

Tutbury Parish Council meeting 20.9.2021

Notes re Item 11: Consider removal of existing bus stop from current position to safer location further up the High Street and installation of new bus shelter.

Reason for item on agenda.

1. The increasing number of incidents that have caused near misses re cars v cars/cars v lorries/cars v bus due to poor parking/delivery drop offs to shops and its proximity to a tight bend that becomes a blind bend when the bus cannot park within its designated marked area.
2. Parishioners that have requested over a number of years a covered bus shelter in the High Street.
3. Does Tutbury Parish Council wish to improve facilities in for residents who use buses?

Initial Research

1. Visited Etwall to measure Bus shelter in their conservation area to view its design feasibility and measure shelter dimensions.
2. Having the dimensions then gave idea of space required to install a bus shelter in the High Street.
3. With these dimensions this left only one location that would meet the above criteria between 6 High Street and 7 Granville House as this location would not block either of the houses windows and was wide enough to install a bus shelter.
4. Research bus shelter suppliers. Contacted 13 companies however only three from their websites and telephone calls to check they would meet our requirements re designs that are fit for a conservation area. As a guideline a bus shelter 2.48m x 1.28m (outside dims) start at £8500 (April 21 price list)
5. Meeting set up on 16.8.21 with Lisa Hall & Richard Rayson of Staffordshire CC to discuss reason for relocation and identified viable safer bus stop site.
6. Meeting set up with Aaron Taylor of Trent Barton on 23.8.21 to discuss relocation of current bus stop and relocate to new position higher up High Street and erection of a bus shelter.

Meeting with Staffordshire CC (Lisa Hall & Richard Rayson)

1. From the initial discussions LH & RR saw at first hand the problems re parking encroaching onto the bus stop, a delivery van was then blocking bus exit parking outside the corner café causing bus driver to swerve out into middle of road to get past van with limited vision as to oncoming traffic.
2. They agreed there wasn't the space needed for a bus shelter and a bus stop in same location wouldn't be allowed now without removing further parking spaces.
3. On showing them the new identified location between 6 High Street and 7 Granville House it was agreed this was a viable position as it had the recommended 2m clearance behind bus shelter on foot path allowing safe passage for double push chairs and mobility scooters in its new location.
4. Existing planter licence would cover change of position of existing planter, to have planter by the bus stop while ensuring 2m clearance in its new location.
5. The following would need to be followed up:
 - a. A new bus stop position would require a traffic regulation order to change the restrictions and signage that would cost £4k due to consultation and legal fees.
 - b. Permit to dig and licence for new bus shelter would be covered in the cost of the traffic regulation order and would be sanctioned by Richard Rayson.

- c. Permission from Trent & Barton Bus company and checking the required space for the allocated bus space to stop including pulling away clearance space in agreement with Staffordshire CC Highways.
- d. Consultation with High Street residents would be required.

Meeting with Trent & Barton Buses (Aaron Taylor)

1. Discussed with Aaron Taylor reasons for relocation of current bus stop position outside the chemist to a new location further up the High Street and the favourable comments from Richard and Lisa of Staffordshire CC.
2. On viewing the new proposed location AT was very positive that Trent & Barton would be happy to use the location as it offered an improved location and would eliminate the potential for vehicular accidents at the current bus stop. This is a route that Aaron Taylor drives so knows the problems caused by poor parking/delivery vans at this location.
3. It was estimated that 3 (or possibly 4) car spaces would be lost for the allocated bus space allowing bus to stop and pulling away clearance space. These could be recovered or increased (see item 3 under Next Steps).
4. Aaran also wanted to discuss two other bus locations:
 - a. Bridge Street: He discussed the low usage of this bus stop (Buses going to Hatton, Hilton, Etwall & Derby) and would be happy to remove this stop. Only 2 people regularly used this stop, one being a wheelchair passenger. Due to cars parking on the yellow lines it has proved unsafe for the disabled passenger to get to the bus and now used the bus stop on the High Street by the chemist.
 - b. Ironwalls Lane/Burton Road: During the morning and afternoon school times parents were parking the cars all the way back to and including the bus stop as this doesn't have an allocated bus space. He expressed his disappointment that when the project reviewing traffic calming measures, parking restrictions and possible additional parking covering Burton Street and Monk Street that Trent & Barton Buses hadn't been included in the discussions.

Next Steps.

1. Tutbury Parish Council to approve resolution to consider removal of existing bus stop from current position to safer location further up the High Street and installation of a new bus shelter.
2. If approved consult with Philip White on phase 2 of the Tutbury review for High Street including Bridge Street to incorporate the consultation and traffic regulation order as there is a potential to lose 4 car parking spaces.
3. However these spaces could be recovered:-
 - a. The echelon parking opposite chemist in place of the (unofficial) marked disabled space would yield 2 or possibly 3 spaces.
 - b. Removing the allocated bus stop should allow 2 disabled (and possibly 1 extra car space) in that area.
4. Public consultation with High Street residents at the appropriate time.
5. Tutbury PC to finalise & agree bus shelter final specification.
6. Contact the three companies that have met Bus Shelter designs that fit into conservation areas for quotations.
7. Any other measures that come to light to ensure all correct steps are taken and relevant interested parties are involved in discussions.