

BOTTESFORD PARISH COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

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

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

Attendance: 5 members attended.

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

Jane Bennett (JB)
Matt Reid (MR)

Dermot Daly (DD)

Items

1) Apologies: Colin Love (CL) Rupert Capleton (RC) Brian McInerney (BM)

2) Approval of previous Minutes: 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) Written report back:

BM provided written feedback on matters from the last Minutes, which he had taken to the PC. These were discussed and topic ownership taken as follows:

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| a) Additional Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) - BC | b) Speed Restrictions Map - BM |
| c) Zebra Crossing - MR | d) Village definition/appearance - BC |
| e) A52 Junctions - BC | |

It was unclear regarding the PC decision on the purchase of the VAS; whether it had been approved at the last PC meeting. To confirmed.
All other matters are ongoing.

CL had written some points regarding Community Speed Watch (CSW) and other possible community consensus issues. CSW has been discussed recently at previous meetings and can be revisited at a later date. It is not an activity suited to the winter months, with weather conditions and reduced daylight hours.

6) Village(s) area.

Bottesford - Several concerns have been raised regarding illegal and inconsiderate actions by drivers on Barkestone Lane at School closure time and several photographs passed to the committee. Following discussion, it was decided that it will be brought to the attention of LCC. It is believed that it is initially a school responsibility to 'police' their restricted areas (zig-zags) but it can be escalated to LCC and Enforcement Officers can issue Fixed Penalty Notices and the Police can be called if required.

BC reported that he had been in contact with Leicestershire Police but was still awaiting someone to come back on it.

Note: Immediately after the meeting BC received a call from the Police about his enquiry and it was confirmed the hierarchy of response is School, LCC, Police.

JB will contact Cllr Rhodes (LCC) about the school situation to discuss options.

Normanton - The committee had been made aware of recent communications between a Normanton resident and LCC Highways about speeding along Normanton Lane. The response from LCC is seen as less than helpful, including the suggestion that since the 85%percentile speed (the average speed of 85% of vehicles), through Normanton is near 40mph, perhaps the limit should be raised from 30mph to 40mph. The committee felt this suggestion, and others made, were a gross distortion of the facts and selective use of DfT information on Rural Road Safety.

The committee felt that active speed measurements should take place in Normanton, using the existing VAS if needed, to build a case for traffic calming.

BC to explore potential for relocating the existing VAS.

BC has downloaded the data from the VAS on Belvoir Road which has provided considerable data on speeds, traffic numbers and identifying peak times.

7) A52 & Junctions

BC reported that he had received information back from the Leicester/shire & Rutland Road Safety Partnership (LLRRSP) that they last monitored the A52 between Sep '15 and May '17 for 19 visits, and a total of just over 34 hours, logging 103 cases of speeding, approximately 3 an hour. They also reported that they do not use 'Accident Data Signs' along main routes, as seen on several routes in Lincolnshire, due to logistical problems keeping them up to date.

They are aware of recent incidents on the A52 and will endeavour to include it on next year's list.

Some work has recently been carried out by Highways England(HE) Contractors to improve a driver's view to the West when pulling out of Belvoir Road, but the view Eastwards remains poor.

As our MP, Alicia Kearns, has been in the press recently concerning the junction, it was discussed whether she should be contacted by the committee.

BC to make enquires of the PC, with a view to contacting Ms Kearns.

It was highlighted that there is an official footpath from Muston which crosses the A52 on the hatching of the Grantham Road Junction lane separation, with limited visibility towards Nottingham Yet there is no signage to warn drivers that there could be pedestrians in the road. Particularly with people seeking exercise during Covid restrictions, there is an increased risk of someone being fatally stuck at that point of the A52.

BC will contact HE about warning signs for the footpath.

8) Confirm Next Meeting date/time

Next meeting scheduled for 19:00 on 6th Jan 2021, on Zoom.

Bernard Carey
Committee Chair