

**Notes of a site meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 11am at Shakespeare Road Play Area to walk the Pit Path and look at accessibility and lighting.**

Present: Mark Graham (Police), Alison Sherwin (B&NES), Cllr Steve Plumley (Midsomer Norton Town Council), Cllr Ron Hopkins (Westfield Parish Council), Lesley Close (Westfield Parish Council Clerk)

**1. Cindy Carter sent apologies but kindly highlighted some issues below**

Some thoughts as follows:

- Would refer to the neighbourhood plan and concerns regarding air quality in Wells Road and opportunities to address this and also focus within plan to make the area as inclusive and accessible for all as possible. This meets with a number of B&NES initiatives.
- It would be good to understand the potential location of the street lights going down into MSN and get a copy of the plan. The intention would be to include the relocation of the lights from the bottom Pit Path.
- It will be important to understand the ownership of the areas where the proposed lights are to be relocated to - is this highway.
- What consultation and permissions would have to be obtained.
- Who will be responsible for the maintenance and management.
- What opportunities are there to access funding particularly any funding related to modal shift, supporting health and well-being and inclusive design access for all. As I understand there is a funding sources booklet that B&NES produce and it may be good to get a copy - also what funding is there from WECA that can be sourced.

**2. Issues raised at the meeting**

The requirements for lighting the Pit Path were discussed by all. Mark Graham suggested stud lighting in the ground to guide the way, alongside the four existing street lighting LEDs – three of which require moving to varying extents so that they light the upper path and not the lower path. Alison Sherwin agreed to get feedback from a park in Bath which has trialled these stud lights in the ground. The Clerk to contact Gary Peacock for guidance on how best to engage B&NES Street Lighting in this work.

The Public Right of Way (PROW) of the lower pit path was discussed. Could it be re-directed to the upper pit path and the lower path closed. This would help security and reduce maintenance. The Clerk to contact Sheila Petherbridge, Rights of Way Officer.

Linking to the Town Park – the Clerk to request a map of the proposed park, preferably showing gradients.