

Minutes - Hunton Parish Council
Traffic & Road Safety Working Party (TRSWP)
Grafton, East Street at 10am 17th June 2022

Present : Mike Summersgill (MS), Iain Simmons (IS), Jonny Goddard (JG), Liz Oliver (LO), Celia Kennedy-Sloane (CKS), Stephen Banks (SB), James Forster(JF) *Apologies*: Sue Pinks (SP)

1. Minutes of meeting 3rd March 2022

The minutes were agreed as a true record. We reviewed the outstanding action points not covered in the agenda below:

- **Bank of small gravel** on East Street to be reported on KCC website (outstanding);
- **Surfacing at top of Barn Hill**, on the North Folly side road, reported as being slippery for horse-riders where the surface had deteriorated. MS thought the surface looked OK;
- **Signpost at the bottom of Barn Hill**, MS to chase DH at the next PC meeting, JG to check with KCC about using 3 large rocks as protection to the sign.

2. KCC Highways Issues and Signage

JG had circulated a copy of the April Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) which was welcomed as a very helpful tracker and record of recent activity. He then provided an update on KCC issues/progress since March/April noting that Jenny Watson is being replaced by Claire Venner.

KCC do not support signage at the top of Hunton Hill warning lorries not to turn left.

JG has proposed siting Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) on East Street by South Lodge, the wooden village sign and by Lisa Halliday's home but KCC did not support this proposal for a multitude of reasons including being too close to the 40mph sign, a bus stop, a footpath with overgrown hedge, parked cars, a variable 20mph limit (advisory not legally enforceable) and that they were too close to each other! IS suggested that they must be able to be more helpful than this and we should seek to work with them to see how the proposal could be amended so as to make it a viable traffic calming measure (i.e. by moving the 30mph limit further down East Street, perhaps to include the houses either side of the Dolmans).

JG is getting a quote to install kerbing outside Hunton School. It is unclear why the contractor wanted to know who would be paying for the work – is there one price for KCC and another for Hunton Parish Council?!

KCC support moving the 40mph limit to above the houses on Hunton Hill. This would cost ca £3,000. *(JG, could this be above where the footpath ends, so another 100 yards uphill?)*

KCC will install tractor warning signs on Redwall Lane at their own cost.

ACTION: MS to ask Parish Clerk if we asked MBC about the potential Planning issue of the new/northern field access.

3. East / West Street Speed Limits + Speed/Lorry Watch

MS noted that the Parish had SpeedWatch equipment but there had been a lack of volunteers and that LorryWatch signage had fallen off the posts.

IS noted that KCC should not make any decisions based on average speeds when it should look at the top 15%. **ACTION: JG** to forward data to IS for review. **ACTION: MS** to draft a Herald article about SpeedWatch (also including hedges over footpaths). **JG** to procure some new LorryWatch signs from MBC.

4. Traffic Calming on West Street

The request for mirrors by both the Benstead Close and Water/Bishops Lane exits was discussed together with the difficulties of siting them on a narrow verge, close to a hedgerow that grows and

is cut back by a tractor. It was felt that a better outcome might be to apply to have double yellow lines extending 10 yards either side of each exit to allow better visibility (in line with the requirements of the highway code.) MS noted that MBC are getting new prosecution powers this month. **ACTION: JG** to approach KCC for their view

IS suggested that we should put together a package of measures that could be considered in one go by KCC as this would reduce the cost, help to clarify the objectives we were seeking to achieve and make their support more likely. This should include the kerbs by the school, the siting of SIDs, any associated movement of the 30mph limit and the installation of mirrors / yellow lines. It was agreed that this was a very sensible way forward. **ACTION: JG** to raise with KCC.

5. Monitoring of 7.5T West & East Street Weight Restrictions

HW does not have a version of the previous HGV transgression 'register', as this was lost in an IT incident, all she has is more recent emails from residents. MS to discuss further when HW is back from Cyprus.

MS offered to be the contact point for all reports and **JG** suggested that an email address (huntonlorrywatch@gmail.com) be set up and monitored by MS so it would be easy to report sightings and collect photos for onward transmission to KCC.

MS will also ask HW for the lists of firms she has already written to re lorries spotted 2-3 times and when he has this, he will restart the policy of sending letters/e mails to the main perpetrators.

It was noted that there has been a noticeable increase in HGVs on Redwall Lane after a quieter period. It seems that this may in part to changed traffic management at Wares Farm. **ACTION: MS** to talk to Linton PC again, and see what could be done about signing at Wares Farm end.

6. East Street closure for new Water Main in July & August

Work is scheduled to start on 4th July with the road being closed from 11th July. Residents had asked if the road closure could start from 9am to avoid chaos with the school run. **ACTION: MS/JG** to clarify what arrangements might be possible.

7. Highway Maintenance issues

KCC need to act more frequently on drainage & foliage 'blockages' of signs.

JF has cleared the drain by Church Cottage but it needs doing again. **MS/JG** looked at the West Street gully (near Grove Lane) and it was fully clogged with gravel: **ACTION: JG** is asking KCC to review all the drainage lines at this junction - for background only: we think this (and one opposite by the Alms Houses) drain into the culvert crossing West Street, and may need a new access manhole on the highway where the Grove Lane ditch joins a culvert going down West Street, probably at right angles!

KCC may have a 3-year programme for maintenance but this is not proving effective. **ACTION: JF** offered to start to compile a list of drains (noting if clear or blocked) and road signs that need attention to help inform discussions with KCC.

8. Any other business and/or New Safety issues

Comments since last meeting from Residents, personally or on FB page, focus on cars being driven at high speeds through the village with residents suggesting speed bumps and road narrowing barriers, none of which are considered practicable or can cause other traffic problems. It is hoped that the traffic calming measures above will help and a reinvigorated SpeedWatch might also.

9. Agree date of next meeting

To be in late September 2022.