



## Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee

held at Unit 2 West Centre Way  
6.30 p.m. on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014

### Present:

Cllr. Tony Proctor, Cllr. Darren Blackburn, Cllr. Alan Hussey, Cllr Richard Long,

### In Attendance:

Stephen Scanlon (TWC Highways)

### Clerk:

Sharon George

### 2014/084P Chair's welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

### 2014/085P Apologies

Stephanie Morley (Prospective Parish Councillor)

Apologies **RECEIVED** and **ACCEPTED**

### 2014/086P Declarations of Interest

Councillor	Interest	Declaration	Minute no.
		NONE	

### 2014/087P Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were **CONFIRMED**.

**PROPOSED** by Cllr Blackburn and **SECONDED** by Cllr Long

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record.

### 2014/088P Lawley Crossroads

We had invited Stephen Scanlon to the meeting as a representative from TWC Highways who has been involved in the signalling of the traffic lights at the main Lawley crossroads and Birchfield Way/Gresham Drive junction due the recent number of accidents in the vicinity. We believe it to be 24 in total on the main crossroads in the past 12 months that we have been in situ in Lawley Square.

Various incidents had been reported on all 3 junctions with the most frequent and recent on Lawley Crossroads.

We feel that there need to be changes made to the junction(s) before we have a fatal accident and we shared these concerns with Highways. We were informed that:

- The traffic signals are designed to service the maximum traffic flows once the whole of the Lawley development is completed
- Traffic flows are being checked to see if any amendments can be made without detriment to the future development plans
- The sequencing and staging of the signals is being looked at
- **SCOOT (Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique)** is to be installed early 2015 which is an automated intelligence system which will manage the signals in relation to the traffic flow in real time
- Options to look at moving the LH lane on West Centre Way to join Lawley Drive to stop traffic misreading the green light for left turn only
- Look at introducing revised signals for straight on and RH turn at this junction
- May be able to seek PIYC funding for the adaptations

We also raised our concerns regarding the new school traffic flows/road layout as we feel this will exacerbate the existing issues. We also asked that the RH turn into Birchfield Way is better defined and that a yellow box junction is put in place as problems are being caused to drivers and pedestrians by drivers ignoring the no RH turn signs. Our concerns are not new; we have been in dialogue with TWC/police for many months regarding the issues/dangers at these junctions.

The Highways Officer is to report back with any potential revisions that may be possible to make this area safer for all users.

**2014/089P History Trail**

A brief update was given on the Trail – the maintenance of the trail now covers 3 days in 10 for the PET over the winter maintenance period

The logs from Colliers Way have now been moved to Newdale Pool area and are to be staked and seats cut into them.

**2014/090P Planning Matters**

Planning applications were discussed and comments submitted as the attached appendix to minutes.

Comments sent to TWC website

Planning decisions were **NOTED**

**To consider the following:****2014/091P Footpath/Bridleway creation orders**

NONE

**2014/092P Footpath/Bridleway Diversion orders**

NONE

**2014/093P Highway Adoption Orders and other Highway notices**

NONE

**2014/094P Correspondence**

- We have been asked to put a list together of areas where signing and lining is required to be updated/redone – Members have put some areas forward for road markings to be re-painted to be passed onto Highways:  
All exits from Glendale  
Entrance/exit on Bartholomew Road  
St Helier Drive  
Cemetery Road  
Princes End  
Teawell Close  
30mph painted circles need redoing on:  
Milners Lane from Old Park Island to Concorde  
West Centre Way from Thomas Telford Island down to Asda island- lines for B5072 are worn  
Box junction painted at West Centre Way/Birchfield Way junction  
Directional guidance on road for Newdale cross junction plus signage
- Permission received to have Christmas tree in Lawley Square but not until works have finished (Clerk to speak to retailers as works not completed until end November) Also suggested that a tube be sunk into the ground at the top of the square for easier placement of tree in future – Clerk to ask contractors if this is possible
- Craft tables by Morrison's as requested by River Church needs a risk assessment/PL Insurance proof before consideration can be given by the landowners. Clerk to do risk assessment for this purpose and await a copy of the Church PL Insurance to send onto landowners.

**2014/095P Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Leonard Smith House – possible name change for Parish Office to go to Full Council

**2014/096P Date of Next Meeting**

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Planning & Environmental Committee will be held on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 commencing at 6.30pm at Unit 2 Lawley Square**

The Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed..... CHAIR

Dated.....