

## Travel and Transport Committee – Report

**1. Yellow lines/Station Rd Pedestrian Priority Lane (PPL):** Revised proposals for changes to yellow lines, following discussions between the Council and OCC Highways were approved on 20th June 2024. The changes to yellow lines are currently planned for the 17<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March, depending on the weather. A PPL is to be marked in Station Rd which requires it to be re-surfaced to bring it to the standard for a footway; that work will take place between 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March when the road will be closed.

**2. Speed surveys:** Speed surveys were carried out at Manor Rd, Elvendon Rd, Cleeve Rd and Gatehampton Rd in December. The results of the surveys were presented to Council at its 10<sup>th</sup> February meeting when the Committee was asked to consider options and bring proposals to Council. The Committee decided that further surveys of the sites should be carried out in six months' time and to include the sites where flashing speed signs have been installed.

**3. Community Speed Watch:** A resident has been trained to run a community speed watch and will be supported by TVP. An appeal for volunteers (at least three are needed) is to be made via the Council Facebook pages.

**3. Parking at Sheepcot Field/Whitehills Green:** Residents attended the Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February to complain about parking when football was being played on Sheepcot Field. Any changes to the existing yellow lines would need public consultation and a Traffic Restriction Order and could not be effective unless enforced (see below). Possible measures could involve encouraging car sharing and providing alternative transport to Sheepcot Field including a bus service. The Committee will engage with Goring Robins and Going Forward Buses.

**4. Parking Enforcement:** Data on the number of visits to the Village by Parking Enforcement Officers and notices issued was provided by OCC. The Committee was concerned about the apparent lack of enforcement and is seeking a meeting with the responsible contractor via OCC. It will be important to secure a presence when the changes to parking restrictions/yellow lines come into force.

### **5. Actions to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility:**

#### **A. Ongoing:**

**(i) Gatehampton Rd/Station:** A dropped kerb has been installed opposite the Station, the station carpark surface has been repaired for safety and an order for marking a PPL across the car park to link with the dropped kerb on the other side of the road has been placed by GWR's contractor.

**(ii) Station Rd PPL:** See 1. Above,

**(iii) Sheepcot Field and the Community Centre car park:** The Committee has agreed to mark PPLs along the Sheepcot Field access road and in the Community Centre car park, with the two being done simultaneously to achieve a saving. Council agreed a budget of £820 in September. OCC agreement is needed for the Community Centre car park, particularly as that part of it is not leased to the Council, Their response was received in February denying permission on the

grounds that it would prejudice the permissive route through the car park. They have been asked to reconsider.

## **B. Proposed:**

The Committee has identified a number of sites where improvements could be made but where work is the responsibility of OCC Highways:

**(i) Manor Rd/High Street Junction:** Installing a pedestrian refuge at this point would improve safety at this wide junction. This is the Committee's priority. OCC Highways will be asked to take this forward.

**(ii) High St/Red Cross Rd junction to the Social Club:** A crossing is needed and OCC will be approached for likely costs and feasibility.

**(iii) High St raised table:** A crossing could be provided on the existing raised table and OCC will be approached for likely costs and feasibility.

**(iv) Reading Rd/Farm Rd footpath:** The footpath narrows at the junction with Fairfield Rd on a bend where the Reading Road narrows and is unsafe. Steps from the footpath on to the road do not coincide with the pavement on the opposite side of the road. OCC will be approached for likely costs and feasibility.

Other measures:

**(v) Ferry Lane:** The proposal is for an accessible, wheelchair friendly board walk linking Ferry Lane and the Thames Path, costs to be established for consideration by Council. Wet weather and flooding has delayed getting quotes.

**(vi) Safe walking routes:** The Committee will prepare a map of safe walking routes identifying those that are wheelchair accessible.

**(vii) Pavement outside Pierrepont's café :** To investigate the possibility of a 'parklet' (a boarded extension to the pavement) being created, using one of the existing parking spaces, to provide more space for pedestrians wheelchairs and pushchairs.