

THE RUSHTON PARISH ROAD SAFETY GROUP

Notes from the 1st Meeting Held Wednesday 12th November 2014 at the JHVH.

Present:

Chair: Cllr Mike Wilson
Cllr David Lilley

Cllr Eddie Shaw
Sue & Ray Duckworth

Bert Platt

Apologies: Paul Healey

1. Introduction:

Apart from those present, Paul Healey and Brian Oldham wish to be on the Working Group and Alexa Carter plus one other with school connections will be joining. This would bring the Group up to 10 with a possible 2 vacancies. It was agreed that these places could be filled from residents of areas not represented. e.g. Whalley Drive, Lower Lane

Action: seek out 2 more volunteers – all present

Below is the extract from the recent Newsletter that summarises what the Group will be working on during the next 6 months.

ROAD SAFETY OPEN MEETING - Tuesday 7th October 2014

*A big THANK YOU to the 50+ attendees that came along on that evening. We had input from residents, walkers, cyclists, car drivers, horse riders, farmers etc etc and all agreed that it was a worthwhile exercise. From the meeting a report has been produced from the many notes taken and this will be the core information for a **Road Safety Working Group which we would now like to set up.***

We need volunteers so please see the points below and put your name forward if you would like to contribute:

- 1. **The Rushton Parish Road Safety Group (RPRSG)** will consist of 12 people max, hopefully representing a range of points of view. Cllrs Wilson, Lilley and Shaw will be included in the 12. It is to be formed for a 6 month period.
If you would like to be a member for this 6 month period then please let Mike W know. 01829 760619 by 10th Nov.*
- 2. The RPRSG will use the report from the meeting held on 7th October as the basis for its work, identifying projects that should be pursued to improve Road Safety.*
- 3. The RPRSG will have meetings (probably monthly) over the next 6 months and hand over to the Parish Council a report of what has been achieved and recommendations of projects which should be continued.*
- 4. £3,500 has already been set aside for this Group by your county councillor Eveleigh Moore Dutton.*
- 5. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th Nov. 7.30pm till 9pm in the Jessie H Committee Room.*

2. The Report from the Open Meeting (attached with priorities listed) :

Each issue raised in the 11 categories of the Report was discussed and prioritised. It was agreed that to try and tackle all issues raised was too big a job for this working group.

The following were agreed to be the first priorities:

a. Changes to reduce the volume and speed of “rat-runners” using Eaton Lane

i. Measurement of Vehicle Flow along this road

Action: Police to be asked to install “rubber strip” that records volume and type of vehicle. This has been used successfully before. Data can be compared – **Mike W**

ii. Purchase of Vehicle Activated Signs showing speed

The Parish Council have recently been given £3,500 towards the 2 signs which it is felt should be sited on the village approaches a) near the Red Lion b) on the hill towards the Village Hall. The total cost is circa £6,000 and the balance has been requested from the Police Commissioners Fund

Action: Balance to be chased up **Mike W**

Full quote and details of signs from 2 or 3 suppliers to be made available for the next meeting **Mike W**

iii. 20mph Zone

More rural areas in this country are now looking at 20mph zones particularly in the area of schools. Although 20mph may be seen as too fast or slow, the French employ 20kph zones where they wish to demonstrate that this is a special area where caution should be shown. As we do not have pavements in the village it was agreed that this may be appropriate in all areas currently covered by the 30mph limits.

Action: Subject to be raised with the Police and Highways and backing confirmed from Cllr Eveleigh Moore Dutton – **Mike W**

b. School Area

i. Parking / Car Sharing:

It was suggested that these subjects be taken up with Head Teacher Paul Mitchell and his representative(s) on this Working Group.

Action: A meeting to be arranged with Mr Mitchell - **Mike W**

ii. Visibility Issue when Leaving the School

This was raised at the open meeting and will be included in the meeting above

c. General

i. Hedges

Where hedges are obscuring road signs or are an obstruction to pedestrians or vehicles, the situation should be discussed with the landowner

Action: Such areas to be identified and reported to Chair at next meeting **All**

3. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10th December 7.30pm at the Village Hall