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Minutes of the Hunton Parish Traffic and Road Safety Working Party (TRSWP) – 8th January 2021

Present : Helen Ward (HW), Celia Kennedy-Sloane (CK), Mike Summersgill (MS), James Forster(JF), Roger Lee (RL), Jonny Goddard (JG) Liz Oliver (LO)

Apologies: None

1. Village Speed Limits

JG outlined the thoughts so far.

At the South end of the village extend the 40 mph limit to beyond the sharp bend by the Scotts Farmhouse.

At the North end of the village on West Street the short 40 mph zone by the Church/ Village Hall could stay or could be replaced by extending the 30 mph limit. Another option would be to start the 30 mph zone at the top of Hunton Hill all through the village on West Street.

At the East side of the village it was suggested that although Redwall Lane/ George Street are natural barriers to speeding, it might be neater and possibly cheaper to extend the 30 mph zone (from the top of Hunton Hill) to beyond Elm Corner towards Wares farm and to the Beult on East Street including George Street.

It was agreed that other roads in the Parish were lower priority.

KCC would be looking for the Parish to fund these changes unless accidents at these locations were speed related and thus a reduction in speed could reduce the number of accidents. The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) could be in the order of £3000 for each change but KCC have indicated that all the changes might go onto one order. The speed limit entry signs required at the beginning of each zone are: 2 x pairs at £540 each, repeater signs within the zone are £235 and any speed limit roundels painted on the road are £85.

We could make the case that a speed limit on Hunton Hill is required to reduce accidents, particularly as the Greensand Way crosses this road, and negotiate with KCC to fund some of the changes. There may be sources of funds elsewhere, such as from borough or county councillors or within the village.

JG will cost up the various options discussed and present to the next Parish Council (PC) meeting. **ACTION: JG.**

If approved by the PC then the next step would be an informal consultation with residents and the emergency services.

2. HGVs on East Street/ Redwall Lane

Many late night HGV movements were observed in November and it is thought that this was as a result of Linton Hill being closed for road works by the Redwall Lane exit. The situation has now improved. It was discussed whether there were clear signs to direct HGV's coming out of the old Wares Farm buildings to turn East rather than towards Hunton. This needs to be checked (*JF checked after the meeting and found no clear signage*) but if not then we should ask the PCC to write to the new occupants. In order

to action HGV traffic violations we need to get details of the lorries involved such as registration numbers and destination. **ACTION: HW/JG to raise at next PC**

3. Any Other Business

There is grooving damage to the side of the road by Brickyard Cottages on Redwall Lane which we believe is caused by tractors. This should be notified to KCC and a letter sent to Clockhouse Farm and Betts. **ACTION: HW**

The tree across George Street is still blocking the road but we believe it has been reported. We should ring KCC Highways. **ACTION: HW**

There are several drainage problems which are the responsibility of KCC. Some have been inspected but so far no action has been taken. We should remind KCC about these problems and send them the reference numbers. **ACTION: JG**

A residents traffic survey was carried out recently prompted by the perceived increase in tractor traffic and noise during the summer and autumn. A summary of results were sent to Clockhouse Farm and MS, CK, LO met with them recently. They say that they may buy some new quieter tractors with road tyres. They contend that levels of employee bus traffic has not changed since 2019. It was discussed whether we should look at putting 'no buses' on the HGV 7.5t limits signs but agreed not to pursue this at the moment.

The road narrowing on East Street by CK's house was discussed and JG will check with KCC what the current situation is. **ACTION: JG**

The 'give way' road markings at the T junction of Redwall Lane and East Street have now worn away in the 18 months since they were painted. This should be registered with KCC. **ACTION: MS**

4. Date of Next Meeting

To be agreed later.