

Minutes of a Traffic Calming Meeting held on
Monday, 23 February 2004 at 8pm in the
WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village.

Accepted as a true record, as amended, at the Parish Council meeting on 1 March 2004.

Present: Cllr. S. Ambler (Chairman)
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. J. Brooks
Cllr. P. Crawley
Cllr. D. Jackson
Cllr. S. Payne

The Chairman welcomed the very large number of residents who had come along this evening to the meeting.

1. Apologies: Cllr. N. Dent

2. Declarations of Interest
None declared.

3. Crime & Disorder Implications.

The Chairman reminded Members that they had to consider the crime and disorder implications of any decisions they might reach this evening.

4. Traffic Calming

For the benefit of the public present the Chairman gave a précis of how the Council had arrived at tonight's meeting. He then said that he would go through the items in the order of the 3 primary sites: Hitches Lane, Pilcot Road and Crondall Road. Each would be dealt with in turn. One of the things he asked Members to bear in mind was that Members were free to decide on issues tonight but the ultimate decision would rest with the Highway Authority.

HITCHES LANE TRIAL

(i) Should the existing scheme be made permanent?

The Chairman asked Members if they had any views on this but no one wished to comment. A vote was taken and Members rejected this scheme

Action: request HCC to remove the pinch point.

(ii) Should the speed limit extension be implemented as proposed by HCC ?

The Chairman asked for any views on this but none were put forward. A vote was taken and Members accepted this scheme.

Action: request HCC to install gateway feature as shown on the drawings 2 & 6, including different surface marking and extension of speed limit.

PILCOT HILL TRIAL

The existing trail includes a chicane and build outs, however there is an alternative scheme on the table.

(i) Should the existing scheme be made permanent?

The Chairman invited comments. Cllr. Collins said it was a mess and would remain that way if we made it permanent. If the residents don't want any speed calming on that section of the road then let them have it. Cllr. Jackson said he would echo the views of the considerable number of people who have written – the speed rates recorded do not justify its retention. He believed that the emphasis of a gateway feature would highlight the 30mph limit. Cllr. Brooks said it was dangerous for pedestrians who were forced onto the wrong side of the road. There had also been a number of accidents with the build outs. A vote was taken and the majority voted to reject this scheme.

Action: Request HCC to remove the chicanes and pinch points along Pilcot Road.

(ii) New Gateway feature – Pilcot Road (not trialled)

The suggested feature is just between The Crescent and Knight Close as well as the Gateway feature there is a proposal to widen the footway because the gateway has a certain amount of width onto the verge or pavement. Members were pleased with what was being offered on sheets 4 and 7 of the drawings dated 15.1.04.

Cllr Crawley asked whether the proposals to extend the 30mph into Dogmersfield could be discussed. The Chairman said that items such as this which have not been brought up before tonight be brought back to another parish council meeting.

A vote was taken and members unanimously voted to accept the new gateway feature and widening of the footway.

Action: Request HCC to install the new gateway feature and widen footway as per drawings 4 & 7 dated 15.1.04.

CRONDALL ROAD TRIAL

The Chairman said as Members are all aware there are two trial buildouts and pinch points at the moment – the buildouts are not where the council would have liked them originally but for safety reasons had to be where they are now. The other thing, which Members have had conflicting responses on was the HCC suggestion that there should be a 3rd build out down towards Orchard House on the other side of the road which would then be inside what is proposed to be the extended 30mph limit the other side of Zephon Common road with a new gateway feature. That is HCC desired solution for that area.

Because of the complexity of this scheme the Chairman said he would deal with the issues separately.

(i) Should the existing scheme, and the proposed 3rd buildout be made permanent?

The Chairman invited comments. There was a lengthy debate on the existing buildouts and the point was made that a great deal of correspondence from residents had been against these. A vote was taken and the majority of Members rejected the scheme. Discussion with regard to the proposed 3rd buildout took place and there was opposition to this from nearby residents. Members believed that the sight lines were inadequate for a buildout in this area – it would force all traffic to the eastern side of the road and would be a serious road safety hazard.

Action: request HCC to remove the buildouts in Crondall Road.

(ii) Do members support the 30mph limit extension to the point just south of Zephon Common Lane?

The Chairman invited comments – none were made.

A vote was taken on extension of the 30mph limit in Crondall Road and all voted to accept the scheme.

Action: request HCC to extend the 30mph limit to a point just south of Zephon Common Lane – drawing no. 7.

(iii) Do Members support the proposal for a new gateway feature at the site of the proposed new 30mph limit just south of Zephon Common Lane?

The Chairman invited comments. There was a lengthy debate on the issue.

Cllr. Jackson said he believed we needed to have reminder speed signs along the road but without getting too cluttered. He also thought that rumble strips at the new gateway would be beneficial as it is far enough away from properties not to be a nuisance.

A vote was taken and Members unanimously accepted the proposal.

The question was asked as to how much all this would cost and the Chairman advised that the total cost for all 3 sites is about £7,500 (that is the calming as well as the gateways) – this will be split between HCC and the Parish Council. It was thought that the costs would be less than this. The Chairman said we would go back to HCC with our wishes – but he thought they might throw up their hands in horror. The Chairman said that other issues such as road colouring and rumble strips could be dealt with at another meeting.

Action: request HCC to erect a gateway feature at the site proposed for the new 30 mph extension.

It was agreed that the buildouts could be removed fairly quickly. Cllr. Mrs. Brooks asked that we get this moving fairly quickly. The Chairman said that now we had made a decision the trial measures will be removed fairly quickly but it is not known how quickly the gateway features could be installed – members stated it was desirable not to have a gap between removal and installation – this was agreed

The Chairman was advised that there are two rubber tubes across the road at the Strangers Corner stretch of Crondall Road. Clerk to ask what they have been placed there for asap.

The Chairman proposed that we lobby our County Cllr to get this moved forward as quickly as possible.

The meeting closed at 9pm – Members felt that the public seemed pleased with the decisions taken.