

**Minutes - Hunton Parish Council**  
**Traffic & Road Safety Working Party (TRSWP)**  
**Grafton, East Street at 10am 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

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

**1. Minutes of meeting 7th October, 2022**

The minutes were agreed as a true record. Outstanding action points:

- **Signpost at the bottom of Barn Hill** - **MS** to chase DH, **JG** to check with KCC about using 3 large rocks as protection to the sign.
- **Northern field access on Redwall Lane** – Parish Clerk monitoring developments with MBC/KCC. Environment Agency will not actively prosecute for use of mixed rubbish to form track.
- **Wares Farm Signage** - **MS** to talk to Linton PC again and also communicate with ISS & BerryG.
- **LorryWatch** - **JG** to procure new signs.
- **KCC Highways** - **JG** to confirm package of intended works to be included in the H.I.P. for Hunton.
- **KCC 7.5t limit map** is wrong – Simon Webb progressing with KCC Councillor, **MS** to chase.
- **Clear overgrown signs** – KCC have visited one sign but consider it to be the landowner’s responsibility. MS has not been able to get use of flatbed. **JG, JF** and **SB** to try and make progress over the next two months on listing of signs and drainage gullies on map/plans.
- **Benstead Road mirror** – ready to be installed, JF offered short length of scaffold pole.
- **Hedge on Redwall Lane** – MS has spoken to owner who regards hedge as a good traffic calming device. Unwilling to take trimming action unless KCC Highways send letter (completed)

**2. KCC Highways Issues, Speed Limits and Signage**

JG to update HPC on all above HIP issues including, amongst others, extension of the 40mph zone up Hunton Hill beyond the houses, widening the 30mph zone, the installation of a “Road Narrows” sign outside The Gudgeon, SLOW sign on East Street moved north to be closer to the new warning sign. There is a political dispute ongoing re cost sharing, so progress is likely to be slow.

JF noted a recent accident at the bottom of Hunton Hill, close to fatal accident 7 years ago, and suggested that an “adverse camber” sign coming downhill be added to the list of proposed actions.

The school has responded to an HPC letter re lack of a Lollipop Person with their proposed action to mitigate danger from speeding cars. **ACTION**: MS to follow up with Head, and discuss with IS.

**3. SpeedWatch**

MS has a training day booked in about two weeks (11<sup>th</sup> March), after which he will get the group of about 4-5 volunteers approved to restart SpeedWatch on locations to be agreed. Would like to be able to monitor at South Lodge entrance, but 30mph limit sign is too close (get it moved?).

**4. Traffic Calming on West Street**

No agreement at HPC level on double yellow lines by Benstead Close, Grove Lane and Bishops Lane; further discussion required at HPC and with school/residents about practicalities of enforcement.

**5. Lorry Watch**

There have only been three reports submitted, so it appears that HGV traffic has fallen significantly.

## 6. Highway Maintenance issues

KCC has agreed to clear the drains and ditches on West Street from Grove Lane to Vicarage Road over a two day period, 4-5<sup>th</sup> April (when the road will be closed). Highway will then need repair.

**MS to review** where additional salt bins should be sited. KCC no longer willing to fund new bins, but Community Infrastructure funds available to HPC, and need for 4-5 new ones has been identified.

## 7. Any other business and/or New Safety issues

- LO gave notice that she would like to step down from the Working Party, given her other commitments, but Fay Joyce has offered to take her place. LO was thanked for her contribution.
- Church Cottage has flagged increased incidence of speeding on West Street near Church.
- Elm Corner is concerned about probable damage to home from large vehicles and speeding on approach, and asked if anything can be done (such as a bollard or fencing on the corner). This has been raised before and been refused by KCC, but will be raised again at HPC on 20th March.
- Mud on the road by the Clockhouse Farm nursery entrance is now a material risk and a nuisance, especially when we consider the water rising from a spring on the north side of the road and a previous fatal accident on an icy road in the close vicinity. MS/HPC to raise with Clockhouse Farm.
- Drainage problems with blocked culverts or overflowing gulleys under East Street (north of RedWall), George Street (south end) and RedWall Lane (west & Brickyard Cottages) were identified at last rainstorm. One on East Street is a perennial problem, and the suspected tarmacked gully has been marked out by KCC on 28Feb – maybe this will be opened! MS to try and talk to KCC Drainage person and show the locations on site. Hedge debris in George Street open ditch is a problem that is getting worse; is it KCC or Landowner's responsibility to clear it?

## 8. Date of next meeting

To be arranged – June 2023.