

Minutes of a meeting of the Transport Working Group held at Longdon-Upon-Tern Village Hall on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 7pm.

Present Cllr Sue Hodgskin, Cllr Sue McGavin, eight residents, PCSO Ivan Collumbell, PCSO Joshua Peel.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from four Longdon-Upon-Tern residents.

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were agreed.

Matters Arising

There had been no additions to the incident file since the last meeting. Re the incident on Longdon Bridge 8.10.24 - the police would not be taking any further action as no offence could be determined from the footage.

PC Collumbell told the meeting that residents could upload footage directly to West Mercia Police's website by using **opsnap**

SIDs

SH – Training had been made available at short notice. Cllr Hodgskin & Cllr Gaskin (from Rodington) had attended on 14.11.2024. The SIDs devices had not been read for some considerable time and the data was badly corrupted (as it was being continually overwritten). Both devices had been 'cleared out' and reset as follows: -

Sad face on at 31 – off at 36, flashing 'slow down' message at 36, at 46 flashing 'too fast' message. Nothing after 46 as it encourages drivers to try and reach a high speed. The settings could also be set to 'covert' so that no numbers were shown. The device takes readings every 1.5 seconds (so several readings for each vehicle – the final reading is an average of all the readings). However, according to the trainer, the layout of the road in Longdon is not ideal – the cameras are not positioned at the optimum distance – but this may be down to the terrain. The trainer felt two devices were sufficient for Longdon although they would be more effective if they could be moved about. The use of the SIDs had been discussed at the Parish Council Meeting in December. It had been decided that the data should be downloaded by one councillor and one resident from each village (needs to be on an Android device) on a monthly basis.

Action

SH – to investigate with the Parish Council the possibility of moving the devices as in the current positions, the data being collected may not be the most accurate.

To consider setting the devices to record covert data on occasions to compare.

To ask Longdon resident MC if he would be prepared to be a data downloader/analyser.

Per PCSO Collumbell – TWG could consider applying via Parish Clerk to the Police & Crime Commissioner for a grant to help move the SIDs devices.

White Gates

SMcG – Town Councillor Gareth Thomas has agreed that the Parish Council (via the TWG) can put in an application for funding from the ward Community Pride Fund, for white gates at either end of Longdon. This would be in the next financial year. If successful, it would be up to Telford & Wrekin Council where they would be positioned.

Action

SMcG to keep TWG updated

Action Plan Update

i). Transporter Traffic – HF – passed the meeting a copy of the transporter routing agreement she had managed to obtain (copy attached). It seemed that the permitted number of transporters per day was 19, with 6 movements on Sundays and Bank Holidays. HF was still trying to get a copy of the planning decision. After discussion it was agreed a traffic survey would be carried out for one week to collate numbers of transporters/trucks going through Longdon. If the permitted number was being exceeded, this would provide data to take to T&W/the transporter companies. Volunteers would be needed to count traffic during the transporters permitted operating hours.

Action

The survey would be carried out between 3rd – 9th March 2025. SH & SMcG to draw up survey sheet and co-ordinate volunteers. An appeal for help to go in the Parish Magazine.

ii). Bridge Inspection – SH had written to T&W asking when the survey would be. A reply had been received saying should be this financial year, but no date available. The previous report of 14.4.2023 had been discussed at a recent Parish Council meeting. In view of the time elapsed, the Parish Clerk had written to T&W asking them to expedite a new survey. SH – had been informed that on 3.12.2023 there had been an accident on the bridge where the parapet had been damaged. Cones had been put on the bridge and were still there – it was now over a year since the incident (which the police were aware of) and nothing had been done by T&W.

Action

SH to bring the above to the attention of the Parish Clerk

iii). Road Safety Team – SH had written to the team but other than being asked if speeding was the issue had no other response.

Action

To pursue

iv). Rural Bus Services – SH had tried several e-mail addresses but with no result. It appeared there was no bus service through Longdon at all.

Action

To pursue (checkout Telford & Wrekin Community Service, 'Dial a ride')

To include a survey in the March edition of the Parish Magazine asking for residents' comments on bus services.

Any Other Business

i). Tern Lane - a resident raised the issue about the signage at Tern Lane and it was agreed to follow up with TWC Highways.

Action

SMcG to follow up with Parish Clerk and a formal letter to Highways

ii). Tern Farm had submitted a planning application for Tern Farm for an access road from the farm to Crudginton. There were concerns how this would affect residents in Tern Lane.

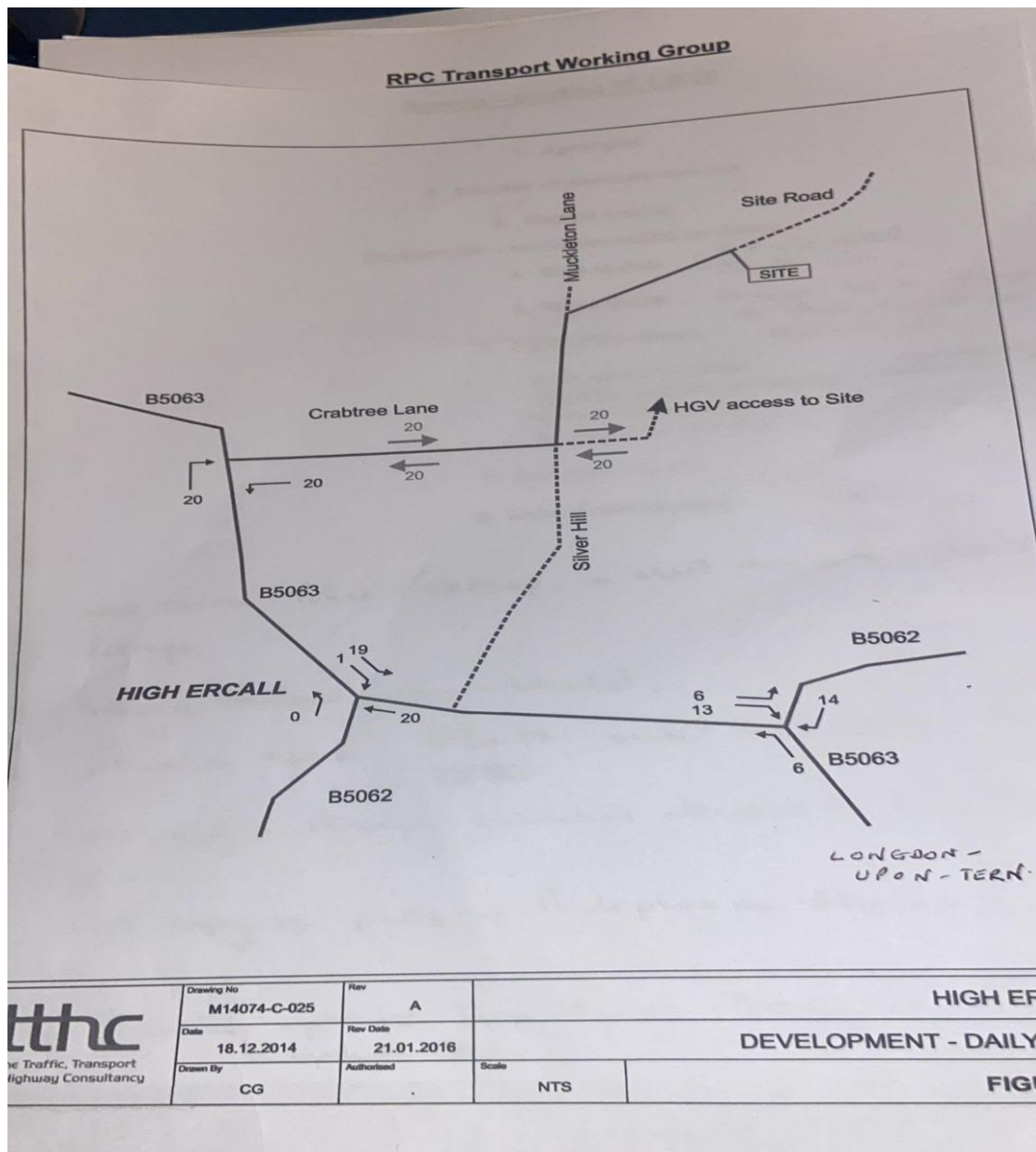
Action

To contact the clerk at High Ercall Parish Council (the farm was in their parish) to find out more information.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9th April 2025 at 7pm at Longdon-Upon-Tern Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.



Transporter routes