

Requests for improved traffic management in Northbrook Road/Washpond Lane/St Mary's School – update

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SWANAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26TH JULY 2021:

32. **TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR IMPROVED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN NORTHBROOK ROAD/WASHPOND LANE, FURTHER TO DISCUSSION AT INFORMAL MEETING OF THE ROADS AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD ON 23rd JUNE 2021**

Further to Minute No. 4 of the informal Meeting of the Roads and Transport Committee, and concerns raised during Public Participation Time at that meeting regarding the safety of pedestrians using Washpond Lane, consideration was given to requests for improved traffic management in Northbrook Road/Washpond Lane, which included the following:-

Short term

- A new speed survey to be conducted during the summer months.
- Request for Dorset Council to ensure that the hedgerows/verges in Washpond Lane were kept cut back and well maintained to improve visibility for motorists and pedestrians alike.
- To ascertain whether Dorset Council could position temporary yellow road signs at each end of Washpond Lane periodically to increase driver awareness of pedestrians using the lane.

Longer term

- A reduction in the speed limit in Washpond Lane from 60mph to 30mph.
- Engagement with Barrett Homes regarding the possibility of a footpath through the new housing development, to be constructed on the former Grammar School site, into Day's Park.
- To provide Barratt Homes with a copy of the Northbrook Road to Ulwell Road Link Cycleway Pre-feasibility Report which had been undertaken in March 2019.

During the ensuing discussion Members were sympathetic to the concerns raised by residents, but felt that a speed survey would be required before a decision could be made regarding the requests for improvements.

Reference was made to the previous survey which had been undertaken in Washpond Lane in March 2019, following which Dorset Council had informed the Town Council that it could not support a reduction in the speed limit from 60mph to 30mph as the majority of vehicles using the lane were already driving under 30mph, and that there was an alternative, safer pedestrian route from Ulwell Road to Northbrook Road. Members were therefore in agreement that it would be prudent to conduct the speed survey during September/school term time to provide a truer indication of road use. The results of the survey would be brought back to a future Council Meeting for further consideration. The cost of the survey would be £250 + VAT.

It was noted that a Community Speed Indicator Device and two poles, had now been installed by the Town Council, one pole situated in Northbrook Road and one in Ulwell Road to help raise driver awareness of local speed limits.

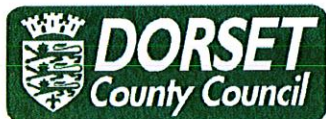
It was proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Whitwam and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Town Council requests that Dorset Council undertakes a speed survey in Washpond Lane in September 2021, during school term time, and approves a budget of £250 to cover the cost of the survey.

A question was then raised as to whether the Town Council would be able to cut back the hedgerows in Washpond Lane, and concern was expressed that the 'pedestrians in road' sign was currently obscured by vegetation.

It was reported that the Dorset Highways Team was aware of the concerns regarding the overgrown hedges, and Councillor Suttle, as Dorset Councillor, had previously confirmed that he continued to seek action in this matter via the DC Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment. The Operations Manager would also review the Chapter 8 training which had been undertaken by some of the Town Council's Depot staff to see whether this would be possible.

AGENDA ITEM 4)



AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC COUNT

CLIENT **Swanage Town Council**

PROJECT No. **DC 5117** JOB No. **J515** SITE No. **3312**

LOCATION : **WASHPOND LANE, SWANAGE**

ROAD : **D52235** SPEED : **60**

GRID EASTING : **402547** NORTHING : **080301**

COUNT TYPE : **VOLUME / SPEED**

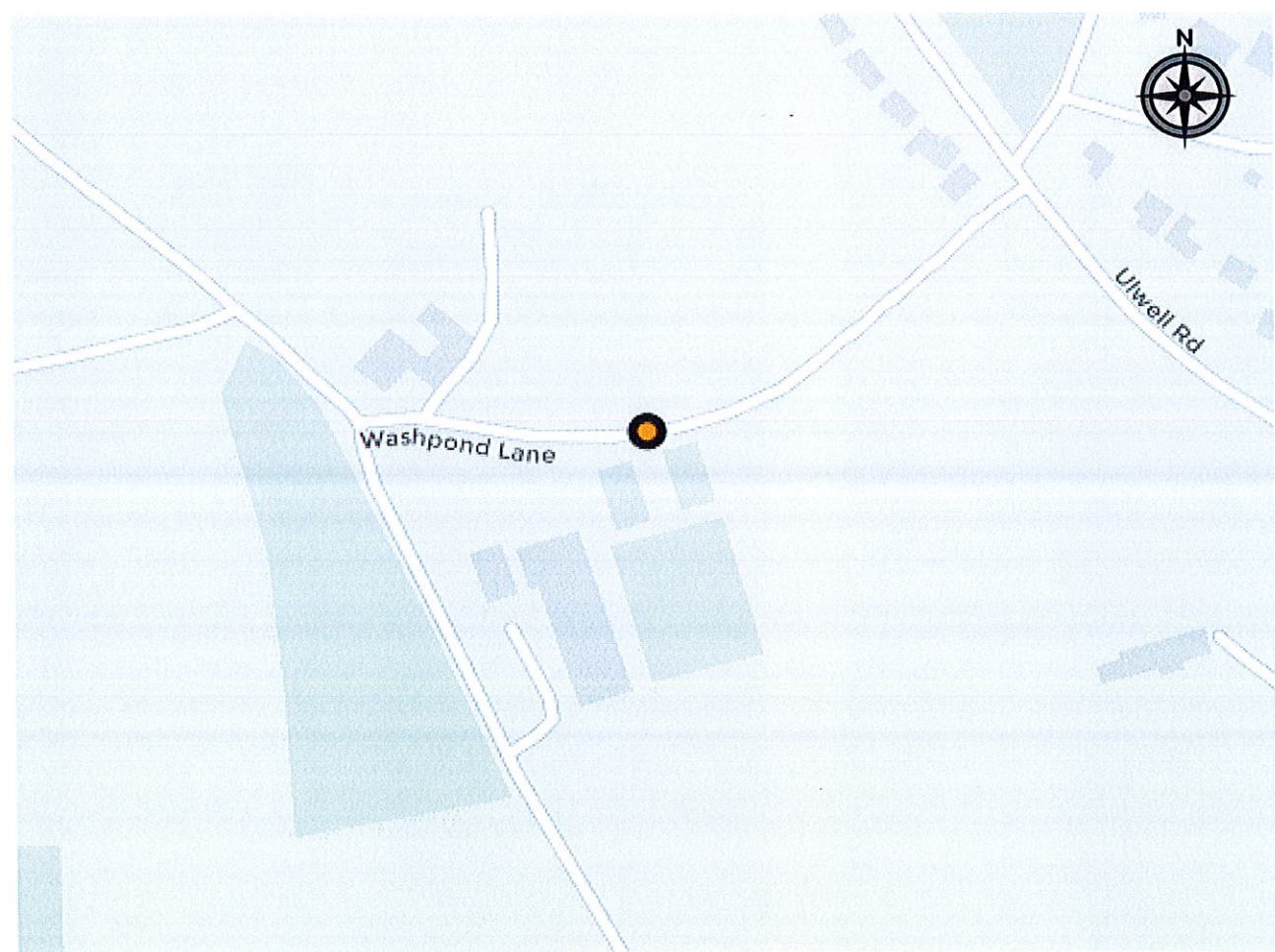
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1	: North Eastbound to Ulwell Road	786	759	29.5 mph	25.9 mph
2	: South Westbound to Northbrook	641	621	30.6 mph	26.4 mph

START DATE : **08-09-2021**

END DATE : **14-09-2021**

NOTES :

PLAN :



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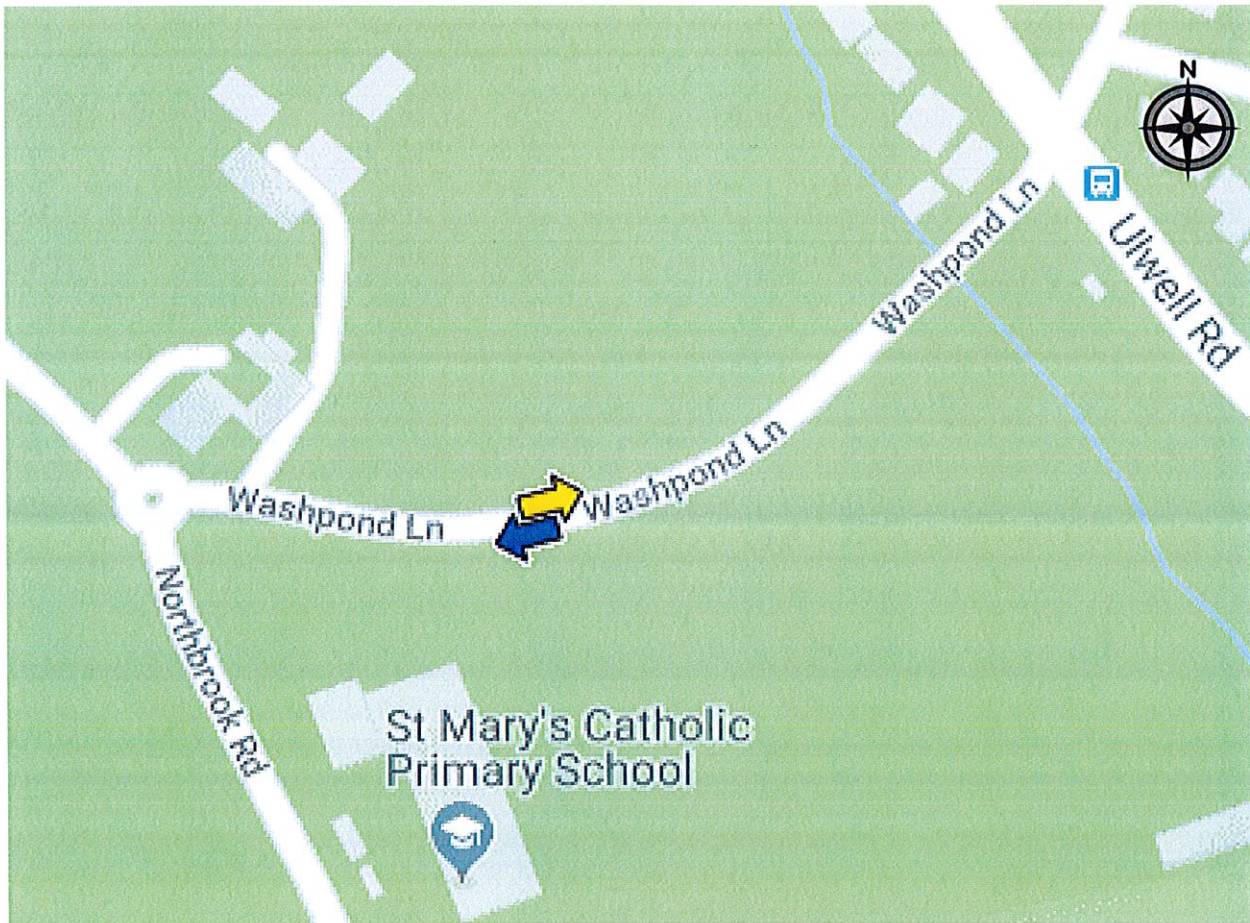
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1	North Eastbound to Ulwell Road	663	611	31.9 mph	27.5 mph
2	South Westbound to Northbrook Road	515	463	32.7 mph	27.8 mph

START DATE : 04-03-2019

END DATE : 10-03-2019

NOTES :

PLAN :



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Community Speed Indicator Device – update

Email from Rob Camp and Swanage Town Council's Facebook post:

From: [Rob J Camp](#)

Sent: 08 July 2021 10:20

Subject: Community Speed Indicator Device (SID) programme

Dear Councillors

For your information Swanage Town Council commenced deployment yesterday of their own SID under agreement with Dorset Council. It will initially rotate between two locations on Northbrook Rd and Ulwell Rd. Swanage is the 56th community to participate in this successful road safety initiative.

Regards

Rob J Camp



Dorset Council's review of car parking charges – update

Further to Minute 10 c) of the Informal meeting of the Roads and Transport Committee held on 23rd June 2021 a meeting of the Car Parks Working Party was held to discuss Dorset Council's review of car parking charges.

The Finance Manager had prepared a document comparing the existing charging periods and tariffs with the proposed tariffs, and had circulated this prior to the meeting (please see Appendix 1).

Further to discussion the following observations were made and the comments emailed to Dorset Council's Parking Transformation team accordingly.

Comments/recommendations:

- Station Road, Swanage (shops) - Level 2 tariff.
- Shore Road, Swanage (beach) – Level 3 tariff.
- Station Road – 15 minute period to remain.
- Station Road – Maximum stay 1 hour.
- Station Road – no objection to the increase of charges, if at Level 2 tariff.
- Shore Road – no objection to level 3 or charges.
- Request for clarification over the operating times for charge period e.g. 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Extract from a meeting of the Car Parks Working Party held on 9th July 2021:

It was noted that the on-street car parking areas affected by the proposal in Swanage are Shore Road, a beach area, and Station Road, shops.

Councillors noted that the tariff for Weymouth had been separated into level 2, shops, and level 3, beach, and councillors strongly object to the two different areas of Swanage sitting under level 3.

The 'one level' approach for Swanage, was strongly opposed by those in attendance, and via email from other councillors, and all wished to express that the town was not merely a tourist destination. It was widely felt that the businesses operating in Station Road should be acknowledged and supported, especially during a time of recovery.

Councillors stated they would be opposed to the removal of the 15 minute tariff in Station Road as they felt this would be detrimental to businesses, and inconvenient to shoppers wanting a short trip to shops. They would also like to see the maximum stay period limited to one hour.

Councillors had no opposition to the increase in charges, at level 2 tariff for Station Road, however, did request some clarity over the operating times that the charges would be implemented e.g. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There was no opposition to the changes to tariffs proposed for Shore Road.

A further update will be provided to a future meeting following the completion of the consultation process.

Emma Evans
Management Support Officer
September 2021

Consultation re:proposed adoption of On-Street Level 3 charges

Dorset Council On-Street Charges-Station Road				
	High Season 1st April -31st October		Low Season 1st November -31st March	
	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Proposed level-2 on-street charges	Current Charge
Up to 15 mins	0.20		0.20	
Up to 30 mins	0.70	1.50	0.40	1.00
Up to 1 hour	1.40	2.00	0.80	1.50
Up to 1.5 hours		3.00		2.00
Up to 2 hours				

STC Shoppers Car Park Charges				
	High Season 1st April -31st October		Low Season 1st November -31st March	
	Co-op & Merrmond	Residents	Co-op & Merrmond	Residents
Up to 15 mins				
Up to 30 mins				
Up to 1 hour	1.20	0.60	0.60	free
Up to 1.5 hours				
Up to 2 hours	2.10	1.20	1.20	free

The proposed charges for level 2 shoppers on-street parking has been included as a potential alternative option following Weymouth's 2 tier level designation

Dorset Council On-Street Charges-Shore Road					DC Car Park Charges		
	High Season 1st April -31st October		Low Season 1st November -31st March		High Season 1st April -31st October	Low Season 1st November -31st March	
	Current Charge	Proposed Level 3 Charge	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Proposed level-3 car park charges	Proposed level-3 car park charges	
Up to 30 mins		1.50		1.00	1.00	0.50	
Up to 1 hour	2.00	2.00		1.50	1.50	1.00	
Up to 1.5 hours		3.00		2.00			
Up to 2 hours					2.50	1.50	
Up to 3 hours					3.50	2.20	
Up to 4 hours	6.50				4.50	3.00	
Up to 5 hours					5.50	4.00	
Up to 6 hours							
Up to 10 hours	8.00		1.20				
Up to 24 hours					10.00	6.00	
Overnight	0.60						
3 Day Ticket							
Weekly							

STC Long Stay Car Park Charges						
	Peak Summer Season 1st July -31st August		Off-Peak Summer Season 1st April -30th June & 1st September -31st October		Low Season 1st November -31st March	
	Broad Road & Main Beach	North Beach	Broad Road & Main Beach	North Beach	Broad Road & Main Beach	North Beach
Up to 30 mins						
Up to 1 hour	1.80	1.50	1.50	1.50		
Up to 1.5 hours						
Up to 2 hours	3.40	2.50	3.00	2.50		
Up to 3 hours						
Up to 4 hours	6.40	4.00	5.00	4.00		
Up to 5 hours						
Up to 6 hours	7.20	5.00	6.50	5.00		
Up to 10 hours						
Up to 24 hours	8.00	6.00	8.00	6.00	1.00	free
Overnight(*Broad Road only)	*1.00					
3 Day Ticket	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00		
Weekly	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00		

The proposed charges for level 3 car parks has been included to show an alternative charging option