

# BOTTESFORD PARISH COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

## Minutes

**Date:** 2 Sep 2020 **Time:** 19:00

The meeting was held on Zoom due to the ongoing Covid 19 situation.

Attendance: 4 members attended.

Bernard Carey (BC) *Chair*  
Anne Ablewhite (AM)

Brian McInerney (BM)  
Matt Reid (MR)

### Items

#### 1) Apologies:

Jane Bennett (JB), Rupert Capelton (RC) Colin Love (CL)

#### 2) Approval of previous Minutes:

These were discussed and agreed as a true record.

#### 3) Any declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

No declarations of interest.

#### 4) Public session : No members of the community in attendance.

#### 5) Village(s) area

Discussion regarding previous Road Safety initiatives, revealed some confusion regarding hearsay about past equipment, e.g. Community Speed Watch (CSW) handheld detector and the first post mounted Speed Display sign. Terms such as 'Speed Camera' have been used previously when referring to both the radar gun and/or the Speed Display sign.

It was believed that CL may have details of which lampposts LCC had approved the original Speed Sign to be fitted to, and have further details of the current equipment. Fresh permission may need to be sought from LCC to move the Speed Sign to different locations.

It was also understood that the current Speed Sign had the capability to have the speed data retrieved, but the relevant software/equipment was not currently held by the Parish.

It was felt that this data could be very important, but without access to it, the usefulness could not be ascertained.

It was felt that the CSW (after a break of 5 years) should remain as an option, but it would require a significant investment in time by the overall community. It was unclear what actual benefit had been reaped from the previous campaign which ran from 2011-2015.

Zebra Crossing. BC showed examples of relative size of a crossing in relation to the High St. Assuming a high cost to install, the group cannot currently agree on the benefits of where it must go (Thatch or Shop side of junction) and the very high possibility that people would not use it.

Speed Limits: The topic of speed limits was discussed. The existing 30 and 40 zones date from the days of the A52 passing directly through the village and it was felt that they were not compatible with the changes of the past 20 years.

Why not a 20MPH speed limit within certain parts of the village, such as the High Street or outside the schools on Barkestone lane? What is LCC policy on this?

40MPH speed limit on Grantham Road. Can it be reduced to 30 MPH?

There has been significant increase in building work in the Grantham Road 40 zone, including the new Co-op store and now further works on the old tip site.

It appears that since the opening of the bypass, insufficient thought has been put into cleansing Bottesford of the relics of the A52 passing through it; e.g. signs and road markings.

Actions

**BC** to investigate history of the original Speed Display sign with CL and investigate possible locations for moving the new sign around the parish.

**BM** to ascertain how we can download the speed data and what equipment/software is required.

**BC** to investigate the Zebra Crossing options further, e.g. criteria for installing.

**BM** to investigate LCC policy on Speed Limits and whether the 40 zones can be cut to 30mph.

**BC** to investigate policy on road features such as Double White Lines.

## 6) A52 Junctions

BC showed some basic line of sight measurements he had undertaken which indicated that vehicles pulling out of Belvoir Road onto or across the A52 had as little as 5-7 seconds before an approaching vehicle was upon them, assuming an approaching speed of 60mph. This was due to the junction being on the inside of a significant curve, and the view could be severely restricted by vegetation, both hedgerows and long grass (for lower vehicles).

Other Counties, such as neighbours Lincolnshire with their 'Road Safety Partnership' provide warning signs on dangerous roads, what does LCC offer in this regard?

We have yet to obtain info from LCC/Police regarding accident data.

Actions

**BC** to investigate LCC/Highways policy of grass cutting along line of sight at junctions

**BC** to investigate LCC/Highways England practice/policy regarding signage for 'Black Spots' etc

**BC** to investigate how the PC obtain the required accident data. A FOI request will be made if other options are not available.

## 7) Update on Community Speed Watch

This was discussed earlier as part of the Village speed options

## 8) Ideas for Community Road Safety awareness/education campaign

It was decided that Schools should not be approached about involvement while they have more pressing matters requiring their attention.

The possibility of a Road Safety C'ttee facebook Page was discussed but it was felt that this was not advisable until the committee had made some progress and had something to report.

## 9) Confirm Next Meeting date/time

Next meeting scheduled for 19:00 on 7th October 2020, on Zoom if necessary.

Bernard Carey  
Committee Chair