

## **UBB Javelin Park Community Liaison Group.**

### **Minutes of Sub Group Meeting with Western Power held on Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 at Stonehouse Town Council.**

**Meeting was held to discuss the route and impact of the power cable through Stonehouse and along the B4008 to Javelin park**

#### **Present**

Cllr. David Mossman (Chair)	Stroud District Council
Ian Barber	UBB
Neil James	WPD
Chris White	WPD
Mark Iles	WPD
Dave Jackson	SDC
Neil Gibbs	Stonehouse Town Council
John Callinan	Stonehouse Town Council
Carol Kambites	Stonehouse Town Council
Gwen Atkinson	Stonehouse Town Council
Becky Amor	Stonehouse Town Council
Theresa Watt	Stonehouse Town council
Cllr Gary Powell	SDC
Cllr Lesley Williams	GCC
Sue Oppenheimer	Standish Parish Council
Jackie Nights	Standish Parish Council
Kevin Lee	Clerk / HPC

#### **1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Andrew Bendall, UBB, Sue Hartley and Robert Kellie Standish Parish Council.

#### **2 Multi User Path on B4008**

Sue Oppenheimer informed WPD and UBB that Standish Parish Council had received a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner to improve the footpath between Little Haresfield and Oxlynch Lane and to construct a footpath between Oxlynch lane and Stonehouse. The footpaths would be multi user.

Sue asked if WPD could take the power cable through the verge and thereby help with the construction of the multi user footpath.

Neil James noted that there were two considerations; was it feasible for the cable to laid within the verge and would the County Council, as Highway Authority give

approval, the other aspect to consider was who would be responsible for the future reinstatement and ongoing maintenance of the path.

Chris White informed the meeting that a full survey of the possible routes had been undertaken and some of the verges were not owned by the County Council.

NJ confirmed that he would be happy to have further discussions with Standish Parish Council and the County Council. It was noted that the work along the area identified by the Parish Council was due to start at the end of November. NJ added that GCC would need to specify their requirements for the footpath and any work to the verges.

**ACTION: NJ to discuss with GCC Highways and Standish Parish Council re possibility of routing the cable through the verge to assist in the provision of a multi user footpath**

### **3 Working Hours**

Carol Kambites asked whether the work could be 'speeded up' by working longer hours, thus reducing the length of time for the overall project. She asked whether week end working could be considered.

Ian Barber commented that this may add to the contractual costs, also residents may not want week end working. NJ added that within the contract there was an element for working unsocial hours but this was to cover contingencies to ensure the work was delivered on time.

Mark Iles reminded the meeting that part of the problem would be that the quarries for the supply of material did not operate on weekends. The lorry drivers would also be constrained with their working week and legal requirement to have a rest period.

David Mossman asked if there was any way to mitigate the impact on Stonehouse High Street. NJ agreed to speak with the contractor to see if the time allowed for the High Street could be reduced.

**ACTION NJ to liaise with contractor to seek to reduce overall time for work in the High street.**

Cllr Lesley Williams commented on the delays at the traffic lights. MI replied that there had a fault with the lights which had been rectified. He added that when the work required 4 way signalling the lights would be operator controlled throughout the week.

Neil Gibbs asked if the 'shared space' area of the highway would be reinstated fully and in line with the existing surface. NJ confirmed that it would be.

#### **4 Dates to Avoid**

It was noted that November 12<sup>th</sup> was the date of the British Legion Parade and December 2<sup>nd</sup> was the 'Goodwill Evening'

#### **ACTION NJ to advise contractor.**

John Callinan noted the planned work by Network Rail and asked if there had been any conversation with WPD. on the planned work to the railway bridge. NJ confirmed that there had been discussions with Highways and with Network Rail. Dave Jackson informed the meeting that the district council had been party to discussions, it was likely that Network Rail would be delaying the start date as the formal notification of the work had not been submitted to the Council.

#### **5 Notification / Communication with traders and residents**

CK stated that the school had not been notified of the commencement of work. NJ states that the contractor was required to deliver notices 2 weeks in advance of any works. He agreed to check whether this had been done.

Members of the Town Council identified several area and road where advance notification would be helpful to residents. Ian Barber asked for members to provide a single point of contact for WPD to liaise with. It was agreed that the Town Council would provide WPD with a list of roads that could be affected.

#### **ACTION Town Council to liaise with WPD.**

#### **6 Compensation**

Ian Barber commented on the e mail he had received from the Town Council asking if of compensation could be provided by way of covering the cost of free parking in the town and making a contribution to the Christmas Lights. IB stated that the matter had been referred to the UBB board.

In response to questions about compensation to traders and charity shops IB said it would be difficult to justify and quantify who or what organisation would be affected.

#### **7 Future Meetings and Liaison**

David Mossman suggested that it would be useful to have regular meetings to share information. NJ confirmed that WPD would be happy to agree to this.

It was agreed that the next meetings would be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting Closed at 20.50**