

Minutes of the Hunton Parish Traffic and Road Safety Working Party (TRSWP) – 6th Dec 2018

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

Apologies: Mike Summersgill, Tony Stanbridge, Steve Wyles, Annette Trought

1. East Street Speed Limit

Chainhurst have recently extended their 40 mph zone due to resident pressure; it was funded jointly by their county councillor from their members' allowance and the parish council.

The meeting agreed that we should go for a 30 mph zone covering the whole village; from the southern end of West Street where the 30 mph currently starts up to the junction with Hunton Hill and then down East Street to the Bridge, also covering George Street and Redwall Lane to the Parish boundary. This should also include Bishops and Water Lanes. We also need 'road narrows' signs to cover the East Street area by CK's house. **JG will speak to KCC.**

We will need to involve residents and ask them to lobby their borough and county councillors. An article in the Herald will need to precede this. **Action HW.**

2. Wares Farm Development

We have had difficulty in getting a date for a meeting between Wares farm and representatives of the Parish Council. We agreed to postpone this for the time being.

3. Signage

JG reported on progress with our traffic plans. The 'Unsuitable for HGVs' sign at Green Lane near Marden has been put in the wrong place and KCC have agreed to move it.

A 'SLOW' sign has been painted on the road leading to the Stonewall chicane from the south.

A 15% gradient sign is now in place at the top of Hunton Hill.

'Road narrows' signs have been agreed with KCC for West Street just south of the junction with East Street.

The meeting agreed that the 'HGVs turn right' sign going north at the end of Hunton Hill junction with Heath Road was low priority at the moment and we were still trying to establish ownership of the land.

The '3T limit' sign at the top of Hunton Hill has now been replaced with a '7.5 t limit ahead at West Street' sign.

A bell bollard for Elm Corner was judged by KCC to be not feasible but we do need a 'road narrows' and or a bend sign at least. **JG to look at site again with LO.**

Marker posts will be replaced at the Stonewall chicane with new reflective ones.

White line markings at the Hunton Hill/ East/ West Street junction have been reinstated.

Public Right of Way notices for the section of the Greensand way on Hunton Hill need to be progressed. **HW will speak to Lottie Parfitt-Reid about getting financial support for this.**

The road erosion issues outside CK's house in East Street is with KCC and BT but little progress has been made. The flooding in the dip in East Street by Amsbury Farm is still a problem. **JG to remind KCC about both of these points.**

4. 7.5 t East Street weight restriction

Many HGVs are still ignoring this. A resident on East Street compiles a list each month of HGV movements which **HW will forward to JF and JG**. This list should be forwarded to KCC Lorry Watch.

5. Meeting with Helen Grant MP

A group has formed involving Helen Grant, John Wilson and KALC to look at long term solutions to HGV traffic in Kent. **HW to send evidence to the group.**

6. Traffic calming on West Street by the School

A local resident has raised this issue again. East Farleigh is implementing a traffic calming scheme on Lower Road which the Parish Council are investigating and trying to arrange a meeting.

7. Any Other Business

The 7.5t sign outside HW's house is causing some HGV's to stop and try to turn round with difficulty. We agreed that we should ask KCC to change the '7.5 t limit ahead at West Street' at the top of Hunton Hill either by adding East Street to the sign or one saying 'No through route for HGV's'. **JG to speak to KCC.**

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 10am on Friday 1st February at CK's house.