

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

Briefing minutes of the meeting held at 7.00pm in the Pavilion on Tuesday 26th October 2021

1. Present: Cllrs Corrigan, Richards & Jones.
2. Apologies for absence: None received.
3. Update on Mobile SID usage and results during October 2021.

The Mobile SID had been used on six days over the previous three weeks for a total of 30 hours. One day had to be cancelled and another curtailed because of bad weather. During the previous three-week period the unit had been displayed for 58.25 hours in total. The WG would like to thank the three resident volunteers (Simon, Paula & Paul) once again without whom the usage of the unit would be significantly reduced.

The results were very similar to the previous exposure in that:
Between 40% and 50% of cars were in violation with speeds between 30mph and 40mph common.

It was noticeable that cars once “pinged” at the higher speed rapidly slowed down and continued at the slower speed onwards into/out of the village.

It was agreed that now we have the hard data which shows that cars are speeding we need to work out the best strategy with LCC Highways as to how to combat it and if the answer was more static SIDs strategically placed on Bowcliffe, Wetherby and Clifford Roads then we would need to find a way to fund them. This would be relayed to Council as matters unfolded.

Cllr. Richards agreed to chase up the deployment of the static SID, the cost of which was shared between Clifford and Bramham PCs.

4. Update on proposed Highways changes around Bramham School.

Cllr. Richards explained that developments around pedestrian access to the school had been discussed at a meeting on the 20th of October, at which the School, LCC Highways and Ward Councillor/Parish Councillor (Cllr. Richards) were present.

In brief it is envisaged that the walkway across the entrance to the bottle bank will be prioritised for pedestrians and the footpath before and after widened and the footpath coming from Clifford will be widened as much as possible and a new entrance created at a higher level obviating the need to provide steps and railings by creating a footpath which skirted and followed the line of the current hedgerow.

It was hoped that more detailed and firmer proposals could be ready for the November Council meeting.

5. Speed limit on Aberford Road.

The rationale for Highways maintaining the 30 mph limit was further discussed, and it was agreed that it could be a question posed to Chris Procter (LCC Highways) at the meeting on the 24th November.

6. Update on proposals for change to parking in the Square around the Memorial.

Cllr. Richards reported that again she hoped LCC Highways would deliver some detailed options before the November Council meeting. The topic of returning a part of the Square (pedestrianised & access only) to cobbles was discussed and though too early to seriously contemplate before any ground planning had been agreed any changes may need to be funded, by the PC (at least in part) and possibly some sort of “crowd funding”, though this of course would be a Council decision.

7. Open Session Public Meeting on 24th November in Pavilion at 7.00pm.

It was noted that both the Neighbourhood Policing Team and LCC Highways would be represented during the “Open Session” and residents would be able to ask questions of the “Panel” which would probably be made up of members of the TMWG, a PCSO and the representative from LCC Highways. The “Open Session” will be widely advertised early in November on the website and on the social media.

8. AOB.

Cllr. Jones suggested the use of life size posters of policemen/women strategically placed around the village. This would be explored.