

# BOTTESFORD PARISH COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

## Minutes

**Date:** 05 May 2021 **Time:** 19:00

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

Attendance: 3 members attended.

Bernard Carey (BC) *Chair*    Anne Ablewhite (AA)    Matt Reid (MR)

### Items

**1) Apologies:** Colin Love (CL)    Brian McInerney (BM)

**2) Approval of previous Minutes:** Approved

**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) Members updates:**

BC confirmed a quorum for the meeting and reported that:

The VAS remains at Normanton and while average speeding is in the low 30s, the data is consistently recording peak speeding in the 45-55 mph zone. A sample of the data has been passed to the local police to show what is being recorded.

There did not appear to be a significant difference in recorded speeds whether the sign was displaying to drivers or not.

The new VAS is expected to arrive later this month.

Responses from Highways England have been poor, requiring ongoing exchange of emails.

**6) A52 & Junctions**

The issues of the A52 and it's junctions were discussed further, in the absence of updates from Highways England. Additional signs, junction improvements, roundabouts and even traffic lights were discussed. The lack of data from HE was most frustrating.

HE are still not keeping the Belvoir Road Splay clear of overgrowth on the Eastern side.

It was acknowledged that traffic lights may be the safest way for residents to access the A52, but they can cause considerable delays and traffic congestion.

A roundabout would be an expensive yet sensible option, but would the Belvoir Road junction be the most suitable place?

Committee felt that further traffic data was required to assess the distribution of traffic across the 3 main routes.

The results of the HE study was essential information, but in the medium term, additional signage would be a cost effective improvement.

With the arrival of the new VAS, if practicable, it should be utilised to assess traffic numbers on the main routes.

AA highlighted that planning application (20/01182/FUL) for a Solar Farm at Barkestone/Redmile included a requirement for HGV to use the A52/Castle Road junction to deliver goods to a transfer station, where equipment could be loaded on smaller vehicles. She expressed concern for an

accident at that point. Currently HE have raised no objection to this activity.

## **7) Villages:**

It has been established that there are footpaths in the parish which are not as narrow as they appear. It seems that LCC Highways have not maintained them, or many of the kerbed roads approaching the villages, for many years. Footpaths and some road edges are being reclaimed by nature due to lack of clearing.

The suggestion of a roundabout on the A52/Belvoir Rd junction may have a knock on to traffic patterns in Bottesford, requiring a review of the Market St/High St junction.

Lack of suitable footpath provision in some areas remained a concern, e.g. Station Road.

Following a meeting with MBC Councillors, it was felt that MBC do not fully appreciate residents concerns about traffic and road safety; MBC do not seem to communicate their priorities clearly.

Double yellow lines at the High St/Albert St/Barkstone Lane junction do not seem correctly proportioned. They do not extend sufficiently to allow a bus to position to exit Barkstone Lane.

## **Decisions:**

Request LCC highways to provide traffic monitoring for the 3 main routes Bottesford/A52.

Request LCC Highways policy on control of weeds and dirt on pathways and kerbed roads.

Request LCC Highways to review the Double yellow Lines at the High St/Albert St/Barkstone Lane junction.

BC to research further the details of proposed Solar Farm HGV Drop-off Point proposals, vehicle numbers etc.

Increase pressure on HE to release their survey from last year, including contacting our MP if necessary.

Continue with traffic data gathering now that lockdown measures are easing, resulting in greater traffic numbers.

## **9) Confirm Next Meeting date/time**

Next meeting scheduled for 19:00 on 2 June 2021, on Zoom.

Bernard Carey  
Committee Chair