MINUTES OF THE ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY AND SPEED AWARE WORKING GROUP HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23rd August 2023

Present:

Bob Baxter, Cllr Vaughan Blake, Penny Cohen, Cllr Corin Elliott, Cllr Andrew Foster (Chair), Lynn Ingram, Cllr David Henderson

1. Apologies

Bill Goodall, Cllr Joe Harmer, Cllr Susan Juned, Cllr Piers Daniel

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on the 26th July were approved with one amendment.

3. Speed Watch Update

It was reported that two speed watch sessions had been held since the last meeting, at Evesham Street and Captains Hill.

The number of cars travelling over the speed limit was relatively low which could point to the electronic speed sign having a positive impact on Captains Hill.

Cllr Andrew Foster to follow up on the costs and effectiveness of electronic signs and report back to the next meeting of the working group

Cllr Andrew Foster to share Police's risk assessments for all of the approved sites with the members of the working group.

Cllr Vaughan Blake to contact the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the rules for monitoring 20mph zones.

Cllr Andrew Foster to invite the new Police contact for Speed Watch to the next meeting.

4. Action Plan

Following discussion, the Working Group Action Plan was agreed with the following key points:

Cllr Andrew Foster will act as the joint owner for all locations of concern, namely Evesham Street, Captains Hill, School Road, Stratford Road and Birmingham Road.

Cllr Corin Elliott and Bill Goodall will be joint owners for Birmingham Road and surrounding roads.

Cllr David Henderson will be joint owner for Henley Street and High Street.

Cllr Vaughan Blake will be joint owner for School Road and Moorfields and will undertake a survey of school buses with Bob Baxter and Bill Goodall. Date to be confirmed.

Lynn Ingram will be joint owner for Evesham Street and will investigate options for solar powered signs and additional road markings.

Penny Cohen will be joint owner for St Faith's Road.

Bob Baxter will be joint owner for Stratford Road and will undertake a review of road signs that require cleaning.

Cllr Vaughan Blake to circulate details of 'Your Call'

5. Matters for Communication

Bob Baxter volunteered to help out with the Alcester Community Fair to be held on Saturday 16th September. Cllr Andrew Foster to contact the Town Clerk and seek additional help.

Cllr Andrew Foster posted about Alcester Community Speed Watch on the 'Alcester News' Facebook Group. This has generated one potential new volunteer and resident feedback regarding areas of concern.

6. AOB

Cllr Gavin Smithers has fed back from a resident who has experience with road safety matters and may be able to advise the working group. It was agreed that he will be invited to the next meeting.

Next meeting Wednesday 18th October, 19:00 at the Depot, Eric Payne Community Centre