

# SUTTON POYNTZ NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

## RECORD OF SUB-GROUP MEETING

**Topic sub-group** - Transport

**Date of Meeting** 01/08/2017

**Time of meeting from** 10.15 **to** 11.40 hours

**Location of Meeting** - Field visit – Sutton Road, Cartshed, Springhead Public House.

**Present:** M. Blee, S Elgey, C. Marsh – 09.00 to 09.30

C. Marsh, Dave Carey (Dorset County Council Highways Department) – 10.15 to 10.40

### Key Discussion Points

- The meeting was arranged to discuss on-street parking issues arising from the initial public survey and to seek some viable options for resolving these with a view to these being presented to the public in a future survey.
- Since Dave Carey was delayed and uncontactable the three sub-group members undertook an assessment of options at the south end of Sutton Road.  
It was considered that excavating part of the bank on the east side and to the southern end of Sutton Road posed significant potential costs and legal constraints associated with land ownership. It also raised issues of changing the character of the area and impacting biodiversity. The option of marking the road surface with yellow lines was a low cost solution but can be a lengthy procedure and needed to balance access issues against the preference of residents to park directly in front of their properties. It was felt that this could be resolved by locating two short sections of double yellow lines away from house frontages that would provide passing places and also retain good visibility at blind spots caused by the bend in the road. Initial suggestions are one section from the Verlands bus stop outside the Scutt Hall to a point approx 10 metres north of the Verlands Road junction and the second from the fire exit of the former reading room to the next lamp post north of this point. The meeting ended at 09.30 hours.
- CM was able to contact Dave Carey who had been delayed and eventually undertook a site visit commencing at 10.15 hours. Discussions highlighted the following:-

Parking mainly by visitors alongside the pond opposite the Springhead Pub – options are very limited as the main issue is one of aesthetic impact. Single advisory white lines would be a deterrent but would involve a cost whilst double yellow lines although enforceable may be very difficult to obtain a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in view of the criteria for setting priorities. DC suggested that an easy and low cost solution may be a community project to erect “No Parking” signs

alongside the pond (subject to ownership of land being determined) which would act as a deterrent.

Congestion around the Cartshed as a result of on-street parking of vehicles associated with the garage business – the community view that this has advantages of slowing traffic down has to be weighed against the visual impact and occasional access/road safety issues of double or inappropriate parking of vehicles. DC saw no easy solution but did comment upon the need to obey the highway code and expressed some concern as to the parking of possibly untaxed vehicles on the road at the time of the visit and parking of vehicles too close to the junction (by the post box). This is of course a police enforcement matter. A friendly word with the garage proprietor (possibly by the community police support officer) may be the most appropriate initial approach to a resolution of this issue.

Sutton Road between Scutt Hall and the Winslow Road/ Sutton Road junction – With regard to the options discussed above excavation of the embankment was seen as a complex and costly solution whilst double yellow lines would require a TRO which can be a lengthy process. Single (advisory) white lines were discussed but would involve a direct cost for the community. The option of staggered double yellow lines to allow passing places and taking advantage of the road junctions as additional passing points was seen as viable and effective provided that the support of a Councillor could be obtained for a TRO.

- Dave Carey noted that on-going community liaison with himself on highways issues was desirable and welcomed further contact in this respect – [d.carey@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:d.carey@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

### **Decisions/Actions Taken**

**Discuss options and formulate questions on parking related issues for the next public survey conducted by the Steering Group.**

**Action – Transport sub-group**