

SUTTON POYNTZ NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

RECORD OF SUB-GROUP MEETING

Topic sub-group - Transport

Date of Meeting 04/06/2017

Time of meeting from 10.00 **to** 11.05 hours

Location of Meeting - Site visit along Sutton Road

Present: S. Elgey, C. Marsh

Key Discussion Points

- Three key locations were visited, Springhead/Village pond, Cartshed junction and South end of Sutton Road towards junction with Preston Road. This was a preliminary overview prior to exploring viable options with the Highways Authority which would ultimately be put out for consideration in a public survey.
- The pond area even on a Sunday morning was heavily congested with traffic at the North end. Car parking obstructs access to the pond and detracts from the picturesque views. The Springhead car park is of limited size although options for extension or greater use of this capacity merit further investigation. Parking restrictions along the pond would impact several groups including pub users, dog walkers and visitors.
- The Cartshed area has a long history of parking related issues causing partial obstruction of the roadway and impaired visibility. Double parking has also long been a problem and together with parking in the bus stop area has impacted the bus service. At least one collision of a service bus with the wall at the North end of the stream has occurred in 2017. Past surveys have suggested discussion with the garage owner to seek a voluntary agreement.
- Parking outside of houses on Sutton Road between Winslow Road and the Scutt Hall has been a concern in the past and continues to be so (October 2016 survey). The primary concerns are the safety of pedestrians in the absence of a footway (stepping into the line of traffic and obscured vision of pedestrians and drivers of vehicles. Further concerns are access and inconvenience to other road users - the retention of the bus service has been negatively affected by this issue. Two options raised in past surveys are restricted parking (road markings) and widening the road at bottleneck points by cutting into the grass bank on the east side. A combination of measures to create 'passing places' at key points was seen as one option for consideration in order to address the issue with minimum impact on residents parking.

Decisions/Actions Taken

1. Contact the Highways Authority (contact name provided by Coun. Tony Ferrari) regarding parking options and 20mph speed limit issue.
Action: SE/CM (after June 20th)
2. In view of the latest bus survey results contact Simon Preston of First Bus having first consulted with Mike Blee in the interests of continuity of discussions on service provision. **Action: SE/CM (after June 20th)**