

# **BROMLEY BOROUGH ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATIVE PANEL**

## **Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at the Civic Centre,**

### **Present:**

John Harvey	<b>PE</b> Chairman & Palace Estate RA
Christine Hearn	<b>CS</b> Chislehurst Society
Dave Witherspoon	<b>DR</b> Downe Residents Association
Beryl Grimani-Harold	<b>HV</b> Hayes Village
Hilary Ryder	<b>KE</b> Keston Village Residents Association
Tony Exeter	<b>KM</b> Keston Mark & Bromley Common Village RA
John Watkins	<b>LCRA</b> Little Chislewick RA
Peter Skipp	<b>LE</b> Links Estate
Peter Daintree	<b>PA</b> Park Avenue Residents Association
Derek Levoir	<b>PL</b> Park Langley Residents Association
John Pattenden	<b>PW</b> Petts Wood RA
Brian Dunk	<b>SR</b> Shortlands RA
Derek Cookson	<b>SU</b> Sundridge Residents Association
Ron March	<b>SU</b> Sundridge Residents Association
Mike East	<b>WW</b> West Wickham RA
Lisa Allen	<b>LBB</b> Traffic Engineer
Laura Squires	<b>LBB</b> Traffic Engineer
Val Currie	<b>LBB</b> Road Safety Officer
Alistair Berry	<b>LBB</b> Project Engineer
Cath Linney	<b>Met.Police</b>

The Chairman Opened the Meeting at 7.30pm

### **1. Apologies:**

None recorded

### **2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Chairman went through the minutes and they were signed off as a fair record.

### **3. Matters arising from Minutes**

**PL.** The traffic light phasing at junction Pickhurst Lane & Mead Way, seemed to be better, but could still be improved.

**SU** Thought that the signage on the bend at the junction with Willet Way was difficult to see at night. It was again reported that the vehicle activated warning signs were still in progress. Also the ongoing discussions about the roundabout at the bottom of Logs Hill where shrubbery prevents viewing to the right when descending Logs Hill onto the roundabout. A very helpful meeting had taken place that morning

**PE** said that he had looked at issues on traffic congestion in Westmoreland Road at the junction with the old car park. Traffic light phasing was needed to allow contractors lorries reasonable access.

A discussion also took place about lorry movements in and out of the Cherry Lodge Golf Club site, as it would appear that they were generally becoming a bit of a nuisance. Cath Linney said that if they were raising road safety issues such as severe congestion or forcing other users off the road then the Met. Police would look at any serious reported cases and needed names of firms involved

#### **4. Accident statistics**

No major concerns were raised

#### **5. Police Officers report**

Bromley Borough Police have been targeting collision hotspots with enforcement on a regular basis. The areas that they are looking at are A208 Orpington Road junction with Chislehurst Road, A214 Anerley Hill, A234 High Street Penge junction with Croydon Road.

Bromley Police organised a road safety enforcement day on 24th Oct.

Traffic Division have been targeting cyclists without lights. They will also be in the borough enforcing all traffic offences for two weeks from 25th Nov. This will include targeting drink drive towards the South of the borough.

The Traffic Specials have been very helpful with enforcing at locations that have received regular complaints.

They have enforced speed at Glassmill Lane, Mead Way and will be attending the junction with Chislehurst Road and Willett Way.

We are running an Exchanging Places event in Biggin Hill on 6th Dec. We will be targeting cycle groups and educating them about the dangers of cycling down the nearside of large vehicles. We will also be offering free bike security marking.

Unfortunately there was a fatal collision in Westerham Road at the junction with Holwood on 24th October. The driver of the only car involved was killed when it collided with a wall on the bend.

#### **6 Road Safety Officers Report**

##### **New posters**

The new posters have now been delivered and the new mobile phone poster will replace the old one for the next rotation.

The 20mph posters will be used when requested

The cycling posters, use your mirrors, etc. will be used on the approaches to The Chinese roundabout, Beckenham.

Possible locations for the 'Stay Bright' posters, requested by Downe Residents Association, will be decided within the next couple of weeks, but as they do not form part of normal poster rotation, they will be erected as soon as the contractor is available to do so. As there are no lamp columns in the country lanes, the posters will be erected on exit roads from the village and in the village.

##### **Cycling**

A Half Term Holiday Cycling course was held at Bickley Primary

##### **D by C Award**

The Road Safety Team has won another award for its innovative Driven by Consequences, Young Driver Programme, this time from the Highways Magazine.

LBB Officer Alistair Berry, gave a well received factual talk on how Bromley copes with cold weather on our roads.

Bromley is the largest London Borough, geographically, with the highest point in London and the three coldest Met. Office Thermal Domains. Within the Borough, there are approx. 500 miles of roads that are the responsibility of the Council. Direct and specific forecasting for bad weather affecting our roads operates this year from 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. until 31<sup>st</sup> March next year and any action taken by the Councils a result of these forecasts.

All main arterial roads and essential access points are prioritised; including:

- > Main Distributor Roads
- > Secondary Distributor Roads
- > Main bus routes
- > Transport Interchanges and routes to them
- > Roads leading to hospitals, ambulance stations and fire stations
- > Steep gradients

This covers 200 miles and the remaining 230 miles of roads are largely cleared by Snow Friends. Bromley has two local weather stations, backed up where possible by road cameras. The worst time for snow is during the rush hour, the ploughs etc. have to sit in the resultant jams with everyone else.

Bromley has nine dedicated 'gritters' with ploughs and three demountable units, plus four agricultural units in the south of the Borough.

Bromley has a total of sixteen thousand tons of grit, which should be sufficient for a severe winter.

An enquiry was made regarding the emissions of these vehicles, and of course all the vehicles used conform to environmental emissions codes.

## **8. Engineers Report:**

Lisa Allen introduced her replacement on the panel as Laura Squires.

### **1.PW**

Asked if the road surface at the junction of Willett Way and Chislehurst Road has been checked.

Lisa advised that a SCRIM (Sideway-force Coefficient Routine Investigation Machines) test had been carried out at this location and the results showed that it needed further investigation. For more information regarding this, Spencer Pritchard, Traffic Engineer, can be contacted directly on Tel: 0208 313 4166 or email: [spencer.pritchard@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:spencer.pritchard@bromley.gov.uk)."

### **2. HV**

Safety concerns were raised regarding the zebra crossing on Pickhurst Lane – there was a misunderstanding in the reporting of the minutes and the safety concern was not recorded accurately, therefore, HV agreed to write directly to LBB outlining the problems at this location."

## **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that, following closure for North bound traffic on the High Street, the crossing lights on Market Square outside Mac Donalds had been turned off and the crossing 'barriered off' and this was resulting in pedestrians crossing further along and in a position where they were unable to see southbound traffic emerging from the High street, thus enhancing the risk to pedestrians. The Chairman had discussed this situation with Angus Culverwell and the matter was under review.

It was reported that the Parish School had applied to open a pedestrian access from Park Avenue and the Chairman has been asked by residents to look at the safety aspects as fast moving traffic could cause a risk to children crossing. The Chairman had responded by

suggesting that any measures should be aimed at restricting parking on the opposite side of the road to prevent children crossing Park Avenue to the school access.

The Chairman reiterated the benefit of individual panel members reporting to LBB any temporary safety risks they observe and gave as an example a traffic island where all the lights were not working and thus creating a danger.

The sharp rise in cycle fatalities in London tragically underlined the urgency of the need to create safe cycling routes in London and the Borough.

## **9. Matters raised by members**

**KM** Raised the question of Self Reporting Road Traffic Accident Forms available at all police stations and offices. These forms are available to anyone involved or witnessing and accident at which the police are not present, as there is a duty for anyone involved in an accident to make the police aware of the circumstances.

**KE** asked if any further news was available about the proposed roundabout on the Westerham Road junction Heathfield Road, and was told that a public consultation was to be launched. For more information regarding this, Spencer Pritchard, Traffic Engineer, can be contacted directly on Tel: 0208 313 4166 or email: [spencer.pritchard@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:spencer.pritchard@bromley.gov.uk)."

**PL** Had noticed a rise in Driver Learning Schools using the area for training. In fact at certain times there are so many as to cause road safety issues. The council has written to the testing centre to ask for a reduction in exam cars using the area, but it was thought that that this would have little effect.

**SU** asked where he could find legal information with regard to using electric mobility scooters on the highway. Val Currie said that she had some booklets on the subject and would send one in the post.

**PW.** Asked what is being done to enforce speed restrictions at the junction of Chislehurst Road/Willet Way. The situation is being closely monitored by the police and the council.

**CS** Raise a query regarding excessive horse dung in Ashfield Lane. Was advised to go to FixMystreets.

**SR** The enforcement notices issued at the junction St Marys Ave junction Cumberland Road do not appear to be working. Was advised that there is a consultation in the pipeline concerning issues over the proposed Harris School. Advised the panel that reports on dangerous pavements, i.e. Root disturbance has had little effect.

## **10. Matters for the attention of the Portfolio Holder.**

None

Chairman closed the meeting with thanks to all for their useful input.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

The date was left to be organised in view of the Federation of Residents Associations having had to change their meeting to the designated day.

**(PLEASE NOTE:** Since the meeting the date Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014 has been fixed)