Lytchett Matravers Parish Council

Summary Report – Dorset Council Highways WG

March 2025

Working Group Objective:
Review of all Highways related projects and establishing close liaison with Dorset Council Highways.

Working Group Participants:
Andrew Huggins (Chair), Ken Morgan, Alf Bush, Peter Webb, Beverly Barker, Rob Aspray

Background:
PC projects that require Dorset Council Highways interaction and agreement. To set up a more formal working arrangement with DC Highways to progress those projects.

Dependencies:
DC Highways (DCH) approval and partial funding

Status/Next Steps:

1. School Crossing – Meeting with DCH, Dorset Cllrs, School Head, LMPC Dec'24 where we agreed a revised proposal to go out for public consultation in spring and hope to have crossing in Summer25. **DC Highways advise consultation Late March – PC publicity launched 25 Mar 2025**
2. Huntick Road Cycleway –Rozalia Meadows to Jubilee Walk. Submit a formal request to DCH. **Mar 2024 meeting with LMPC/DCH/LM&U/Dorset Cllrs to review 5 options Discussed at length. Awaiting next steps**
3. High Street Crossing – **Planning application looks optimistic – Parking Survey commissioned – further discussion with DC about need for survey and possibly waive of licence for survey.**
4. Tesco Island – Create formal notice to Tesco of intentions with DCH approval. **Planning application approved. Chasing Tesco CEO office for update as nothing forthcoming from Area manager.**
5. 20 MPH Zones – Apply for central village area to be set to 20 mph. AH submitted application Aug 2024. Received response – only Wareham Road from R&C to Dillons Gardens. WH have made counter proposal to DCH which is with them for review: factors include High Street + School Crossing.
6. Huntick Road path – New Working group specifically for this project, has met and progressing initiatives. Next step is to request lower speed limits on Huntick Road – **Traffic surveys competed and data received. Discussion with LM&U council to obtain their support for 40mph then we will apply for 40mph unless this conflicts outcome of 2) above.**

Financial Forecast: **(£000's, excluding VAT)**	**2025-26**	**2026-27**	**2027-28**
Expense to date			
Forecast	210[1]	0	250[2]
Total	210	0	250

Notes:
1. High St crossing 75, 20MPH – 30, Huntick cycleway stage 2 – 35, Tesco forecourt - 80
2. Huntick cycleway stage 3 – 250 LMPC contribution to overall cost.