

Hunton Parish Council Traffic and Road Safety Working Party

Minutes of Meeting on Monday 2nd March 2026, at 12 noon.

At Scotts Farm, West Street, Hunton

- 1. Apologies for absence:** – None. MS, IS, SB, JF and CKS attended (joined by Kevin Larkin). *Outstanding Actions from last meeting* (if not on Agenda): **MS** to speak to Barnside re salt bins (no liability); signpost at bottom of Barn Hill ready to be installed by **DH**; gully by Grove Lane still blocked but photo submitted-standard response back from KCC.
- 2. KCC Highways issues: ACTION:** IS to be at PC at meeting on 16th March and explain re progress on wider community ideas on Speed Limits and signage. Speed bumps will not be supported by Nu-Venture but a yellow line/grid by the school could be and ‘no parking’ on the zig-zags will soon be enforceable. In next few months, Parish needs to provide an update on HIP to KCC and **MS** to discuss progress on same. **ACTIONED:** HIP Item 1. **MS** yet to speak to homeowner on Hunton Hill whose land comes closest about accident rate; 2. Deer signs on Hunton Hill installed by KCC; 3. Double yellow and single white lines on road by The Square exit (photos sent) – see Item 5; 4. Kerbs at 90deg Bend by Scotts Farm (not KCC; **private/Parish**).
- 3. KCC Drainage/Culvert work on West & East & George Streets**
MS and SB explained that KCC had tried last week to clear blockage found by Gudgeon Farmhouse but this requires further investigation. Bridge House, the Old Bull and the road approaching the bridge to Marden all require urgent attention to a blocked culvert which has caused damage to a driveway, a supporting wall and to the road which has collapsed. MS had contacted KCC Cabinet Member & confirmed that our MP has now got involved. The two manhole covers by the sewage pumping station need to be sealed to stop flood water overloading the foul system (may also be the case for West Street where flooding is experienced).
- 4. SpeedWatch & LorryWatch/HGVs**
SpeedWatch now has five volunteers. One session has been held last week outside church, catching one driver by the Village Hall doing above 45mph. There have been no significant HGV reports, but Tractor damage to kerbs was an ongoing and worsening matter; **PC** to talk to Clockhouse.
- 5. Traffic Calming on West Street + School Drop-off issues**
Build outs will not be supported by KCC. There is a crossing patrol in the morning but not afternoon. The school already operates staggered drop off and pick up times and issues regular reminders not to linger or park in front of driveways. The school is full and will remain so next year. Mirrors have been installed by The Square exit. Consultation on Yellow Lines has taken place with 11 responses out of 22 approached. Six were in favour of yellow lines, one against with two expressing some reservations and two neutral. **ACTION:** This exit represents the most significant risk of accident and served multiple properties, so it was agreed to recommend that the **PC** ask KCC for double yellow lines either 10m or 5m on both sides of the exit.
- 6. Highway Maintenance issues to be reported**
Stolen Salt Bin on Hunton Hill now replaced! Gully cleansing took place on East Street on 25th February; **ACTION:** **MS** to check other planned work on KCC mapping. A resident had reported an issue with the road on Water Lane where drivers have twice driven into ditches and oil tankers are now refusing to deliver. The road is thought to not be adopted but one resident believes it is and potholes are being repaired by Highways. **ACTION:** **MS/DH** to visit and discuss what can happen.
- 7. Any other business and/or New safety issues**
There have been no accidents reported recently although damaged car parts suggest some have occurred. **ACTIONS:** **PC** (1) The potential traffic increase on Barn Hill from new polytunnels requires a further discussion with Clockhouse Farm, plus a plan to protect / remediate damage to verges; (2) a request for a Permitted Path on Hilltop has been made and will be discussed with Clockhouse, but the decision will be made by the Buston Manor estate as the landowner; (3) **MS** to look at the tree leaning into the road space on Hunton Hill and report as required.

8. Date of next meeting : In June / July before the next PC meeting on 20th July - date to be advised.