and AH stated that the width of the road would be restrictive to the development of a pavement. JB suggested that the Parish Council undertake some survey work to establish the numbers of pedestrians using the road to justify a case for a pavement.
10. **Parking issues – Cock Lane.** A local resident has reported problems with people parking on the pavement right outside properties on Cock Lane and forcing pedestrians to walk on the road as a consequence. CB confirmed it was an offence to park on a pavement and obstruct its use and when it occurs the police should be informed and they would take action. It was also identified that the occupants of the parked cars were likely to be either using the Cock @ Budworth or the public footpath leading to Budworth Mere. CB suggested asking the pub to display a sign asking people if they have parked on the road not to obstruct the pavement or placing a sign on the wall of the properties that are effected to request them not to cause an obstruction. **PMcA agreed to provide the resident with some feedback.**
11. **Farthings Lane.** AL identified difficulties with deliveries locating Farthings Lane as there was no signpost for the lane in situ. **JB recommended that AL write to the Highways Department to request a sign to be erected.**
12. **Erection of a Mirror to improve visibility for Farthings Lane.** JB informed that the Highways Department would not give permission for the erection of any mirrors on the highway. If it was erected in situ on private land that was up to an agreement with the landowner and the purchase and erection of the mirror. **AL to investigate further.**
13. **Repairs required for local roads.** JB/ AH were informed that there were potholes and a poor road surface on Westage Lane at a number of points between the junction with Budworth Heath Lane and the point further down Westage Lane at the boundary with Cheshire East. **JB requested that the Parish Clerk make an online report.**
14. There was no further business and it was agreed to meet in six months time.

Peter S McAndrew – 20 January 2017