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Update following meeting held Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 10am

Attendees.

Julia Procter SCC

Pip Alder Assistant P Clerk

Cllr Peter James

David Steptoe

Walk around the village to look at six highway issues previously raised.

1. Pedestrian crossing Melton Road between playing field and Coach and Horse PH.
2. Pedestrian crossing Melton Road near the southern junction of Turnpike Lane.
3. Widening of southern footway A1152 from rail station to Melton Road signalised junction.
4. Indicative costs/feasibility of providing a shared footway on the eastern side of Melton Road, from the signalised junction going south towards Woodbridge.
5. Follow up historic request to obtain a ROW from the Melton playing fields onto Jenners Close. This links historic scheme to provide an off-road cycle facility through the playing fields.
6. An indicative cost of cycle parking racks to be located at the car park near Winifred Fison House.

1 I understand the Parish Council favour a pedestrian island. One could be installed in the Daines Lane area, there are already waiting restrictions on one side of the road so we would just need to put some waiting restrictions on other side to keep the area clear for pedestrians crossing. This will require a Traffic Regulation Order that has to be consulted on. Ideally, we would use a 'bolt down' island with non-illuminated bollards. This make installation quicker and safer. We would install tactile paving to each side of footway.



2 I understand the Parish Council favour a pedestrian island, again for ease of installation and to minimise disruption a 'bolt down' island with non-illuminated bollards could be installed. There are waiting restrictions on one side of the road so there would need to be some on the other side to retain an area for pedestrians to cross. This would require a Traffic Regulation Order, this could be advertised and consulted on with the restrictions in Item 1 to save costs and time.

3 To widen the footway it will be costly and we decided not a priority for Parish Council, the footway would benefit from maintenance, the footway is overgrown with vegetation and grass. Also, there are patches where repairs are needed.

4 We walked the route from the junction up towards Turnpike, again the footway would benefit from maintenance. Widening the footway will be costly, lamp columns would need to be re-sited, some utility covers will need to be moved also new gullies would be required.

5 Mary George SCC ROW team has confirmed she is working with the Parish Council on this matter.

6 Cycle parking, we are happy to help with recommendations on types of parking equipment and the fitting of them. I or one of my colleagues who specialises in cycle infrastructure will be happy to help. I recall that you wanted to reconfigure the parking areas as some of the grassed areas were being used for parking. Suffolk Highways can also help with this and can offer a quotation.

### Summary

Items 1 and 2 will benefit pedestrians and could be delivered at a reasonable cost and in a fairly quick time frame. The consultation required to install the additional waiting restrictions can take around 6 months, I do not envisage any objections. To proceed with this the next stage will be surveys, design and costing.

Items 3 and 4, widening footways does prove costly. Stepping the kerb line out means new gullies will be required, lamp columns need re-siting, some utility covers need changing and adjustments to levels. If the footways are heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists and there is history of conflict, then I would suggest taking these options to the next stage, feasibility and costing.

5 This is with Mary George and I suggest you stay in contact with Mary on this issue.

6 When you are ready please contact us about cycle parking.