

## Notes arising from Village Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

The meeting opened with Howard Quayle welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending in such poor weather. He explained the background to the meeting and some of the work done already by the Parish Council.

He introduced Bernard Grimshaw who then took the audience through a thirty-minute presentation providing details of the actions arising from the TAG report that the PC supported.

At the end of the presentation the audience were invited to ask questions and express their own views.

The following notes were made during the meeting by Howard Quayle and Bernard Grimshaw. No names were recorded and the designation 'R' has been used to refer to a Resident of the village.

- 36 residents attended
- One 'R' 'you take your life in your hands when crossing the road near the bridge when delivering village magazine'.
- Also 'Raised crossing points don't slow traffic down – but they do make a lot of noise' particularly when vehicles with trailers hit them.
- One 'R' expressed their serious concern that the lack of a plan for Tut Hill was new information and conflicted with the general view that Tut Hill would have some form of review once the relief road was opened. HQ explained that this was new information from Suffolk Highways Dept. There being no plans for a change to current restrictions. Which does not mean that lobbying for change would not be done if considered appropriate by the PC.
- One 'R' made a point that HGVs with trailers turning up Tut Hill from BSE encroach onto gravel close to houses, it compacts the ground and is noisy and dangerous.
- One 'R' suggested changing the VAS units so that they displayed the speed.
- Some 'Rs' supported the idea of using the VAS units in tandem.
- Some 'Rs' supported the idea of having well defined village boundaries with speed markers
- Some 'Rs' supported the idea of reducing signage in the village and concentrating on the most effective
- Some 'Rs' supported the idea of a design plan for B1106 near Larks Gate and Tut Hill to help slow incoming traffic.
- Some 'Rs' expressed general concern when crossing the road near the 3 Kings r/b
- Several 'Rs' expressed concern about increased use of the B1106 by HGVs
- Some 'Rs' supported the idea of some form of restriction to traffic on Tut Hill. One 'R' was concerned that anything like Westley Chicanes would not be good as it would slow traffic down and cause queuing
- One 'R' commented that speeders are an issue on Tut Hill and that Anglian Water vehicles regularly travel far too fast coming into the village.
- One 'R' suggested a petition to get Highways to improve their effectiveness
- One 'R' asked whether there were plans to measure pollution levels due to the high volume of vehicles at the 3 Kings r/b
- Many 'Rs' supported the view that the B1106 had become a dangerous stretch of road which should be addressed better by the Highways dept.
- BG asked whether anyone present was against the idea of controlled crossings as described, there were no objectors to this and many thought it essential.
- One 'R' suggested traffic lights on the avenue of Oaks to moderate the traffic flow.

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- Several 'Rs' expressed concerns about the narrow footpath near the 3 Kings r/b and leading to the crossing point for the community centre. Far too narrow for a wide buggy and children in tow (with a dog sometimes)
- One 'R' suggested some form of restriction on the B1106 near the Lark to calm traffic
- There was a general discussion about the Tut Hill area and whether we should argue for restrictions. There were mixed views although many argued for the closing of the road to HGVs. HQ explained the planned changes to the design where the temporary roundabout has been located on Tut Hill.
- Issues were raised about flooding at the A14 r/b and on Tut Hill near the Golf Club entrance.
- Other concerns about flooding and drain clearance were expressed.
- One 'R' thought that speed cameras would be useful

As a general observation, all those who attended were very concerned about traffic impact and supported the steps that the PC were taking to tackle the subject.

- It was put to the meeting that once a more detailed set of plans had been created and approved by the PC, another meeting would be arranged.
- This was agreed by many of the attendees.

Bernard Grimshaw

Howard Quayle