

Minutes - Hunton Parish Council
Traffic & Road Safety Working Party (TRSWP)
Grafton, East Street at 10am 7th October 2022

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

1. Minutes of meeting 17th June 2022

The minutes were agreed as a true record. Outstanding action points not covered in the agenda:

- **Bank of small gravel** on East Street - cleared;
- **Signpost at the bottom of Barn Hill** - **ACTION**: 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** – KCC chasing owner to seek consent from MBC. Parish Clerk monitoring developments.
- **Wares Farm Signage** - **ACTION**: MS to talk to Linton PC again, and see what could be done.
- **Others** - Article in Herald re SpeedWatch and hedges, traffic data passed to IS. **ACTION**: JG to procure new LorryWatch signs.

2. KCC Highways Issues, Speed Limits and Signage

Jenny Warson's replacement starts on 10th October 2022. **ACTION**: JG to call and raise the package of outstanding issues as yet unresolved. Initial business will be to agree outstanding intended works to be included in the H.I.P. for Hunton. To confirm the extension of the 40mph zone up Hunton Hill beyond the houses. To investigate the installation of a "Road narrows" sign outside The Gudgeon due to multiple cars losing wing mirrors at that point, due to the narrow carriageway. SLOW sign on road needs to be moved north to be closer to the new warning sign.

It was suggested that a letter should be written to the school from HPC now that there is no Lollipop Person, advising them to contact parents and highlight the need for close supervision of children at dropping off and picking up times. Also requesting considerate parking with no loitering. **ACTION**: MS to draft letter and circulate for comments.

3. SpeedWatch/LorryWatch

MS has a workable group of about 6 volunteers to restart SpeedWatch once he has met the local coordinator.

The "huntontrafficroporting@gmail.com" website for reporting incidents is set up and working. So far only one lorry has been reported (an HGV driving west down Redwall Lane that then had to reverse out again)! It was thought that there have been fewer HGVs ignoring the 7.5t limits.

4. Traffic Calming on West Street

Kerbing is to be installed outside Hunton School at the cost of HPC. (Update since the meeting: this work is likely to be scheduled for February half term. The PC and school will be consulted with at least 12 weeks' notice prior to the confirmed start date.)

The request for mirrors by Benstead Close has been approved by HPC at a cost of ca £1,000 (for HPC). Mr Demarais has approved two mirrors sited on his verge and the probable cutting back of his hedge to accommodate them.

Double yellow lines by Benstead Close, Grove Lane (on West St opposite Bishops Lane junction) and the Square exit, all to be discussed with KCC to confirm correct installation.

5. Monitoring of 7.5T West & East Street Weight Restrictions

MS in contact with Collier Street where they have had success in getting police involved with repeat offenders (threat to seize lorries for a week very effective). MS has identified that the KCC map of the 7.5t limit is wrong so is getting this addressed.

6. Highway Maintenance issues

KCC need to act more frequently on drainage. JG recommended taking action ourselves (volunteers to clear surface blockages and reveal manholes, HPC to consider buying a camera to survey drains, hiring a truck and jet washer to clear them). **ACTION:** JG to progress HPC discussion.

Clearing foliage back from signs difficult without utility vehicle / flatbed. **ACTION:** MS to see if he can get use of one. Litter Picking Group might help identify areas requiring attention. JF to send out e mail.

ACTION: SB offered to continue developing a list of drains (noting if clear or blocked) and road signs by tackling Mill to Bishops Lane.

7. Any other business and/or New Safety issues

E mails have raised a number of issues:

- Amsbury Road: speed limit goes from 30mph to National Speed limit for no obvious reason other than perhaps parish boundaries. **ACTION:** to be raised with KCC as part of the wider package.
- Redwall Lane: hedges are encroaching onto the road (**ACTION:** MS to contact owner). The recent barn redevelopment has narrowed the road. Enforcement are liaising with the owners of this and the redeveloped "hoppers huts" re their new access as well as the illegal removal of hedging.
- West Street: There has been a request for reduced speed limits by the Gudgeon noting that there have been frequent minor accidents. It has been suggested that these should be reported and logged to help progress the wider discussions with KCC.
- Bensted Close and the Club: Cars are being parked on West Street facing the wrong way so headlights cannot pick up reflectors. **ACTION:** MS to take a look and contact specific residents informally.
- Littering: Increased littering thought to be at least partially connected to agricultural activity but plenty on roads less heavily used too. Clockhouse helping with litter collection and disposal, also open to reports of littering, speeding or any other antisocial or unsafe practices so individuals can report directly if they see anything reportable.

8. Date of next meeting

To be arranged.