

### **Traffic Management Parking and Pedestrian Safety Committee – Report**

The Committee did not meet in January.

**1. Yellow Lines/ Station Road Pedestrian Lane:** Revised proposals for changes to parking restrictions, following discussions between the Council and OCC Highways, were approved on 20th June 2024. OCC Highways are willing to do some refurbishment of existing yellow lines where they are particularly worn as well as replacing missing signs. These have been identified and notified to OCC Highways. The work will include the resurfacing of Station Road to bring it up to the standard required for a footway, and the marking of a pedestrian priority lane to provide a safe route for pedestrians. The resurfacing work is to take place between the 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March and it is anticipated that the changes to yellow lines will follow at or about the same time.

**2. Flashing speed signs and speed surveys:** When consideration was given to introducing flashing speed signs in the Village, several potential sites were identified. Including Manor Rd, Cleeve Rd and Elvendon Rd. When the decision was made to install signs on the High Street and Wallingford Rd, it was agreed that speed surveys should be carried out on those other roads to see if further measures to control speeds would be necessary. Following residents' concerns about speeds in the Gatehampton Rd (see 3 below) the Committee agreed to include it as well, and a budget of £760 for speed surveys in Manor Rd, Elvendon Rd, Cleeve Rd and Gatehampton Rd was agreed at the October Council meeting. Speed survey equipment was installed at those locations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December and will be in place for one week. The results of the speed surveys are to be reported separately at this Council meeting.

### **3. Extending the 20mph speed limit for the length of Gatehampton Road**

Residents have concerns that the proposed housing development in Gatehampton Rd would exacerbate the existing volume and speed of traffic in the road. The Committee agreed that the unrestricted length of the road was narrow and used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders and that it would be appropriate to consider extending the 20mph speed limit to the full length of the road. This would be for a resolution by Council (to make a request to OCC Highways) and the Committee will recommend what would be required in the light of the information from the speed surveys referred to in 2 above and Council's views.

**4. Pedestrian Crossing at Gatehampton Rd from the station:** Council agreed £4.7K funding for a pedestrian priority lane (PPL) to be marked on the station car park and for a dropped kerb on the Gatehampton Rd opposite. The work to mark a PPL is to be done by GWR's contractor. The dropped kerb has now been installed. A survey of the car park indicated that re-surfacing of the section to be used for the PPL was necessary and the marking of the PPL will follow that work. The Parish Council will not be charged for the re-surfacing.

**5. Community Centre Carpark and Sheepcot Field:** A Risk Assessment recommended marking a pedestrian priority lane (PPL) along the edge of the Community Centre car park, The Committee has also considered that a PPL along the Sheepcot Field access road would improve safety. Quotes for both have been obtained and a proposal for a budget was agreed at the

September Council meeting. Undergrowth needs to be cleared, and the landowners (OCC) notified to ensure they have no objections. Subsequently, Goring Robins have put out cones at weekends to prevent parking on the Sheepcot access road; this may provide a suitable solution. On the Community Centre carpark the permission of the landowner is still awaited.

## **6. Accessible access to Ferry Lane Open Space**

The Committee considered a proposal for a boardwalk connecting Ferry Lane and the Thames Path. This would make an all-weather circular walk, accessible for wheelchairs and push chairs, via Station Road, the Thames Path and back along the High Street. Details of the scheme would need to be worked up before putting it to Council. Planning permission and Environment Agency agreement would be required. Further work has been delayed until weather conditions improve.

## **7. Active Travel/Committee terms of reference**

The Committee is liaising with OCC Highways and Mend the Gap to identify the opportunities for Active Travel in the Village (i.e. principally walking and cycling) in support of OCC's Active Travel Strategy. In addition, parish councils have been asked by OCC to develop Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans. The Committee's current terms of reference do not provide cover for that work and other recent developments and therefore need to be updated. The terms of reference were originally framed to cover the work to meet the actions identified in section 12 of the Goring Neighbourhood Plan. While much of that has been done, the Committee will continue to be responsible for fulfilling section 12. Re-drafted terms of reference are on the agenda for Council agreement at this meeting.

## **8. Community Speed Watch**

The Committee was approached by a resident interested in forming a community speed watch. The Committee was supportive of the proposal and suggested funding the cost of a radar speed gun and reflective jackets, subject to agreement by Council when a request is made. The resident is taking forward an application to Thames Valley Police(TVP). The Committee also considered the need to form a lorry watch to enforce the restriction on HGVs passing through the Village. Streatley PC have provided advice and there is scope for the two communities to work together. A resident has been trained by TVP who will supply the necessary equipment and approve the site where the speed watch will operate. The next step will be to recruit volunteers.

## **9. Highways Engagement Team**

The Highways Engagement Team have met the Committee to establish contact and understand the Parish's concerns. The Committee raised the lack of enforcement of parking restrictions, especially when the changes to yellow lines in the Village are in place and the need for re-surfacing of Station Road. The Committee remains in touch with the Team and use them as a channel of communication with OCC Highways

## **10. Car Parking**

In view of the changes to Yellow lines, the Committee will consider how better use can be made of the current provision of off-street parking in the Wheel Orchard carpark.