Lytchett Matravers Parish Council

Summary Report – Dorset Council Highways WG

Jan 2026

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 – Completed – DC Officer advised that now relocating crossing patrol to lower Gate would "probably not meet their criteria".
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 **To be reconsidered.**
3. High Street Crossing – **Awaiting further advice from DCH**
4. Tesco Island – Create formal notice to Tesco of intentions with DCH approval. Planning application approved. Tesco engineers working on costing the design. Tesco not prepared to proceed with this. Report seems to have missed that LMPC will part fund. Will go back to Tesco to clarify our position.
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. WG have made counter proposal to DCH which is with them for review: factors include High Street + School Crossing.
   MP Vicky Slade asked if we had applied for 20-mph by school – we have replied with details of the LMPC 20mph request and the DC counter-proposal which LMPC did not consider acceptable. Requested MP support LMPC proposal.
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 –Application for 40mph on Huntick Road has been submitted April 2025. Under consideration & awaiting feedback. Chased 9/25.
7. Meeting 20 June 2025 with DCH and Sturminster Marshall PC about improving Jubilee Cross/A350. SM will apply for 40mph on A350 and crossing island. DC to fund traffic surveys and feasibility study.
8. Resident request for lowered speed in Castle Farm Lane. Clerk to seek guidance on "reduced speed limit" policy from DC Highways. **DC advise does not meet 20MPH critera but school can apply for signage.**
9. Request for re-marking white lines on Wareham Road at Halls Corner and speed signate on High Street/Colehill Road – This has been authorised by DCH pending completion. **No sign – clerk to chase DCH.**

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.