

# **RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 9:15am**  
**Venue: Jessie Hughes Committee Room**

## **Notes of the Meeting**

**Present:**     **Jade Plumbley (Chair Parish Council)**  
                  **Brian Oldham (Chair RSWG)**  
                  **John Freeman**  
                  **Simon Corradine**  
                  **Lindsey Worrall (Clerk)**  
                  **Ian Lovatt (Highways Dept)**

The meeting was held at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall and then followed by a walk down Lower Lane, due to previous commitments John Freeman was unable to attend the whole meeting.

The meeting was called to look at the viability of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on Lower Lane. Parts of Lower Lane are within the 20mph zone, the road signs are small and vehicles are still not adhering to the speed limit. Lower lane does not have any footpaths and is a narrow but busy section of the village, serving the school, and many local businesses.

- The VAS would need to be positioned off Highways Lane, with the permission of the landowner.
- As it will be positioned on private land a legal agreement between the PC and landowner may be required.
- The Planning Dept should be made aware of the project, the need for planning permission is very unlikely
- It could be positioned in either direction on Lower Lane, but best, capturing vehicles travelling down Lower Lane.
- Around 70-80 metres detection length is required to capture the speed data.
- Once location determined, check the light levels to ensure the solar panel will work effectively.
- Two suitable locations identified on Lower Lane

There are only 20mph signs on one side of the road in a couple of locations within the 20mph zone. Ian Lovatt explained that at the time of implementation some landowners understandably did not want signs on their land. If however now landowners would have signs, these may be able to be installed if funding is still available.

The landowner could send a letter giving permission for the pole and sign to be placed on their boundary.

During the implementation of the 20mph zone, permission was given for a 20mph sign to be placed at the corner of Brian Oldham's property. The sign has now been placed on adopted Highways Land further along Lower Lane on the right hand side.

Brian Oldham to approach the land owners of the locations identified as suitable for the placement of the VAS and liaise with them.

At the end of the meeting, Ian Lovatt, Jade Plumbley and Lindsey Worrall walked back to the Jessie Hughes Village Hall together and during this time discussed The Cross Junction. The area is very difficult to improve, due to the road being narrow and the positioning of the properties and the cross. The road markings will be remarked at a time when others are being done in the area, as they would benefit from refreshing and would highlight the junctions.