

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL and CWaC Highways Dept.  
held at the Phoenix House, Winsford on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 10:00am**

**Attendance – Jerry Gibbs, Ian Lovatt, Mike Wilson, Emma Leslie, Lindsey Worrall**

**1. 20mph zone extension, consultation results and implementation date (Dave Reeve Lead Officer)**

There have been no issues raised from the consultation.

Once received confirmation from Carl Griffith, Ian Lovatt will arrange for The Order to be sealed and the Made Notice to be advertised.

The 20mph zone will be implemented before the end of the financial year.

Rushton Parish Council will happily help advertise the implementation date by advertising in the noticeboard, website and newsletter.

**2. Speed of vehicles on Eaton Lane, to improve safety of road for residents' options need to be addressed either;**

- **extend the 30mph to Beech Lane,**
- **or alternatives to speed reduction to highlight the village and rural nature of the roads.**

It is highly unlikely that drivers will adhere to a 30mph if they will not adhere to the current 40mph. It is therefore very unlikely that a reduction in speed limit would have the desired effect.

Alternatively, highlighting the village entrance would enhance the rural character of the village.

At the Eaton Sign near to Beech Lane, place a planter and possibly a 'five bar gate' to emphasise that people are entering a village setting.

To undertake such work a 115E licence will need to be submitted to Highways via e-mail as the Parish Council wish to erect an object on highways land. Highways will then advise for comments and give a licence. The 115E Licence has no cost associated with it.

A Section 50 Licence will be required, at a cost of £331. This licence searches for services. If a spade enters the ground a Section 50 licence is required, but if not and a planter is just placed on the ground, the section 50 is not required.

A detailed Traffic Management plan will be required for this project.

Road markings along Eaton Lane require re-painting.

With the implementation of the new 20mph zone, Eaton Lane will go from a 40mph into a short 30mph zone before entering the new 20mph zone. At the 30mph change 'dragon's teeth' markings would emphasise the change in the speed limit.

**Actions –**

- Prepare a 115E application for a planter -Rushton Parish Council to e-mail
- Markings to be painted by the planter and the 30mph sign – Highways will pay from the maintenance budget
- Rushton Parish Council to prepare a proposal for dragon's teeth at the 30mph change – PC funded.

3. **Eaton Lane 30mph sign post. This has been leaning since it's installation in February 2017, two teams have attended but not satisfactory repaired the post. Post is currently leaning into the road and the sign has been hit so much it has holes in it (was Becky Hathaway now Bryn Jackson lead officers)**  
**Action** -The 30mph sign will be re-sited to ensure it is secure, this will require re-advertising. It may be completed by the end of the financial year.
  
4. **Oulton Mill Lane drainage Ditch. The drains under the road are damaged, this leads to the ditch backing up and flooding the road, officers have attended but couldn't see the drains. The landowner has now cleared the ditch and hedges cut so the drains can be seen. This is an old drainage system and does not have a head wall but is a sandstone drain that goes under the carriageway. (Adrian Whitehead lead officer)**  
**Action** – Adrian whitehead and land owner to meet on site to discuss drainage issues.
  
5. **The Cross – During a meeting in December 2017, the cross-initiative project was discussed with Ian Lovett, it was confirmed that the road markings around the cross should be refreshed to highlight the junction and the tight nature of the road.**  
**Action** - Highways will re-new the road markings but prior to doing this the Parish Council would review all the proposals within the cross-project paper, once the parish council have undertaken this the Clerk will confirm to Highways that the road markings are the best option available.
  
6. **It is felt that many of the road markings are now becoming very worn and ideally should be refreshed, are there plans to undertake road marking works in the area.**  
**Action** - Highways will renew white markings within the village.
  
7. **As we approach winter, what will be the approach to preventing the potholes from becoming worse**  
**Action** - Report all potholes and ask members of the public to report them also.
  
8. **Scottish Power, are to undertake works around the village.**  
Any works that Scottish Power undertake should be re-instated to a good standard, Highways will then look at the sites in question and decided whether any further works are required.
  
9. **Footpath officer, who does this and what is the role, does CWaC replace damaged styles on footpaths, clear blocked paths etc.**  
The footpath officer is Pete Atkinson,  
[pete.atkinson@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:pete.atkinson@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)  
Can log problems on the internet flagging problems on a map. Farmers are responsible for replacing styles as highways on have a small budget for this.

**Meeting finished 11:15am**