

Minutes of Teams Meeting: Friday 9th April, 2021

Chairman: Anne Burnett

Admin: Jo Williams

Teams Host: Sarah Rodger

Present:

Committee Representatives: PS Leigh Goodwin (Northamptonshire Police), Sarah Barnwell (NCC Highways)

Parish Representatives:

David Fuller (OTC) Val Chesser (OTC), Geoff Shacklock (ENDC) Fiona Cowan (Collyweston), Sarah Rodgers (Nassington & Warmington), Heather Hanlon (Barnwell), Jo Williams (Apethorpe), Chris Jackson (Kings Cliffe), Shenagh Hackett (Duddington & Fineshade), Sandy Parsons (Duddington), Daphne Sharpe (Easton on the Hill), Paul Blackmore (Woodnewton), Brian Gretton (Deene & Deenethorpe), Paul Brooker (Cotterstock)

Apologies;

Annabel De Capell Brooke

1. Review of Actions outstanding from Q1/2021:

1.1 Fineshape & Wigsthorpe Parking Restrictions: The request for parking restrictions is in process for consideration.

Action: Sarah Barnwell

3.3 Data strips

Parish Representatives are waiting for these to be deployed in Collyweston and Kings Cliffe.

Action: PS Goodwin will progress in summer when speeding issues are more frequent.

3.6 Community Speed Van

PS Goodwin informed us of a Bedfordshire Police initiative where a 'community speed van' is deployed to monitor local traffic problems. Could this approach be used in Northamptonshire?

Awaiting information from PS Goodwin. Jo to disseminate.

PS Goodwin was asked about Speed Watch classes being offered online to train participants in the northern end of the county.

Action: Lockdown has halted the Speed Watch programme. PS Goodwin will investigate when the programme resumes.

2.0 Police Summary

2.1 PS Goodwin reported the following;

Awaiting summary info:

2.2 Paul Booker (Cotterstock) asked if there was any data available on the effectiveness of VAS. In view of the significant investment needed to install and buy the equipment, is there evidence to suggest that they work? PS Goodwin said that she would see if data was available. Here is a link for parishes to apply for road safety funding:

<https://www.northantspfcc.org.uk/public-funding/grants/road-safety-community-fund/>

2.3 Jo Williams (Apethorpe) asked if the police could take action on drone activity. PS Goodwin said that nothing could be done unless the usage could be related to instances of anti-social behaviour and that drones are covered by Civil Aviation regulations.

2.4 Shenagh Hackett (Fineshade) asked for assistance with continuing instances of parking obstruction. The problem is particularly difficult around lunch time on Sundays. She requested police assistance.

2.4 Brian Gretton (Deenthorpe) Informed PS Goodwin that the organisers of the annual Illusive Outdoor Music Festival (3rd-9th August, 2021) at Deene Park was proposing to increase attendance from 5k to 8k. The village is objecting to the proposal. PS Goodwin was aware of the situation and the Police are planning to object.

2.5 David Fuller raised the matter of online thieves targeting Town and Parish Councils. Invoices are being sent by email to Councils from conmen posing as suppliers. It all seems very plausible and we are asked to be alert to this latest scam. Several JAG members had received similar bogus invoices.

2.6 Sarah Rodger reported that there had been numerous instances of crime in Warmington and requested an increased Police presence. PS Goodwin said she needed cases to be reported before this could happen.

2.7 PS Goodwin is aware that staffing levels in the North of the area are unsatisfactory and is on the case. The Chair asked for reports of 101 usage and the majority of comments were very complimentary.

3.0 Progress review of Locally Identified Priorities for Q1 2021

| Parish | Issue/ Location | Owner | Status |
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| Fineshade | Vehicles are using Staff Car Park at Fineshade at night. The Forestry Commission has refused to lock the gates. There are concerns about what is going on. | PS Goodwin | Four inconsiderate parking notices have been issued, otherwise nothing untoward was found. |
| Barnwell | There are frequent instances of drug dealing (behind the village hall). This is happening in the day time and at night. | PS Goodwin | The Issue appears to have been resolved. |

4.0 Locally Identified Priorities for Q2 2021

PS Goodwin recommended continuing to maintain focus on traffic related issue. The following items awaiting input from PS Goodwin

| Parish | Issue/ Location | Owner | Status |
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| Deene & Deenethorpe | Frequent accidents on the A43 caused by speeding The section of the A43 that runs from Weldon to the Duddington Roundabout and specifically, the | PS Goodwin | PS Goodwin to discuss with Cllr. Brian Gretton. |

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| | first junction at Deenethorpe as you come from Weldon | | |
| Benefield Sue Cook Clerk | Speeding A427 Approach to Upper Benefield from Weldon | PS Goodwin | |
| Benefield | Speeding A47 Approach to Lower Benefield from Oundle | | |
| Nassington Sarah Rodgers Clerk | Speeding Apethorpe Rd. | | Speed monitoring did take place in Nassington but no information was recorded by the PCSO. |
| Nassington | Speeding Fotheringhay Rd. | | |
| Warmington Sarah Rodgers Clerk | Speeding Church St. | | |
| Warmington | Speeding Broadgate Way | | |
| Warmington | Speeding Buntings Lane | | |
| Collyweston Fiona Cowan. Cllr. | Speeding A43 to the south of the village, between the Cemetery and the roundabout at Duddington | | Data strips will be installed |
| Collyweston | Speeding The A43 from Duddington to the A1 at Wothorpe | | |
| Collyweston | Speeding A43 to the north of the village, between the speed limit sign, past Messenger Construction entrance, to the blind bend (PE9 3PQ) | | |
| Collyweston | Speeding The Drove, which connects the A43 due east by the Collyweston Slater, to the A47 near the Kings Cliffe junction (PE9 3PT) | | |
| Collyweston | Speeding High Street, which enters the Conservation Area from the A43, due west, opposite the Collyweston Slater (PE9 3PW) | | |

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| <p>Apethorpe Jo Williams Clerk</p> | <p>Speeding Kings Cliffe Rd. speeding cars at entrance to, and on exit from, the village</p> | | |
| <p>Lilford cum Wigsthorpe, Thorpe Achurch Parish Council Nicki Phillips Clerk</p> | <p>Speeding traffic on the B662 coming from the direction of Clopton. Cars and motorcycles travelling at speed and not being visible to traffic turning into and out of Wigsthorpe due to being masked by the old railway bridge</p> | | |
| <p>Lilford cum Wigsthorpe, Thorpe Achurch Parish Council</p> | <p>ASB Driving Thorpe on the Lilford Road. When there's a problem on the A605 traffic from Thrapston turns off the road at the pub and ends up at this point. When the school bus is there cars cut across grass verges where the children are walking to get the bus.</p> | | |
| <p>Lilford cum Wigsthorpe, Thorpe Achurch Parish Council</p> | <p>ASB Driving Cars turn off at the Lilford roundabout and take the road through Achurch then speed down the hill into Thorpe. Because it is single track drivers get frustrated as they have to wait for vehicles coming from the opposite direction then swerve and speed around the bus on the verges to get by. Quite often there will be queues of traffic and vehicles often overtake the bus by driving on the verges. Residents have observed a couple of near misses with the school children.</p> | | |

5.0 Open Parish Discussion

5.1 Traffic Management Plan

At the last meeting ENDC Councillor Jake Vowles promoted the need for a strategic traffic management plan This idea was raised again by Paul Brooker (Cottersock). After a brief discussion it was again stated that the nature of such an initiative would fall within the remit of the North Northamptonshire Unitary and members were encouraged by Geoff Shacklock (Barnwell) to lobby Councillors once elected at the May local elections.

5.2 Community Bus Service

Val Chesser raised the issue of community bus routes. East Northamptonshire was badly effected when NCC withdrew funding for the Call Connect Bus Service, this left rural parishes dependant on private transport. Various local and national campaigns are underway.

Action: Jo will contact Emma Baker Clerk Oundle TC to investigate the status locally.

Next Meeting:

Proposed date Wednesday 9th July 2021 – 1:30pm.