

## **Minutes of the 3rd Hunton Parish Traffic and Road Safety Working Party (TRSWP) – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

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

Apologies: Annette Trought (AT), Tony Stanbridge, Steve Wyles, Mike Summersgill

### **1. Last meeting's minutes and matter arising**

JG has contacted KCC and they will notify us of any future HGV exemption permit applications. JG also spoke to Clare Chewter of KCC about diversion routes and they are preparing a list for us to comment on.

School parking is still outstanding (AT) as is a bollard at Stonewall (JG).

JG has applied to KCC for placing Fruition signage by East Street/ Hunton Hill junction and at Wilkins Corner by Heath Road and is progressing. It was agreed that "Unsuitable for HGV" signs could be helpful warnings for HGV drivers following satnavs.

JF reported that Hunton Engineering signs have been erected and seem to be effective. RL reported that the speed signs in Bishops Lane had now been repaired. CK commented that vegetation obscuring corners (such as Lughorse Lane) and dirty signs are issues.

### **2. Hazard Areas**

Two additional areas were agreed: The narrow section of West Street just south of its junction with East Street and Lughorse Lane and the sharp bend on West Street by Mill Lane (see attached updated list). Two top priorities were agreed, with particular focus on traffic volumes:

- The bends on Hunton Hill. Suggested actions included accident black spot/ dangerous hill signs and speed limits.
- The bottom of Hunton Hill which may be resurfaced with high friction material after the water main has been replaced.

JG will discuss these with KCC.

Overall speed limits were discussed and we should cite Dean Street as an example of a sparsely populated road with a 30mph zone. We should ask KCC to re-stencil the white lines at the end of Redwall Lane where it meets East Street to make it clear that it is a T junction (JG). It was agreed that Lughorse Lane should not be a viable diversion route. It was suggested that an ice warning sign should be erected between Burford Farm and Brickyard Cottages on Redwall Lane as several winter accidents had occurred.

### **3. Wares Farm development**

Construction traffic has been advised that their access route is via Linton Hill and if any use Redwall Lane towards Hunton, we should notify the developers. Construction traffic is not supposed to operate on a Sunday except with permission from Maidstone Borough Council. We should make them aware of our opposition to Sunday traffic via the Monitoring Committee (HW to raise at next

PC) as well as ensuring any mud is cleared off the road quickly. Construction traffic movements have been estimated at 5-10 per day which we felt was questionably low.

#### **4. 7.5t weight restriction zones**

We need to write to Staplehurst Transits, Salvatori and Fruition about the changed 7.5t zone on East Street (HW to arrange letter from the PC). We should let the village know about the changes and what a 7.5t lorry looks like so they can take pictures and record details of any transgressions (HW to include in Hunton Herald). The KCC Freight Planner system does not show the East Street 7.5t zone and so needs to be updated (JG). It was suggested that KCC could replace the outdated '3t limit ahead' sign at the top of Hunton Hill with a '7.5t limit ahead' sign (JG).

#### **5. Date of next meeting**

10am on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at Roger Lee's house – Gennings Court.