

# **Notes of the Zoom Meeting to consider the way forward with Chris Loder MP (following the meeting with him on 5 February), held at 12 noon on 23 February 2021.**

## **1. Attendees.**

Vanessa Glenn (VG)  
Deirdre Coates (DC)  
Anna Dunn (AD)  
George Dunn (GD)  
Peter Hunt (PH)  
Tony Peacock (TP).

## **2. In Attendance.**

Sal Robinson, Clerk (CC)  
Mike Kelson, Rosalind Hipkiss, Sue and Cliff Allen, Alan and Frances Colville, Richard Benjamin, Jan Picton, Julia and David Greenshields.

## **3. Apologies.**

None.

## **4. Introduction and Background to the Meeting.**

VG welcomed everyone and reminded member of the public that they were present as observers, not participants.

She said that the meeting was being recorded to assist the Clerk in producing notes of the meeting – no one objected to this.

She explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the meeting with Chris Loder held on 5 February and to identify, at his request, the 3 items which the Parish Council would like him to take forward on its behalf.

## **5. Each Councillor's 3 Key Issues to be Taken Forward.**

### George Dunn: -

GD gave the following 3 key issues to be taken forward: -

- a) Problems caused by the A35, not excluding the need for a bypass running through the parish
- b) Air pollution
- c) Public Transport in West Dorset

### Deirdre Coates.

DC gave the following 4 key issues to be taken forward: -

- a) Provision of Average Speed Cameras (ASCs)
- b) 30 mph speed limit on the whole length of North Road
- c) All-weather all-purpose path giving access to Bridport
- d) Improvements to local bus services

### Tony Peacock.

TP gave the following 2 key issues to be taken forward: -

- a) Problems caused by the A35
- b) Improvements to local public transport

In his opinion these 2 items encompass all the issues.

Anna Dunn.

AD gave the following 3 key issues to be taken forward: -

- a) Improvements to local public transport
- b) The Safety & Severance Study report recommendations
- c) The need for a bypass running through the parish

Peter Hunt.

PH gave the following 3 key issues to be taken forward: -

- a) Average Speed Cameras
- b) Additional controlled Pedestrian Crossings
- c) An alternative route to Seatown

Vanessa Glenn.

VG gave the following 3 key issues to be taken forward: -

- a) Problems caused by the A35, excluding the need for a bypass running through the parish
- b) Improvements to local public transport
- c) All-weather all-purpose path giving access to Bridport

**6. Open Discussion Between Councillors.**

Discussion took place as to how specific or broad the 3 items to be put to Chris Loder should be, and how achievable.

Irrespective of the outcome of these discussions, Cllr Coates **AGREED** to be the lead on the all-purpose all-weather path; Cllr Hunt **AGREED** to be the lead on ASCs. Cllr Anna Dunn is already the lead on public transport.

**7. Actions Required to Engage Chris Loder and Cllr Christopher (SC).**

The Clerk suggested that, to start real engagement with SC, CPC should

- a) Copy him in on all correspondence to CL, and make sure he sees all replies.
- b) Arrange a Zoom meeting with him ASAP to put to him the various concerns and ask him what he can do to help. And to ask him what his role actually in representing parishes in his Ward and what he can actually do to get things done.

This was **AGREED**.

Clerk to ask him for suitable dates and times.

It was mentioned that SC has for a long time been talking about getting CL to Chideock – CPC needs to push for this to happen and for councillors to be present at that meeting.

The next step is to arrange the promised follow-up meeting with CL, after the meeting with SC.

There is a need to ensure that replies are received from CL and SC. The lack of response is one of the causes of CPC's frustration.

This needs to be taken up with both CL and SC.

It is important to keep working with Client Earth - TP **AGREED** to take on this role.

It was also suggested that efforts must be made to get Chideock added to the DEFRA Air Quality Modelling sites – at the moment DEFRA receive results annually from Dorset Council but do not include them in their modelling.

## 8. Clerk's Summary of Topics Suggested for CL to take forward.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Cllrs who suggested the topic</b>
ASCs	DC, PH
A35 issues	GD (inc. Chideock bypass), TP, VG (without Chideock by-pass)
Air Quality	GD
Public Transport	GD, TP, AD DC (4 <sup>th</sup> topic!)
30 mph limit North Road	DC
All-weather all-purpose path	DC, VG
Safety & Severance Report	AD
Chideock bypass	AD
Additional Pedestrian Crossings	PH
Alternative Route to Seatown	PH

If Air Quality and Chideock bypass are combined with A35 issues and the Safety & Severance related topics are combined this gives

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Cllrs who suggested the topic</b>	
A35 issues	GD (inc. Chideock bypass), TP, VG (without Chideock by-pass, AD (Chideock bypass))	4
Public Transport	GD, TP, AD, DC (4 <sup>th</sup> topic!)	3
30 mph limit North Road	DC	1
All-weather all-purpose path	DC, VG	2
Safety & Severance Report Recommendations	AD, DC, PH	3
Alternative Route to Seatown	PH	1

Which gives the 3 topics for CL as

- A35 issues (with disagreement re a Chideock bypass)
- Public Transport
- Safety and Severance Report.

Possible expansion of these for CL (I've put S&S before A35 issues as it makes it simpler).

### 1. Safety and Severance Report Recommendations.

- To ensure that HE takes forward, in the next 2 years, the 4 options which it accepted.
- To urge HE to reconsider consider other options in the report, which it previously discounted, within the next year: -
  - Controlled pedestrian crossing at the WESTERN end of the village
  - Pavement improvements
  - And ???

### 2. Public Transport.

### 3. A35 Issues.

- Air Quality (HE and Dorset Council)
  - Reduction in NO2
  - Measurement of PMs and action if proved to be outside legal limit
  - Inclusion of Chideock in DEFRA's modelling sites
- Traffic volume reduction by whatever means possible
- Whilst it is accepted that there is division both within the Parish Council and residents regarding the route of any bypass, most people are in favour of removing the current levels of traffic from the centre of the village. The Parish Council accepts that the route of any bypass is not withing its "gift" but urges him to keep the matter of an improved east west

*route which does not pass through centres of population, including Chideock, firmly on the table within RIS2 and RIS3.*

*The other 3 options can be covered outside of this as follows: -*

- a) 30 mph limit for North Road can be pursued with Dorset Council, as it comes under them*
- b) All-weather all-purpose path – CL is already taking this forward, as is SC. CPC must make sure that this continues and that this is finally achieved, after first being put forward in 1998.*
- c) Alternative route to Seatown can be pursued with Dorset Council as it comes under them.*