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The Meeting... **Buildings and Civic Matters Committee**

The Time... **7.00pm**

The Date... **Tuesday 20 January 2015**

The Place... **Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil**

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QUALITY
TOWN
COUNCIL

Alan Tawse

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Town Clerk

14 January 2015

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee

Please contact Sally Freemantle at the Town House for more information about this meeting

To: All Members of the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee

Martin Bailey
Bridget Dollard (Vice-Chairman)
Dave Greene
Peter Gubbins
John Hann
Andrew Kendall (Chairman)
Mike Lock (Ex-officio)
Tony Lock
Wes Read
Darren Shutler (Ex-officio)

Equality Act 2010

The *general* public sector equality duty places an obligation on a wide range of public bodies (including town and parish councils) in the exercise of their functions to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

The protected characteristics are:

Age

Race

Disability

Religion or Belief

Gender Reassignment

Sex

Marriage and Civil Partnership

Sexual Orientation

Pregnancy and Maternity

A G E N D A

PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes)

1. **MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 November 2014.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

5. **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES**

To consider the report of the Town Clerk attached at pages 2 to 8.

6. **THE BOROUGH ARCADE**

To consider the report of the Town Clerk attached at page 9.

7. **GREENHILL ROAD/SUNNINGDALE ROAD**

To consider the report of the Town Clerk attached at page 10.

8. **WEST COKER ROAD – PROPOSED CROSSING**

To consider the report of the Town Clerk attached at page 11.

9. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT - OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2014**

To consider the financial statement for the period 1 October to 30 November 2014 attached at pages 12 to 18.

PUBLIC COMMENT (15 Minutes)

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee will be requested to pass a resolution excluding the press and public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

10. **CCTV MONITORING**

To consider the confidential report of the Town Clerk attached at pages 19 to 29.

5. **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES**

Preston Road

Attached at pages 3 to 4 is the latest speed indicator device (SID) report for Preston Road, Yeovil. These readings were taken between 11 November 2014 and 25 November 2014 inclusive.

The median speed was calculated at 30mph which is compliant with the posted speed limit of 30mph. The 85%ile speed was calculated as 34mph which is 2mph below the intervention limit of 36mph.

Lysander Road

Attached at pages 5 to 8 is the latest speed indicator device (SID) report for Lysander Road, Yeovil. These readings were taken between 25 November 2014 and 10 December 2014 inclusive.

The median speed was calculated at 32mph for November and December which is 2mph above the posted speed limit of 30mph. The 85%ile speed was calculated as 38mph for both months, which is also 2mph above the intervention limit of 36mph.

General

The Somerset County Council (SCC) Traffic Engineer has indicated that these speeds are the approach speeds of vehicles as recorded by the device and do not reflect the 'adjusted' speeds which the motorists may switch to on being 'reminded' of the posted speed limit by the device. Where SCC have been able to measure 'adjusted' speeds at other locations they have found the difference in speed between the approach speed and adjusted speed to be approximately 4-5mph less.

The intervention limit is the speed, (under the current policy), at which a location is deemed to have a speeding issue. It is calculated by taking the posted speed limit + 10% + 3mph, (25mph in a 20mph speed limit; 36mph in a 30mph posted speed limit and 47mph in a 40mph posted speed limit). Locations that equal or exceed the intervention level speed qualify for a SID installation on a regular basis

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note and comment on the attached reports.

(Alan Tawse, Town Clerk – 01935 382424)

SS1111 111114 (Nov 2014)

FLOW

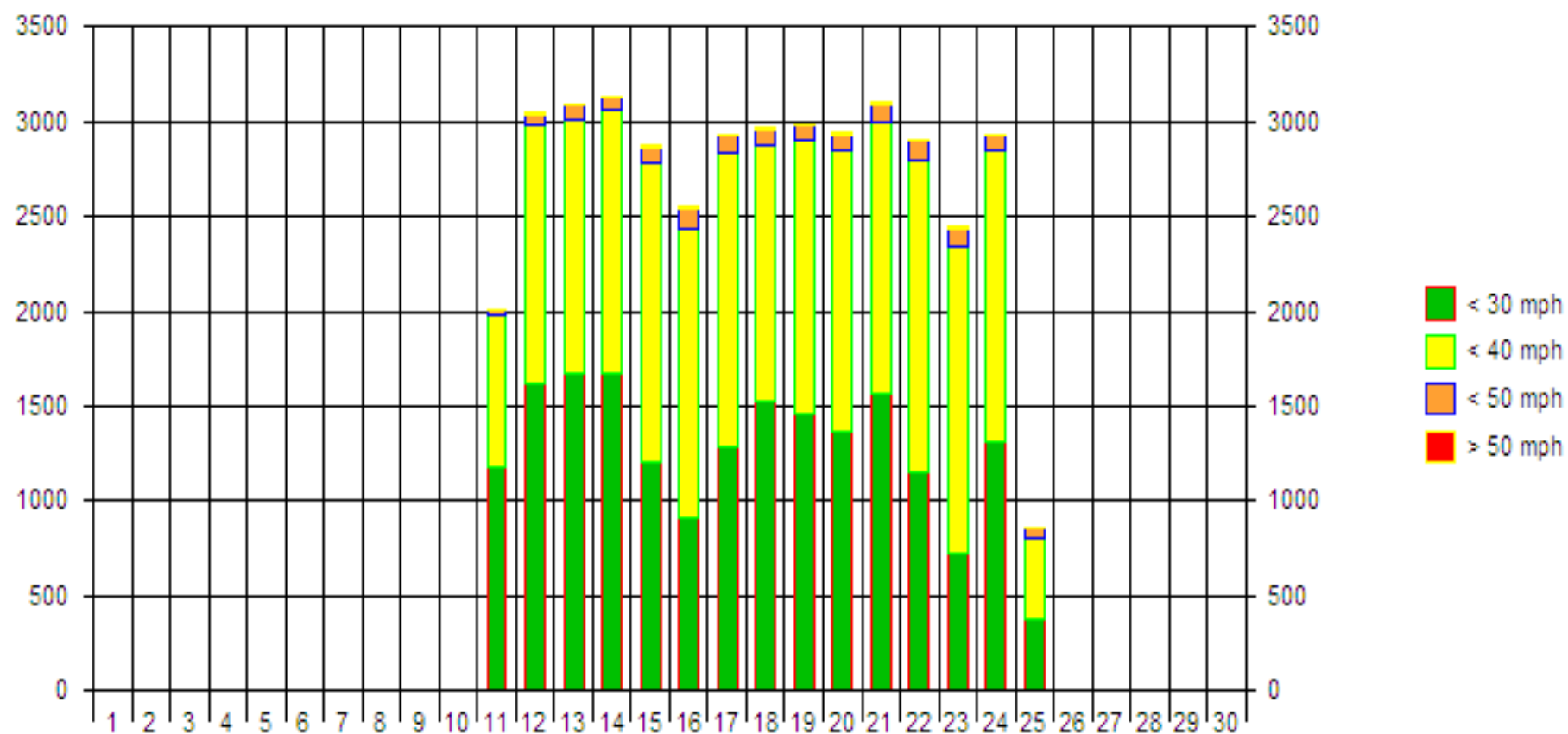
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10	0	0	0	0
11	1175	804	27	5
12	1620	1360	60	4
13	1670	1346	73	6
14	1670	1395	64	7
15	1212	1566	88	4
16	905	1533	99	12
17	1284	1556	87	5
18	1523	1353	82	8
19	1459	1444	75	7
20	1371	1473	84	9
21	1568	1433	88	10
22	1152	1648	97	12
23	725	1611	102	9
24	1309	1537	78	8
25	380	430	45	3
26	0	0	0	0
27	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	0
29	0	0	0	0
30	0	0	0	0
	19023	20489	1149	109

Median : 30 mph

85% Percentile : 34 mph

Total Count : 40770

SS1111 111114 (Nov 2014)



FLOW

(Median = 30 mph | 85% Percentile = 34 mph)

SS1114 251114 (Nov 2014)

FLOW

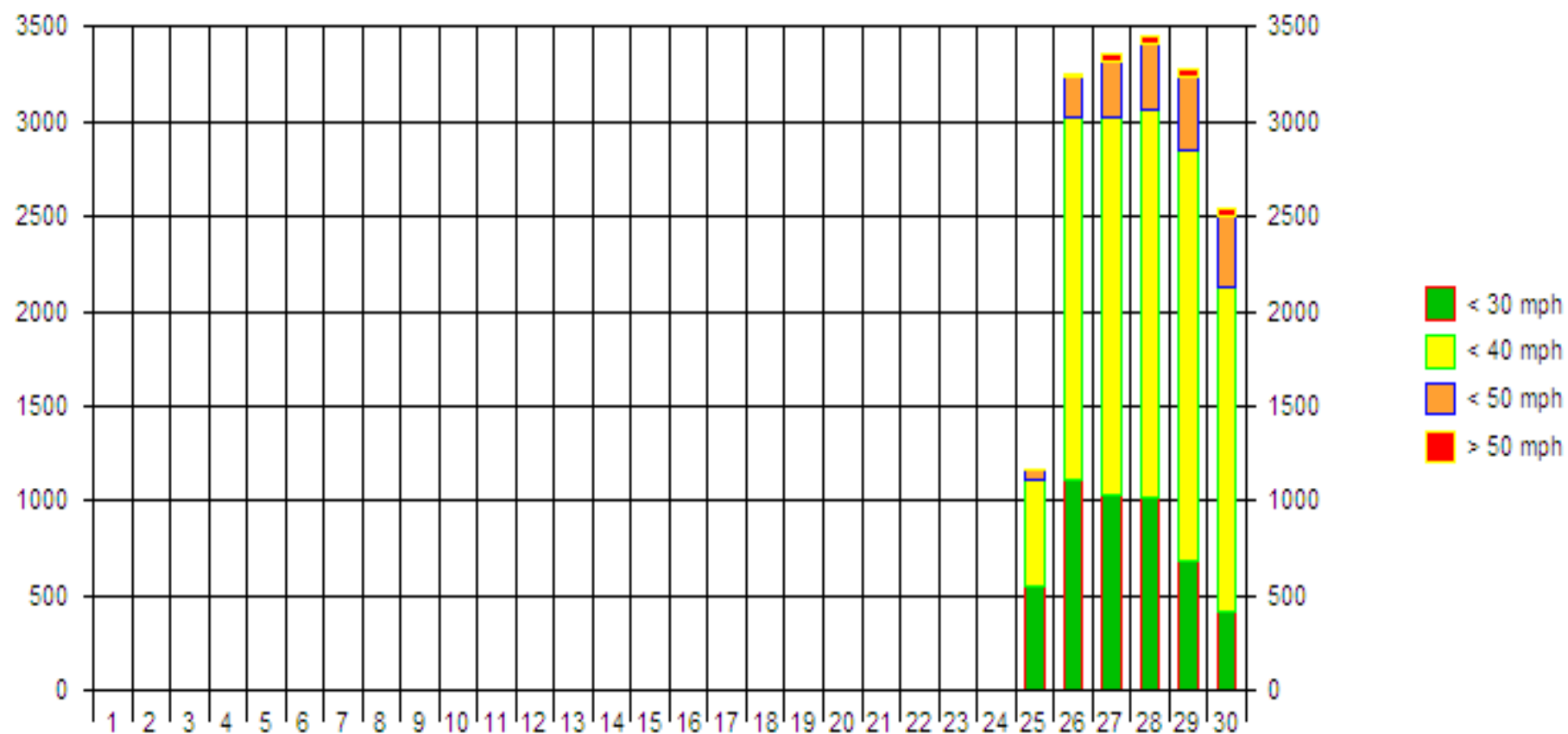
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24	0	0	0	0
25	553	561	46	1
26	1107	1912	221	16
27	1036	1989	295	33
28	1017	2045	344	43
29	679	2171	390	36
30	416	1717	364	41
	4808	10395	1660	170

Median : 32 mph

85% Percentile : 38 mph

Total Count : 17033

SS1114 251114 (Nov 2014)



FLOW

(Median = 32 mph | 85% Percentile = 38 mph)

SS1114 251114 (Dec 2014)

FLOW

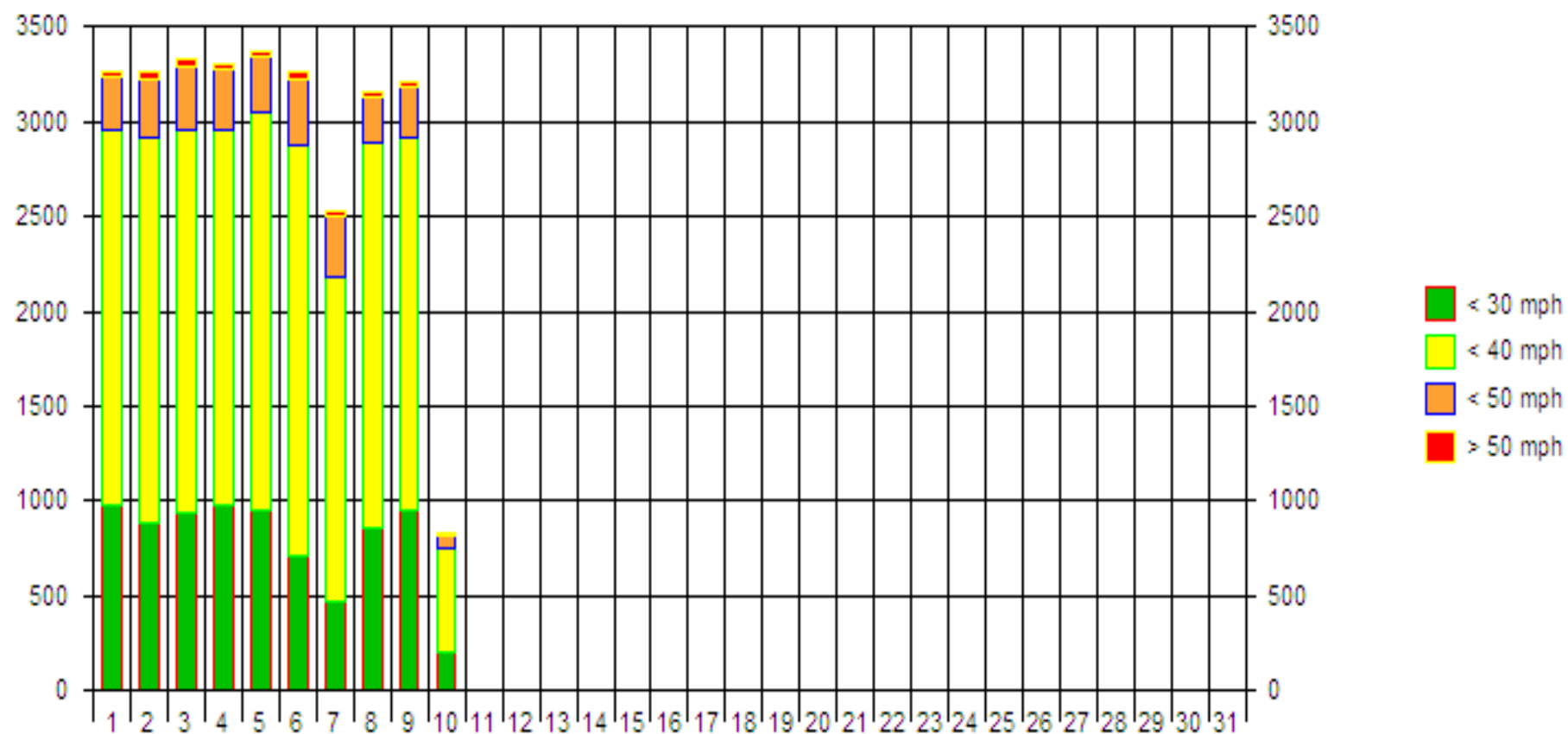
	< 30 mph	< 40 mph	< 50 mph	> 50 mph
1	974	1978	290	28
2	885	2034	299	41
3	935	2017	341	40
4	976	1981	314	34
5	946	2099	296	25
6	714	2168	346	36
7	475	1709	320	31
8	860	2033	239	22
9	955	1962	269	20
10	199	550	71	7
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12	0	0	0	0
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26	0	0	0	0
27	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	0
29	0	0	0	0
30	0	0	0	0
31	0	0	0	0
	7919	18531	2785	284

Median : 32 mph

85% Percentile : 38 mph

Total Count : 29519

SS1114 251114 (Dec 2014)



FLOW

(Median = 32 mph | 85% Percentile = 38 mph)

6. THE BOROUGH ARCADE

Members will be aware of the timber partition that has been erected at the southern entrance to the Borough Arcade, which effectively restricts public access along this thoroughfare. The structure was erected following the conversion of the adjoining upper floor premises to flats.

Following discussions with the landlord of the ground floor premises, arrangements are being made for it to be removed in the near future.

In dealing with this matter, which was the subject of a number of complaints from members of the public, it became evident that this thoroughfare is privately-owned and is not a designated public right of way.

However, as the public has enjoyed uninterrupted access for over twenty years, there is a procedure by which Somerset County Council (which administers public rights of way) may be requested to consider its inclusion on the definitive map as an *established* right of way thereby securing public access on a permanent basis.

This would also ensure that the public could continue to have easy access from the High Street to the rear of the Borough Arcade to view the memorial plaque (photo below) that is located on the remaining wall of the former Town Hall in tribute to local firefighter Charlie Gillard, who was killed at that location during a bombing raid in 1941 whilst carrying out his duties.



The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note these developments and to consider making representations to the County Council on this matter.

(Alan Tawse, Town Clerk – 01935 382424)

7. **GREENHILL ROAD/SUNNINGDALE ROAD**

The concerns of the Committee over the speed of vehicles travelling along Greenhill Road have already been raised with the Area Traffic Engineer at Somerset County Council. A particular problem area is the junction of Greenhill Road and Sunningdale Road.

In response, he has arranged for a speed check to be carried out, which would show the extent of any speeding problem. Arrangements were made for the check to be carried out last month.

A copy of the results have been requested and if received in time will be reported to the meeting.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the report.

(Alan Tawse, Town Clerk – 01935 382424)

8. **WEST COKER ROAD – PROPOSED CROSSING**

As previously reported, Somerset County Council has confirmed that a pedestrian crossing will be provided on West Coker Road to the east of its junction with Beaconfield Road.

Works include the installation of a puffin crossing (a push button crossing with traffic lights); amendments to the kerb line; changes to the street lighting and the provision of high friction surfacing in the immediate vicinity of the crossing. Central hatching will also be provided along West Coker Road.

The lighting improvements comprise the relocation and replacement of two existing columns either side of the proposed crossing and the upgrading of two existing columns on the approach.

Works were programmed to begin last month following the publication of the statutory notice. However, they have been delayed and are now due to take place in March 2015.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the developments in this matter.

(Alan Tawse, Town Clerk – 01935 382424)