

THE RUSHTON PARISH ROAD SAFETY GROUP

Notes from the 3rd Meeting Held Weds 28th Jan. 2015 at the JHVH. (some points updated since)

Present:

Chair: Cllr Mike Wilson Cllr Eddie Shaw Brian Oldham
 Cllr Julie O'Shea Sue & Ray Duckworth Paul Healey Alexa Carter

Apologies: Cllr David Lilley, Bert Platt, Paul Mitchell, John Freeman

1. Introduction:

All were welcomed to the meeting. Head Teacher Paul Mitchell, sent his apologies but had progressed work allotted and sent by email. Mike W had a good meeting at Highways on 15th December.

The meeting started 10 minutes late!! Just before the meeting started a car turned too fast into the Jessie car park and straddled the verge with a rock underneath requiring 5 people to lift it off!!!

2. Matters Arising from Meeting Held 10th Dec. 2014 (notes of the meeting had been circulated):

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

i. Measurement of Vehicle Flow along this road

Last 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

Result: The date given for this measurement in Eaton is May 2015!!!!

Last Action: This date to be questioned; within the next 6 weeks the target.- Mike W

Result: Highways responded to request and exercise completed 28th Jan. Figures are in and circulated to the Group and attached to these notes.

Action: Data to be analysed and summary circulated for next meeting – Paul H & MW

ii. Purchase of Vehicle Activated Signs showing speed

Action: Balance to be chased up Mike W

Result: Letter received from Police Commissioner stating that after 12months consideration!!? he cannot support this project. First letter of request sent July 2013

Last Action: Stern reply to be sent stating disappointment at rejection and delay in decision Mike W

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

Result: Letter sent to to Commissioner and reply received asking to be invited to February Parish Council Meeting. Mr Dwyer attended the PC meeting on 16th Feb. He apologised for not pointing out in the first place that his fund was not for this type of Highways issue but offered to fund other projects in our Parish that conformed.

Result: Local Discussions have taken place with a company at Northwich suggested by Highways. TWM Traffic Control have submitted quote for a solar powered unit with data recording which is transmittable to home computer. Cost for one installation is £3,795 . This is the lowest figure negotiated. At the January Parish Council Meeting it was agreed to contribute up to £500 towards this project which means that with the £3,400 from Cllr Moore Dutton, we have enough to purchase one unit..

Action : Site Meeting to be held with supplier, Highways & Police to find best location and then go ahead with purchase.– **Mike W - Meeting held 10th Feb with Neil Theobald of TWM, Jerry Gibbs of Highways. Position agreed opposite village side Red Lion entrance.**

Action: Oulton Estate contacted and lease avoided. Position agreed with Mike Scott (trustee) who will be on site for final fixing.

Action: Agreed that we would advise the Red Lion developer & David Furness of Oak House of our intentions – **Mike W – Completed – Mr Furness asked that flashing lights do not face his house.**

Action: Sign ordered (and paid for!) 22nd Feb with likely delivery of end April.

iii. **20mph Zone (see also item 3e below).**

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

Result: Backing confirmation received from Cllr Moore Dutton & PC Ged Gigg. However this needs to be relayed to Highways for their assessment.

Last Action: Highways to be consulted – **Cllrs Lilley & Wilson**

Result: This has been done and some village measurements have been taken to assess validity of this request.

Action: Chase up results through Jerry Gibbs Highways – **Mike W**

Action: See report dated 9th Feb 2015

b. **School Area**

i. **Parking / Car Sharing:**

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

Result: Decision on school expansion is that it is delayed

New Action 2. When the above is known a letter to be produced for parents to explain the issues and concerns/support of the community . **Alexa; Julie; Paul M & Mike**

New Action 3. Views on parking of Edgewell Lane residents to be obtained: **Bert Platt.**

Result: Details of posts sent by Paul Mitchell. Recommendation for Parish Council required

c. **General**

i. **Hedges**

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

Result: The residents who want hedge trimming have been informed that it is delayed till next Autumn.

3. Eaton Lane

Of the ideas discussed at the December Meeting, after further discussion with Highways and the Police the following were felt to be the best course of action at this stage:

a. Vehicle Activated Signs

It was agreed that properly sited, this should slow down traffic entering the village.

b. 20mph area (see 2a iii above)

20mph is now strongly recommended in school areas. However, as has happened in countries such as France & Holland (20km – 12mph!) many villages are looking at this to state to drivers that this is a risk area which is enforced in Eaton with no pavements.

c. Signage

Improved signage in the Cross area was suggested to warn motorists of pedestrians

d. Curb – Edgewell Lane to the Village Hall

The Parish Council have got agreement from Highways to add a 100mm curb along this section but leaving the top porous (request of local residents to avoid damp). This could be grass or a retained gravel in a mesh mat as recently installed at the Tollemarche Pub car park.

New Action: the above to be worked on – Cllrs Lilley & Wilson

4. Speed Watch Team

Many rural villages (e.g. Church Minshall) have set up such a team to record speeds etc. It was agreed to discuss this at a later meeting.

5. Date of Next Meeting – All were thanked for their attendance.

As required