

## Minutes of the Hunton Parish Traffic and Road Safety Working Party (TRSWP) – 11th Apr 2019

**Present** : Helen Ward (HW), Celia Kennedy-Sloane (CK), Mike Summersgill (MS), James Forster(JF), Roger Lee (RL)

*Apologies:* Jonny Goddard (JG) Liz Oliver (LO)

### 1. East Street Speed Limit

JG had received an e-mail from Jenny Watson of KCC Highways which he had circulated. She thought East Street was a 40mph limit and was not positive on a 30mph limit. We should ask JG to get back to her pointing out that East Street is a national speed and making the case for a 40mph limit. **Action JG.**

Ideally the 40mph limit should go all the way to Burford Farm (Parish boundary) on Redwall Lane and to join the 40mph limit in Chainhurst.

### 2. Highway and Signage issues

We did not discuss because of JG's absence.

### 3. Elm Corner

In the last two years three cars have been severely damaged at this corner. We have asked KCC for four measures to improve safety:

- A double chevron on the island
- Bollards with reflectors
- Zigzag SLOW signs on the road
- Road narrows sign

A sign warning of the 7.5t limit ahead at Elm corner should be placed further East on Redwall Lane to a point where HGV's can turn round

A requirement for the Berry Gardens development was that appropriate HGV signage should be put in place and this has not happened although we thought that the site was not quite operational yet. HW will talk to Gary Thomas and David Heaton, our representatives on the Monitoring Committee. **Action HW.**

### 4. 7.5t East Street weight restriction

Many HGVs are still ignoring this. Unfortunately the list of violations is on Steve Wyles computer which has crashed. Three IDS lorries (two the same) have been seen on East Street and Redwall Lane all going to Amsbury Farm. HW has contacted them several times and had an apologetic response. We need to get an up to date contact for Worldwide Fruit (who control the Amsbury Farm movements) to inform them of this and ensure they have correct access instructions. We have established that it is KCC's responsibility not the Traffic Commissioners' to control HGV movements. **Action HW.**

## 5. West Street Traffic Calming

HW and others met some East Farleigh Parish representatives to understand their new scheme in Lower Road. The measures include a coloured road surface, roundel speed limits on the road surface and 'dragons teeth' markings at the edge of the road. The cost was £75,000 which was funded by a 50 year Community Loan. The scheme will require maintenance every 7-8 years and could cost the same again. Hunton PC's view was that this was not good value for money.

Teston have a calming measure at the north of the village which, using cobbles and markings, looks as if the road narrows but maintains the full carriageway width. This may be cheaper and more appropriate for us.

## 6. Any Other Business

The verges are being eroded by heavy traffic on Hunton Hill and in other places.

We have requested a 'warning walkers' sign at the top of Hunton Hill where the Greensand Way crosses. KCC want to charge us for this but we feel it should be their responsibility. **JG to speak to KCC.**

It was felt that we need to understand the process for reporting Lorry Watch violations, so that more incidents could be properly recorded and forwarded to KCC.

## 7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place between 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May depending upon members' availability.