

## **HWG Report – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

### **General Update**

#### **Traffic Speeds and Monitoring**

The data from our SID has now been published showing traffic speeds through Whitney up to the end of October. Unfortunately, one of the SIDs has developed a fault and, despite the best efforts of both me and your Clerk, we have been unable to extract any data from it or even get it to work at all. As a result, we now have only one SID currently in operation.

The data gleaned from the working SID, which was positioned to record vehicles entering the 50mph limit in Whitney from the direction of Winforton, shows the following:

The total number of vehicles travelling past the SID in a four-week period was over 33K. About a third of those were travelling at over 51mph

As mentioned before, if detected the police will generally only prosecute speeders if they are 10% +2mph over the limit, in this case 57mph.

Therefore, the numbers of drivers who could have been prosecuted during the period the SID was deployed was about 2500. Of these, approximately 600 were over 70mph with four travelling between 95 & 105mph.

#### **Winforton TRO progress**

An email received from TRO Officer on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov stated that the work on the erection of the new speed signage should start this month. Limited traffic and pedestrian management will be deployed while the work is in progress. The new road markings will be carried out by a different work gang, weather permitting. He stated that any gap between the two strands of work will not compromise the legality or enforceability of the new speed limit.

#### **Works Orders.**

A few new proposed works orders have recently been received from the Lengthsman and will be considered by the HWG when we next meet.

#### **Redgates to Winforton. Restricted Byway**

At the last meeting we were awaiting a quote from Mark your footpaths contractor for clearance work on the Restricted Byway. A high-level quote has been received which is iro £1k and will clearly need to be discussed by the PC.

Your Clerk is in the process of re-contacting Hereford Council to see if they will contribute further to improving the byway in addition to the new way-marker signs they have already committed to.

The issue of drainage problems at the Redgates end of the Byway is still awaiting a response from HC

### **Parking Issues at The Tram Inn.**

We are still waiting a detailed response from BB who are being asked to consider in greater depth the possible option of remarking the road as it approaches the Tram Inn in Eardisley from Woodseaves. The proposed solution, or something similar, would hopefully prevent this bottle neck preventing access to larger agricultural and Emergency vehicles. When a response is received the HWG will discuss it in detail and bring its conclusion to you for consideration.

### **Traffic Calming and Road Safety (Eardisley).**

The issue of traffic calming in Eardisley during quiet hours and during School times, particularly in relation to the bus pick-up/drop-off times for those children travelling to Kington, was brought up at the last meeting.

The remaining working SID is currently deployed at the northern end of Eardisley and, as mentioned before, the data collected will be analysed at the end of this month with particular attention being paid to school bus times.

I have a meeting with the Police in Kington this coming Wednesday to discuss the possibility of them raising their profile during bus pick up and drop off to deter both speeding and impatient drivers while the children are in the area in numbers. At the same time, I will raise the issue with them of parking at the pinch point by the Tram Inn. I will report back on any outcomes at the next meeting.

Another issue that was raised last time you met was the possibility of reducing the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph outside Eardisley primary school by means of flashing warning light signs as the children enter and leave the building. I have spoken with the Head of the school and she is in agreement as to the need and keen for us to investigate the matter further, which the HWG will now do.

### **Replacement of SIDs.**

At the last PC meeting you agreed that the HWG could submit a bid to the Police and Crime Commissioners office for a grant iro £7K to purchase two new SIDs.

The rules for such bids include the stipulation that no grant application will be accepted without agreement in principle from a number of potentially interested parties. Much work has therefore been carried out behind the scenes over the last few weeks and both approval and support from the necessary agencies has been obtained.

We are still chasing one final piece of supporting documentation and the bid can then be submitted – we are hopeful that this will be in the next couple of days. While nothing can be taken for granted, the PCC have been both supportive and

encouraging of this initiative and we are cautiously optimistic that our bid may be successful.

### **Agenda Item 6.1**

#### **Blocked ditches issue on road behind Eardisley Church**

Your Clerk has written to the Locality Steward, Laura Edwards, asking that she confirm that this is an issue that should be dealt with by the landowner, rather than the PC or HC, and if it is asking that she write to them requesting that the work be carried out.