

Bromley Borough Road Safety Consultative Panel

Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 13th June 2017 at the Civic Centre

Present:

John Harvey	PE	Chairman & Palace Estate RA
Barry Wood	CS	Chislehurst Society
Beryl Grimani Harold	HV	Hayes Village Association
Graham Savage	BH	Biggin Hill Residents Association
Peter Daintree	PA	Park Avenue Residents Association
Jane Morley	PF	Penge Forum
Mike Ricketts	SR	Shortlands Residents Association
Ron March	SU	Sundridge Residents Association
Derek Cookson	SU	Sundridge Residents Association
James Rowe	BR	Beadon Road Residents Association
Zoë Telford	WB	West Beckenham Residents Association
Mike East	WW	West Wickham Residents Association
Val Currie	LBB	Road Safety Officer
Laura Squires	LBB	Traffic Engineer
Catherine Linney	Met. Police	

1 Apologies:

Tony Exeter KM, John Watkins LCRA, Victoria Willis OHRA

Welcome: Barry Wood CSRA - taken over from Roger Lawson
Kerry Judd DRA – taken over from Dave Witherspoon

2 Minutes of Last meeting

Minutes signed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

There were no major points raised

4 Police officer's report

Op Cubo (no insurance ops where uninsured vehicles are seized) continues regularly every month. A number of drink and drug driving arrests have been made in Bromley borough by traffic Officers concentrating on the Chislehurst area during night duty, with at least one arrest per night.

The Police SPOC for Roadwatch has changed with PC James Streatfield going off to train as a collision investigator and PC Ben Cassar taking over the role. Community Roadwatch is still active, but continue to be successful we need more volunteers. Please contact me at catherine.linney@met.police.uk if you would like to volunteer.

There was a fatality on a petrol station forecourt in Croydon Road, Beckenham on 4th March 2017

A serious collision occurred in Eden Park Avenue Beckenham on 9th March 2017 where a motorcycle was hit by a car pulling out of Cherry Tree Walk.

A serious collision occurred in Burnt Ash Lane on 25th March 2017 where the rider of a motorcycle with pillion lost control.

5 Road Safety Officer's Report

Police stops

14th March Cray Valley Road

Attended by SNT's from around the area, including Petts Wood, Cray Valley East and Orpington.

10 seatbelts, 1 was given a ticket as he was being very argumentative.

2 car seats were checked

2 young cyclists were spoken to, neither were wearing helmets.

All drivers were invited to speak to a Road Safety Officer!

4th April Bickley

7 no seatbelts

1 speeding no ticket

5 seats needing correction

All drivers were invited to speak to a Road Safety Officer!

2nd June

Cancelled due to a burglary which called away the police officers

Road Safety Poster Sites:

Heathfield Road

Eden Park Avenue

Sevenoaks Road

Clarendon Way

High Street, Green St. Green

Windsor Drive

Warren Avenue

Farnaby Road

Leesons Hill

Mobile phone posters only

Court Road - Between A 21 roundabout and Chelsfield

20 Mph posters

Marlow Road

Driven by Consequence events:

21st July Hayes School

28th July Charles Darwin

11th July Langley Park Boys School

12th July Ravens Wood School

Cyclist Of the Year:

15th July In excess of 100 competitors

Junior Travel Ambassadors

Top Team Awards event is on 7th July

Youth Travel Ambassadors

Pan London Expo 30th June at the London Transport Museum

End of year gathering of schools taking part in scheme

Bromley Schools attending include:

Bullers Wood, Darrick Wood and possibly Langley Girls

6 Engineer's Report

The traffic team have nothing new to report to this meeting. A current list of projects across the Borough, with Officer contact details, has been distributed. Should any panel member require more information on these schemes please contact the Officer directly.

7 Chairman's Report

The chairman reported that there were continuing negotiations with the Education funding Agency to agree changes to parking and access arrangements for the arrival of La Fontaine School in Autumn 2017. As it is a primary school and the catchment area will be much greater than for the existing Bickley Primary school, there are likely to be far more car movements and it is therefore important to have arrangements in place to minimise traffic and parking problems.

It was reported that the chairman had been liaising with Alexander Baldwin-Smith, the LBB cycling specialist to investigate ways to increase cycling commutes to stations and therefore reduce the number of car journeys by partners delivering and collecting to and from stations. It was reiterated that a single extra daily cycle commute can eliminate up to 1000 ferrying car journeys in a year.

It was reported that there is already a fully designed scheme for secure cycle parking at Elmstead Woods station, for which part funding is already available and further finance is being sought.

There are also proposals for enclosed secure cycle parking at Bromley South station but this is being complicated by the multiple organisations, including Network Rail, who need to agree it.

A secure cycle parking scheme at Orpington Station is already agreed.

The chairman reported that updated plans for the proposed Bullers Wood Boys school had now been submitted to the Borough but the provisional start date for school has been put back one year to September 2018. We have already submitted our proposals for parking and traffic arrangements.

8 Matters Raised by members

Exit from Norman Park is still causing problems.

WB An elderly couple have emailed frequently about pavements locally which project into the road but are not clearly visible at night. Would it be possible to improve visibility, for example by painting the kerb edges? This had been done to pavement curbs built out recently at the junction of Lambeth Bridge and Millbank. The couple have reported projecting kerbs on Whitmore Road off Croydon Road, Bramerton Road junction with Croydon Road, and the corner of Barnmead and Beckenham Roads. Rules into illumination would be looked into.

PF Still hopeful that something could be done about antisocial driving in and around Parish Lane.

BR There are speeding problems around Hayes Road Bromley, including intermittent speeding from the Hayes Lane mini-roundabout towards Westmoreland Road near St Marks Church. A 30mph flasher is being operated but speeding is still a problem, particularly as the road is bendy and it is difficult for elderly pedestrians to cross safely.

CS Murray Avenue had been resurfaced and road humps had been removed, as is current policy. The humps had been in position for 14 years, before which there had been a continuous stream of accidents. They will be replaced.

BH For Kerry Down Residents speeding was a problem from Biggin Hill, down Luxted Road and also past Downe Primary School. Thames Water works have caused extra disruption.

SU There is a potholed, un-adopted stretch of road on the Park Farm Road corner of Thames Water's reservoir. Are any repairs planned? No knowledge of any plans.

The junction of Yester Road and Loggs Hill is a very dangerous T junction, due to poor visibility. A serious accident is predicted.

The top of Loggs Hill near Park Farm Road needs a road hump, although there is little chance of this as it is against current policy. Bullers Wood Girls' School crossing is being aided by a "pseudo" lollipop man. (Apparently the Council has been thwarted by an ownership issue from installing warning lights).

BH What can be done about overgrown road signs? These can be reported via FixmyStreet web facility. As long as the vegetation is growing on Bromley's land, local residents can trim superfluous growth, such as low-growing shoots. Roundabouts are deliberately planted with vegetation to encourage motorists to slow down/stop to check the way is clear (so no hacking back displays on roundabouts, please, although the rules on pruning would be double-checked). There is a specific problem in Coney Hall as the weeds have grown so tall.

PA Orpington High Street is a restricted parking zone, but there are no yellow lines to indicate "no parking" stretches, parking bays are simply marked. The signage at the start of the zone is covered by tree foliage, making it difficult for visitors to know there is a restricted zone.

WW At the Swan in West Wickham signage is obliterated by a tree.

PE The Chairman reported that on the Kentish Way pedestrian island leading into the Glades a section of raised kerb was tripping pedestrians. It had been installed as an aid to visually-impaired pedestrians, but had a lip which was rather high. The chairman had now had an email from TFL confirming they will review it.

Matters for the attention of the Portfolio Holder

None

Date of the next meeting: 7th November '17