



Swindon Borough Council and Chiseldon Parish Council Highways meeting. 30.6.25 Civic Offices.

Attending:

Simon Anthony, Director of Operations and Cris Butler, Interim Head of Highways & Transport for SBC.

Matt Hinton, Planning Chairman, Ian Kearsley, Council Chairman, Jenny Jefferies, Council Vice Chairman and Clair Wilkinson, Parish Clerk for CPC.

The information below are notes taken from the meeting and do not constitute formal minutes.

CPC opened the meeting by stating that the items they would be raising were related to safety issues on the roads within the parish.

- SBC assured CPC that all low level works across the Borough are assessed the same – potholes, white line painting etc.
- Higher level works tend to be where more development takes place as there are then funds available from the developer for the infrastructure. This is why funds are not spent generally in the CPC are as there is less large scale development to generate funds from the developers.
- SBC noted that the PC felt that New Road required a crossing point and that CPC had set aside some funds for a TRO.
- It was noted by the PC that the police have said that New Road is too dangerous for Community Speedwatch to monitor speeds there and that the police said that Speedwatch should talk to SBC.
- The Build Out on New Road near Canney Close that was installed in 2016 was discussed. CPC expressed the need for it to be swapped out with different speed safety measures. CPC had already approved funding a reasonably priced project back in 2018. SBC had so far refused to alter or remove the Build Out.
- SBC noted a new forthcoming scheme – the “Safer routes to school” scheme, which may be of benefit to CPC with regards to New road safety.
- A paper is going to SBC Cabinet shortly for capital spending. Highways will have some freedom on how to include certain items within this.
- CPC commented on the Patriots Arms roundabout where New Road, Hodson Road and Draycot Road meet. The lack of suitable pavements or any pavements for those with pushchairs, wheelchairs or mobility scooters were noted. Also the route is not suitable for 2 HGV's to cross each other as the roads and junction are too narrow.
- CPC mentioned their submission to SBC in Feb 2024 for a series of 20mph zones to be placed around the parish, plus changing Hodson Road speed limit when exiting Chiseldon to a 30mph due to the new Burderop Park development exit being onto a 50mph road.

- To date there has been no feedback from SBC on progression with this project. CPC will liaise with Wroughton PC who also want Brimble Hill changing to 30mph. Transport Police would need to support any speed limit changes in this area.
- CPC noted that they had also submitted a list of dropped kerb requirements in 2023. To date there has been no feedback from SBC on progression with this project.
- The Clerk will send Simon and Cris any relevant paperwork for these 2 projects.
- The possibility of a weight limit on New Road was discussed. 7.5 tonne restriction apart from access. It was noted by SBC that anyone can still report HGV's driving over pavements, there does not need to be a weight limit in place. See [Report a lorry or HGV driver or company - GOV.UK](#) on how to report and what can be reported.
- The joint issue with CPC and Wroughton PC over Brimble Hill was discussed. There is an issue with HGV movements in this area that Wroughton PC are trying to resolve with SBC. SBC confirmed that they cannot alter Satnav's that still direct traffic via Chiseldon and Wroughton in the event that the M4 is closed.
- CPC brought up the current live planning application for the land at the corner of Hodson road, submitted by Hannick Homes. There are 5 access points in this area but the SBC Highways document only mentioned 3 and Hannick Homes only mention 3. A proper roundabout (not a painted circle) would be needed on the road to ensure exiting traffic was safe should SBC approve the application. SBC advised that they expected the application to go planning committee "shortly".
- CPC raised the SBC agreed rural verge cutting schedule which does not appear to be adhered to. The Hodson turning on the B4005 currently needs sight lines clearing. SBC encouraged the PC and residents to keep logging issues.
- From August onwards SBC are going to be mapping all areas of the borough to show who has responsibility for areas – whether it be SBC, PC's or others.

It should be noted that SBC are the Highways Authority so they alone have the power to approve works on the boroughs roads and related infrastructure. The PC cannot act without SBC permission on any works they may wish to do.

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