

**NOTES of Road Safety Working Group of Melksham Without Parish Council
held on Tuesday 22nd April 2025 at Melksham Without Parish Council Offices
(First Floor), Melksham Community Campus, Market Place,
Melksham, SN12 6ES at 4pm**

Present: Councillors Mark Harris, Peter Richardson (**Chair**), Robert Shea-Simonds and Anne Sullivan

Officers: Teresa Strange, Clerk and Fiona Dey, Officer

1. To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Shona Holt.

2. To note extract from Highways Committee minutes 7th April regarding Road Safety measures requested by CAWS (Community Action: Whitley & Shaw) further to Site Visit

Noted.

3. To review the list of improvements requested by CAWS and make a recommendation on what improvements should be taken forward to LHFIG (Local Highways & Footpath Improvement Group). This to be brought back to Annual Council meeting on 12th May

The list of improvements requested was discussed. See attached list with comments.

Recommendation: To approve the actions on the list of requests

Meeting closed at 5pm

Signed.....
Chair of Council, 12th May 2025

Whitley and Shaw Potential Highways/Road Safety Improvements

Summary

Items 1 – 16. Items agreed in principle to be submitted to the next LHFIG (recommendations from HW committee approved at Full Council), viz, any line marking improvements identified; scrape back vegetation on pavements to widen (Shaw Hill and Corsham Road); any sign replacements identified on the list.

Items 17 - 23. Items for the Road Safety Working Group (RSWG) to prioritise

Items 24 – 26. Not directly highways related – suggest proceed anyway?

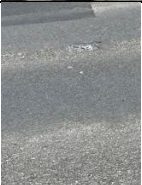
Items 27 – 28. Other general points – RSWG to prioritise.

No	Location	Description	Category	Picture	Priority	RSWG recommendation to Proceed ?
Items agreed in principle to be submitted to the next LHFIG (recommendations from HW committee approved at Full Council)						
1	Top Lane	New “First Lane” sign	Signage		Low	Yes
2	Top Lane	3 Lines on SLOW	Line Marking		Med	Yes

3	Top Lane	Refuge Island First Lane/Top Lane Junction	Line Marking		Low	Yes
4	Top Lane	New "Middle Lane" sign	Signage		Low	Yes
5	Corsham Road	Repaint Roundels with grey background	Line Marking		Med	Yes
6	Corsham Road	Repaint centre line	Line Marking		Med	Yes

7	Corsham Road	White lines inside kerb lines (NB. Some research suggests that these lines are only temporary in improving road safety – so propose that this work is not commissioned yet)	Line Marking		Low	Yes – low priority BUT worth doing at the same time as the centre line, rather than separately?
8	Corsham Road	Scrape back vegetation on pavements to widen (Mosquitto)	Vegetation		High	Yes – and must be done before programmed footway repairs
9	Corsham Road	Repaint Zebra Crossing	Line Marking		Med	Yes
10	Corsham Road	3 lines on SLOW	Line Marking		Med	Yes

11	Bath Road	Roundels with red/grey background by traffic lights	Line Marking		High	Yes
12	Shaw Hill	Yellow lines on SLOW	Line Marking		Med	Yes
13	Shaw Hill	Scrape back vegetation on pavements to widen (Mosquitto)	Vegetation		High	Yes
14	Shaw Hill	New SLOW on the rise up to Beltane Place	Line Marking		High	Yes

15	Shaw Hill	Textured line across road near Bus Shelter	Line Marking		High	Yes
16	General	Safe walking to school route across Ever Green Meadow/Chicken Alley	Other	TBA	TBA	Yes
Items for RSWG to prioritise following recommendations from HW committee approved at Full Council						
17	Top Lane	Confirm Top Lane SID/Speedwatch locations	Other		High	Yes – MWPC officers to confirm
18	Corsham Road	Village Gate	Other		High	Yes – but also consider alternative more cost effective offers – MWPC to obtain quotes
19	Corsham Road	Replace Cats Eyes inner section	Other		Med	YES (suggested by Highway Officer) – this is maintenance but progress if not covered by maintenance through LHFIG

20	Corsham Road	Footpath repairs	Other		High	YES - Maintenance and understand it's already on WC maintenance list for early in new financial year
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21	Bath Road	Village Gate	Other		High	Yes – but also consider alternative more cost effective offers
22	Shaw Hill	Village Gate & Roundels at end of Folly Lane	Other		High	Yes – but also consider alternative more cost effective offers
23	Shaw Hill	Pedestrian crossing sign on the brow of the hill towards Beltane Place	Other		High	Yes – and assume NIL cost to MWPC as under £500
Not directly highways related – suggest proceed anyway						

24	Corsham Road	Refurbish bench opposite school			Low	Put to next Asset Management agenda
25	Corsham Road	Replace bin			Low	There is a cost – for asset management as not burnt out or missing

26	Bath Road	Paint internal walls of bus shelter			High	Caretaker or Community Pay Back or Corporate Social Responsibility
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Other general points – RSWG to prioritise

27	General	Undertake Traffic Surveys to inform possible 20 MPH limit on Top/Middle/First Lanes Note 1. WC HW Engineer advised that WC pay for surveys and there is no limit to the number that can be requested, but not all requests would necessarily be supported.		TBA	TBA	YES Prioritise the three areas that most likely to have an accident – Shaw Hill and Corsham Road. Use data to inform location of village gates and potential crossings. Also get data about the type of traffic, as well as the speed (impact of Cleveland Bridge HGV and CA Zone, construction traffic to National Grid) Sites: Shaw Hill Bus Shelter at Beltane Place
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		Note 2. WC HW Engineer advised that speeds below the threshold that triggers Speedwatch/SID deployment would not risk the loss of those services. Note 3. WC HW Engineer advised 20MPH Limits typically better than Zones in rural settings in order to avoid traffic calming measures.				• Bath Road by the bus shelter to be painted • Corsham Road – ½ way between Shaw Church and Westlands Lane – perhaps at site of crossing in Middle Farm application
28	General	School Travel Plan (hasten school)		N/A	TBA	Yes Principle applies to all the schools in the parish. CAWS to contact school head, MWPC to contact schools and White Horse, and to engage new Wiltshire Councillors. MOCS heads are coming to June MWPC full Council meeting