

## Easton on the Hill Traffic Working Group

### Minutes of Meeting with CIPS, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Present:** Cllr Tim Nicol, Cllr Daphne Sharpe, Doug Green, HR Director CIPS, Gillian Tordoff, Head of Facilities.

We discussed the role of the Traffic Working Group (TWG) and the issues we are addressing; Speeding, Traffic Volumes, and Parking. We also discussed how the impact of CIPS-related traffic might be mitigated. We acknowledge the importance of CIPS as a 'corporate neighbour' and all agreed that it makes good sense to maintain dialogue and good communications.

The data on speeding and volumes the TWG has is limited due to the restrictions of the VAS devices, but having counted cars in the car park, the CIPS related vehicle movements approximate to 106 cars (x 2 journeys) per day plus delivery vehicles. CIPS are monitoring the numbers of deliveries they generate.

Flexible working, including working from home options, are being considered by CIPS, but going full 'flexi time' would need some incentives. Car sharing has been encouraged in the past but generally has not worked due to personnel requiring individual flexibility.

#### **Actions agreed:**

- CIPS will ask Bidvest (their Foodservice supplier) if they could use a smaller vehicle for their deliveries.
- TWG will consult to see if a more 'spread out' rush hour is preferable to the concentrated car movements generated by the usual 9-5 core hours worked by most at CIPS. TWG will also measure traffic volumes by day part.
- CIPS will approach the landlord of the Exeter Arms to see if she would be interested in renting some car parking spaces.

#### **AOB**

We discussed other ways in which CIPS can help the village, especially as Business Rates do not include any element of local precept. CIPS are happy to continue to help with village initiatives in principle but are unable to fund activity due to their charitable status. However the Parish Council is invited to develop a short 'wish list' of expenditures that CIPS may be able to help with, either by applying their procurement skills to our expenditure or in some cases by procuring items of use to the village that would often be part of their normal expenditure. In particular, the supply of Grit Bins and Grit may be possible. It is noted that CIPS are equipped and ready to grit the routes into their offices again this winter.

CIPS will inform the Horticultural Society that sadly due to legal/liability issues they are unable to offer the use of their land for a Community Orchard after all.

Depending on the future of the village school building, CIPS would be interested in using rooms for meeting/training purposes.