

# Stoke Rd Patients Participation Group

4, Stoke Road, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL52 8RP

## Minutes of Parking and Highway Safety Meeting Tuesday 030712

### Attending

Mr Paul Holliday, Chairman, Stoke Road Surgery PPG (PH)  
Cllr Ceri Jones, Gloucestershire County Council (CJ)  
Mr Chris Riley, Gloucestershire Highways (CR)  
Mr Lester Pygott, Practice Manager (LP)  
Mr Jason Bowstead, Area Facilities Manager, Capita (JB)  
A Stoke Road Resident (Anon)  
Apologies, Bishops Cleeve Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting

- 1) PH introduced those attending and outlined the agenda.
- 2) ANON had produced a Stoke Road highway map with detail of vehicles frequently parking on the inside of the northern highway side bend. Anon had also provided a written account of what was felt to be hazardous parking on the bend, with poor visibility and minimum passing room. This was well illustrated with photographs for evidence.
- 3) Two other residents had written to Stoke Road Surgery and evidenced their concerns.
- 4) CR outlined the written GH response, pointing out that currently there are no recorded traffic accidents or other evidence to give any highway improvement proposals a funding priority. However, a commitment had been made to white paint mark the Pullar Close junction with Stoke Road. Action CR.
- 5) JB kindly verbally confirmed that Capita, already a local employer that rents 25 car parking spaces at the Tithe Barn, would be prepared to research current employee take up, and identify any spare capacity that could be re-allocated to patient parking. PH thanked JB for Capita, for being particularly community spirited and financially generous in their in-principle support. Action JB.
- 6) CJ suggested a meeting with Bovis Homes may identify some parking space at Cleeve Hall. ACTION PH and CJ.
- 7) CR advised that on-site research with CJ confirmed that the pedestrian crossing timing could usefully be extended. ACTION CR
- 8) Anon asked if consideration had been given to relocating the pedestrian crossing. CR advised that this was in his professional view, inadvisable.
- 9) PH raised the question of emergency services, in particular the fire services access to both Stoke Road Surgery, Badhams Pharmacy, and the site tenants, all using a constricted and irregular designed car park. The water hydrant appeared to be 100m from the Stoke Road junction with Cheltenham Rd, on the inside of the bend, where vehicles are often hazardously parked. PH suggested that these vehicles could also obstruct emergency services attending any site incident.
- 10) PH commented that after some research, it appeared that site employees were habitually parking hazardously on the inside of the bend. This appeared to encourage other vehicles to use the same area, some of whom might be surgery patients.
- 11) PH asked CR and CJ, if they might be prepared to consider a compromise proposal, for approx 100m of double yellow lines on both sides of Stoke Road.

- 12) PH asked CR and CJ if they could consider removing approx 4M high of intrusive vegetation from around 12 lime trees which made the busy pedestrian thoroughfare unnecessarily hazardous. Action CR and CJ.
- 13) LP confirmed that he felt that the meeting content and deliberations had been helpful to the Practice.
- 14) Mutually Agreed Action Plan
  - a) CR to draw up a highway safety scheme for consideration of approx 100m of double yellow lines, both sides of Stoke Road, Cheltenham Rd junction to the water hydrant/ Surgery building gable - end, with costs.
  - b) CR to consult the Fire Service for professional advice in Stoke Road and in and around Stoke Road Surgery, bearing in mind a full and sometimes jumbled and overflowing car park at peak times, with also cars parked on the inside of the Stoke Road bend.
  - c) JB to research employee take up of Capita parking spaces over the next two weeks, and identify any spare capacity for possible re-allocation.
  - d) CR to survey the lime trees for a GH vegetation works scheme to improve pedestrian safety on Cheltenham Road, close to the pedestrian crossing.
  - e) PH for the PPG, to research local funding support opportunities for early effective action highway safety improvement, at a GH quoted outline cost of approx £3000/£5000.
  - f) PH and CJ to contact Bovis Homes.