

BOTTESFORD PARISH COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Date: 3 Nov 2021 **Time:** 19:00

The meeting was held at the Old School Meeting Rooms

Attendance: 5 members attended.

Bernard Carey (BC) *Chair*
Brian McInerney (BM)

Anne Ablewhite (AA)
Matt Reid (MR)

Mark Lethbridge (ML)

Items

1) Apologies: Colin Love (CL)

2) Approval of previous Minutes: Draft copies of the previous minutes had been circulated before the meeting. They were approved.

3) Any declarations of interest in items on the agenda: No declarations of interest.

4) Public session : No Public present.

5) Chairman's Update :

a) Ways to capture and record up to date accident data on the A52 still being looked at.

b) The battery powered VAS has been moved to Normanton

c) The Solar powered VAS is possibly under-recording total traffic movements. This may be a 'Settings' issue and is being investigated.

6) Villages.

a) Use of a Consultancy. BM had circulated the letter regarding use of a 'Consultant' for assisting with Traffic management problems, which had been discussed with the Borough Councillors at the last meeting. It was mentioned by the Councillors that the Consultant's work would be specific to the 'Village Centre', yet there was no such boundary imposed within the letter, nor was such an area defined. With such discrepancies it was felt that there was no change in the earlier decision not to recommend the use of a consultant.

b) School Traffic. The ongoing matter of School Traffic congestion was discussed. The principle of the High School had recently contacted parents regarding encouraging local children to walk instead of doing a car journey and the Primary School had repeated the message. The committee discussed how we had got to this point and the significance of LCC actions. It was basically felt that LCC were the root cause, as policy decisions resulting in both schools expanding their capacity over the past 20 years had not considered the infrastructure implications.

Decision: Committee will compile a dossier on the problem, to take further with LCC and other parties. Any photographs of near misses, bad driving etc

c) Hedges. It was raised that there were several places in the community where hedges were so overgrown they obstructed the footpath to such a degree that pedestrians were forced into the road. This was particularly evident along Barketstone Lane where children could easily step out into traffic while distracted or engaging in any 'horseplay'. The PC could send letters to property owners reminding them of their legal responsibilities in this regard.

Decision: Committee members to note significant obstructions to assess the size of the problem. Many will undoubtedly be property owner responsibilities, while some may be LCC responsibility. Reports to be forward to BC to coordinate.

7) A52.

The committee reviewed and discussed a recent email from National Highways, detailing the basics of their improvement to the A52. This was sent in lieu of them sending a representative to answer questions from the committee. The proposals are not a public release, but explain the approach NH would take if funding were approved. The committee were not satisfied that NH had gone far enough, particularly regarding the Belvoir Road and Church Lane, Muston, junctions.

Decision: ML, with his background in Highways, will draft a critique of the NH response, highlighting points discussed in committee, which can be sent to be sent to Alicia Kearns MP to engage with her on the matter.

8) Confirm Next Meeting date/time

Due to several committee members having other commitments on 1 Dec, the next meeting will be **8 Dec at 19:00.**

Bernard Carey
Committee Chair