

NOTES OF WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 10.00AM AT HUXLEY VILLAGE HALL

In Attendance – S Ratledge

R Lambert

Stuart Bateman (Highways, CWaC)

Nicholas Edwards (Highways, CWaC)

T Ryall-Harvey (Clerk)

Cllr Lambert raised the two main areas of concern that the Parish Council had with regards to the Speeding in Huxley:-

1. Speeding through the 20mph past the Primary School.

Stuart Bateman confirmed that the Speed Survey that had been undertaken showed non-compliance in this area and therefore proposed at the commencement of the 20mph to put dragons teeth and a roundel and then repeat the roundel within the 20mph.

ACTION: Stuart Bateman requested the Parish Council approval to proceed with this project due to the area being classed as rural and therefore CWaC avoiding excessive road markings in rural areas.

ACTION: CWaC to replace the missing 40mph buffer sign on

2. Huxley Lane

Stuart Bateman confirmed the proposal was to extend the 40mph on Huxley Lane pass the last house and then reduce to 50mph to the junction and along Long Lane to join up with the current 50mph towards Tattenhall.

It was requested that Long Lane be accessed to tend the 50mph towards Hargrave- Stuart Bateman undertook to look at this.

ACTION: Clerk to email S Bateman to request the 50mph be reviewed for extension on Long Lane.

ACTION: Clerk to check if the speed reduction had been formally agreed at a previous parish council meeting and confirm back to S Bateman (provisional cost being £4,000 split between CWaC & PC 50/50). Once speed reduction on Huxley Lane had been formally approved then confirm to CWaC so that they can put the SLA in place.

ACTION: Stuart to look at the accident data for Huxley Lane.

Cllr Ratledge sought clarification as to what could be done across the whole village/Parish. S Bateman confirmed that it was not possible to have a village/parish wide speed limit as this went against the Department of Transports policies.

Cllr Lambert asked if there was a possibility of having an Averaging Speed Camera system in the area. S Bateman confirmed that the area would not meet the criteria for Averaging Speed Camera's and undertook to provide a copy of the criteria to the Parish Council.

ACTION: S Bateman to provide Averaging Speed Camera criteria.

Cllr Ratledge asked if CWaC had any evidence that introducing traffic calming measure to change the character of the village has any impact on the amount of traffic that use the route. S Bateman reported that they don't tend to monitor the traffic volume, and confirmed that since implementing the new traffic measurers in Ness they had not undertaken a Speed Assessment so they could not confirm if this would impact on the volume of

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traffic.

Cllr Ratledge asked if CWaC Highways Team was aware of any scheme similar to ones he had read about in Dorset/Somerset when stencilling had been allowed on roads outside of school to make drivers aware that there was a school and could potentially encourage drivers to take more care. S Bateman said he would not be in favour of this as the Department of Transport's guidance believes that stencilling could be seen as distracting for drivers and cause more harm. S Bateman asked for the information to be sent so that he could read more about this scheme in Dorset/Somerset.

ACTION: Cllr Ratledge/Lambert to provide more information to S Bateman.

Cllr Lambert asked for confirmation as to if the flashing lights outside of the Primary School had been repaired and were now working fully. Cllr Ratledge believed this was the case and both Cllr Lambert and Cllr Ratledge undertook to check.

Cllr Lambert sought clarification as to what the potential cost would be to install a permanent SID outside the school. S Bateman confirmed that it may be more cost effective if the Parish Council contact TWM directly to obtain a quote for a VAS or SID, CWaC could then quote for the installation, and it could go on their maintenance scheme.

S Bateman reported that it was possible to get a SID machine that would be relocated every two months and have two sites (one outside the school and one on Huxley Lane) but this would have an on-going relocation cost and could end up being expensive as any VAS or SID would need to be fully funded by the Parish Council.

ACTION: Cllr Lambert to check with TWM and identify what type of SID or VAS the Parish Council would be interested in then CWaC could provide installation and maintenance costs.

The Parish Council thanked S Bateman and N Edwards for their time at the meeting and found the information that was provided most useful.