

## Traffic Meeting

Tuesday 3 May 2020

Present : all the above + Ray Baxter(Resident)

1.

Ray Baxter had sent though information on different methods of speed reduction : speeds bumps / speed tables /chicanes and the relative effectiveness of these were discussed. Philip noted that SCC has information gathered from other locations evaluating these different applications. Residents are generally against speed bumps/tables due to noise. David commented on environmental impact due to braking then speeding up afterwards. Mark noted problems with low-slung vehicles.

The issue was speeding on Folly Road. Clare suggested a speed reduction to 20MPH might be most effective. This, as with any other measures, requires data so group to look at erection of a pole and move of SIDS camera here to gather data for SCC (Philip could cover the cost of the pole- around £90- from Locality budget though the redundant pole at top of Folly Rd by chicane could be removed and used). Residents along Folly Road and off it (Bantocks /Overing / Chestnut / Chapel) need to be consulted as part of Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

Other thoughts on traffic speed reduction here : build out road at crossing from Overing Avenue which also helps pedestrian safety. Any such changes require clear sight for a distance of approx. 100 metres. Perhaps better pedestrian facilities might encourage local parents to walk children to school. Also useful for elderly residents walking across Folly Road on way to shop.

Other pedestrian areas that are dangerous are by the allotments and school. Such “built-out” features cost £5-12,000 so money for any of this would come from Highways Locality and village and district CIL funding.

Options for collecting data on Folly Road

- a.Data from SIDS camera
- b.Ask the police to gather data (as they did on Valley Road and Ten Tree Road)
- c.Speedwatch (see below)

David suggested getting a Speed Watch group / groups re-activated. This could be done by advertising to see if there were volunteers willing. General comments on hostility that can be encountered towards such groups from motorists. See Roger about location of Speedwatch gun.

2.Pole to be erected on Valley Road to get data. Valley Road particularly dangerous for pedestrians (accessing walk across fields to Chilton). National speed limit on Valley Road compared to mainly 40 MPH on A134. Need to have staggered speeds along the road with 40MPH as standard limit.

3.Letter sent to David from SCC : PC can now apply for a license (£150) to erect gates/signage in village (subject to certain specifications). David has used Glasdons in the past. From their website : gates approx £500+ so approx £1000-£1500 for set of 2 gates. Costs : x 5 entrances (Ten Tree Road / Valley Road / both ends of B1115 / Badleys Road) + installation + signage may be around £6000-£10,000.Gates should be on both sides of road to give a feeling of “entrance” or “exit”.

PC will have responsibility for maintenance (but this should be limited as materials are long-lasting like the benches). Mark has ideas on local companies who might offer some support funding that could be used as a maintenance budget.

Group (David /Nasreen / Pete /possibly Roger) to look at the various sites, see where gates could be installed / what types of gates- calculate costs. Gates should be the of the same type at all 5 locations.

Wildflowers could be planted around them - all of this will show we are proud of the village / may help to get the "village" feel rather than roads being seen merely as a cut-through.

Philip has offered to pay for gates from Highways Locality/own Locality budget.

4. Amendment to speed limits : Philip to advise up on this at next meeting / will discuss with Newton councillor (as part of Valley Road is in Newton - joint strategy?). Limit speed on Valley Road and from Acton to 40 MPH.

5.

Simon Weir was invited to attend. He has applied to have 2 houses built on his site in Ten Tree Road and is willing to look at funding for traffic-calming measures here.