

Minutes of the 5th Hunton Parish Traffic and Road Safety Working Party (TRSWP) – 14th March 2018

Present : Helen Ward (HW), Jonny Goddard (JG) , Celia Kennedy-Sloane (CK), James Forster(JF), Liz Oliver (LO), Annette Trought (AT)

Apologies: Roger Lee, Tony Stanbridge, Steve Wyles, Mike Summersgill

1. Feedback on actions arising from meeting on 31st January 2018

- a. KCC to provide a list of suggested diversion routes for comment (JG) – JG has chased but no response so far.
- b. KCC Freight Planner needs updating (JG) – JG has chased but no response so far.
- c. Parking around the school (AT) – AT is seeking to improve communication with the new Head (who seems more aware of need to find a solution). AT hopes he will consider introducing staggered drop-off and pick-up times over the coming months. Other options have been considered but have not so far proved fruitful (double yellow lines, designated parking bays, circular access, introduction of mirrors to assist with visibility).

Further areas to consider might be to reduce the height of the hedge at the junction of Bishops Lane and West Street (to be discussed at next Peace Cottages trustee meeting) and any solution that can be agreed with Mr Stevens of Durrants Farm.

2. Meeting with Jennie Watson at KCC

A list of issues discussed was circulated ahead of the meeting. JG provided a briefing on each item and reported that KCC, with some amendments, was supportive of all issues raised but wanted the Parish Council to prioritise as there were too many issues for them to deal with at one time.

We discussed all proposed actions and our recommendations are attached as an Appendix.

3. Monitoring of 7.5t East Street Weight Restriction

HW provided an update. Since the weight limit sign was moved on 5th December 2017 there have been 45 HGV movements that breach this limit reported (others will have occurred but not been reported).

We discussed CCTV as being a possible way of getting more complete information for this and the following (Wares Farm) issue (but it was acknowledged that this would be difficult to process, even if it could be set up at a reasonable cost). We also discussed the possibility of taking the issues to the press or to Twitter. HW has a good relationship with the Downs Mail and could also post comments on Twitter. It was thought both were worth trying.

4. Wares Farm / Berry Gardens

HW provided an update to report that construction traffic has been sighted between Wares Farm and Hunton, specifically there have been a number of sightings of Hanson lorries. There is no adequate sign outside the construction site informing lorries that they must turn right towards Linton and no sign with the contact details of the site foreman (as was required as part of the planning approval).

The February meeting of the monitoring committee did not take place and so there has been no further feedback provided.

5. Speedwatch

HW explained that there had been no response to the article in the Herald appealing for more volunteers. It was also noted that there was an all day conference on the Saturday of the Pantomime. As a result there will be no attendees from Hunton.

HW will discuss organising some Speedwatch sessions with Steve Wyles, although these may not take place until the summer.

6. Any other business

Signs for flood warnings and road diversions have been delivered to the village hall.

JG will provide feedback to KCC re the placing of temporary road signs as these can be dangerously close to corners and as a result are frequently driven over and destroyed. It was also felt that traffic lights placed on a straight road with good visibility were not helpful (e.g. East Street today).

JG to investigate whether white lines marking the edge of the road can be painted in East Street, in response to erosion of the verge. This has led to a widening of “the road” and consequential deterioration of the existing road surface. Alternatives were also discussed, namely the introduction of curb stones as per in West Street. It was reported that KCC regards the maintenance and protection of the verges as being the responsibility of the landowner.

7. Agree date of next meeting

No date was set – the next meeting will be agreed after the next Parish Council meeting.