

Traffic Management Meeting 20th September 2023

In attendance :- MR (Chair), MH (WAF), EG, LMc, SM, RM AR, AM CJ (PClerk)

1. Agenda Items :- Access to the Butts — discussed with a suggestion that the corner be marked out as no parking. RESOLVED SM from Highways to view and follow up with possible suggestions. Photographic evidence would be beneficial.

Speeding Lowbyer area — Residents have to cross over to pavement on opposite side with fast traffic. RESOLVED to monitor speeding around eg. Easter Hols 2024. (Crossings cost £30-35000, Lights with smiley face indicating speed cost £2000 with ongoing costs.). Contact Police to monitor speeding traffic on add hock basis with speed gun. Discussion ensued about possibility of residents being trained to operate speed guns.

Trees opposite bungalow to be trimmed and hedgerow to be removed , some trees to be removed and retaining wall to be extended. Work to be carried out next week with 2 overnight road closures.

Priority sign top of Front Street not entirely visible—RESOLVED A letter agreed to be sent from PC to Home Owner.

Request to restrict parking on Fairhill Rec. Ground side of Nenthead Road to improve vehicle flow (GW) . RESOLVED LM to organise a Traffic Regulation Order assessment. Possibly double yellow lines.

Potholes ,A689 to Blagill Farm. (GW). Has been reported to Highways hot line . Work instruction has ben issued to divert the culvert.

2. Items not on the agenda nor Action Log but are Urgent : — Toilet sign at Force Cottages needs removing or covered over as there are no toilets.

Overgrown Trees in the road turn to the Firs cannot see oncoming traffic. (opposite Vinces seat) .RESOLVED. SM to review.

Following storms there's a gate and tree at Brewery Bridge RESOLVED Bridge Team to be called to look at and take necessary action.

During the meeting , Garrigill Resident called to speak to EG about the following :- the footbridge at Dryburn on the Pennine Way has suffered more damage with the bridge supports . (previous work to steps leading upto bridge were postponed due to no alternative way into Alston for the walkers). This is a matter of urgency ! RESOLVED> SM to speak to one of the members of the Bridge Team to go out to the area ,Assess, Action.

Barriers at Bridge End Garrigill there for almost a year — SM Structures team are aware of the issue but do not have funds to carry out work necessary , so, b Ariel's must stay. RESOLVED. MR /MH to take back to the Locality Board.

3. Action Log:—Update on SKS Flashing Lights for Children Crossing . —Highways aware of only one light working and officers are due out this afternoon to site.

Sustrans sign CtoC (for cyclists) at Hartside. No land owner can be found. SM prepared to send map of area with cables/ pipes underground. MR to try and find out who owns land using her contacts. SM will not commit to go ahead on behalf of Highways without a view from landowner. RESOLVED. EG to go with info to Sustrans contact.

Winter Maintenance-No update seen yet. Rehashing of gritting rates as Cumberland will not cross their boundaries . Talks to be initiated with Northumberland and CO Durham .

Galligill Loop Issues—-Instruction issued to clean ditches have been issued. Ownership of field drains near Pry House to be established. RESOLVED. Parish clerk to contact Councillor PB to ask if his family own land and ask about diverting culvert.

Firs Traffic Calming —Resolved. Signage package has been ordered and should be ready for spring.

Garrigill Issues— Road / track from Ford to Pasture Houses worsening. Cyclist recently injured. RESOLVED. SM to find out what progress has been made with the South Lakes Judgment .

Stones washed up and blocking inlets to ford bridge.RESOLVED. SM said stones only cleared 3 weeks ago and if this is a continual problem after heavy rainfall(which it is) then permission needs to be obtained from Environment Agency which can take time. SM to check responsibilities with E.A.

Tynehead Bridge—still in a dangerous condition. There's an 18 month closure order at present which is to be extended indefinitely. Not even cyclists can cross the bridge .

Missing Cast Iron road sign shortly to be reinstated after vehicle accident.

A689 road safety issues. —RESOLVED. LM has added 40ml/hr speed limit assessment for late October.

Zebra Crossing from Jollybeard to Fairhill Rec Ground. RESOLVED.

LM to carry out assessment out of school hours and weekend traffic for minor improvement listing. MR mentioned that there is Locality funding if a zebra crossing is found to be needed.

Flooding Issues — Leadgate. No progress made. RESOLVED PC clerk to write to SH .

Recent flooding Nenthead road/ Nentsberry area—Trench was to be surfaced dress. SM to check if it has been done.

Speeding Issues at Overwater. 20ml/hr requested by residents. RESOLVED

Overwater is to be added to list for consideration. Some funding has been allocated for this. It is not a quick fix and changes to the regulations are needed before measures can be put in place.

Signage promoting Enterprise Town in poor condition. ? Replace. MR advised keeping signs as they may assist with investment to the area. RESOLVED. MR to ask business organisers to contact AMPC about plans for the Anniversary of Enterprise Towns . MR /MH to invite representative of the Social Enterprise Team to AM.

Next Meeting. January 2024.