

## **Traffic Working Group**

### **Report for Parish Annual Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

The Traffic Working Group was set up in 2018 to develop ideas and projects to reduce speed and volume of traffic through the Parish and drive these projects to implementation. The current projects are listed below.

#### **40MPH Buffer Zones**

This project was started July 2019 was funded by local and PC donation and SCC and has now been fully implemented. We have four buffer zones at the entrances of the villages.

- **Approved - July 2019**
- **Completed - January 2022**

#### **Quiet Lanes Project – Wratting Road Withersfield**

The Quiet Lanes Project is a project to identify suitable roads as Quiet Lanes. A Quiet Lane is a nationally recognised designation of single-track road to make it safer for people to use for cycling, walking and horse riding, by the erection of signs and publicity. Funded by SCC

- **Project Started - January 2021**
- **Consultation - March 2021**
- **Approval - April 2021**
- **Completion scheduled May 2022**

We have been approved in wave 2 with no costs to the PC. The polls for the signs have been erected and the signs are scheduled to be installed by the end of the month.

#### **ANPR Camara Scheme**

The Automated Number Plate Recognition Camara records the number plate and speed of vehicles and the scheme allows this information to be passed to the Police. Withersfield were approved to have a camara installed on Withersfield Road.

- **Applied 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021**
- **Approved 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**
- **Completion 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

The ANPR Camara was installed on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022. We are one of the first Parish Councils to have a camara. The Camara will be in position for 7 days and

will return on a rota basis being shared with other councils in Suffolk. There are 10 cameras in all to share.

The data on speed and number plate recognition will be passed to the Police and speed data without number plate details will be shared with Withersfield PC. Letters will not be sent yet as this process will start in July but if the speeding is significant then the Police may send out a mobile speed van.

### **Withersfield 20 MPH Zone**

The 20 MPH Zone for the whole of Withersfield Village was agreed by SCC in July 2020 but costs have escalated and we have been unable to agree the required type of traffic calming for the project.

- **Approved July 2020**
- **Completion TBA**

Bobby Bennett SCC agreed on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to co-ordinate a meeting between Peter Stevens WSCC, Graeme Mateer Head of Transport Strategy SCC and a representative from Withersfield PC to discuss the options.

- **We still await the meeting date. To be followed up**

### **Double Yellow Lines at Melbourne Bridge**

The parking on Queens Street after Melbourne Bridge has become dangerous because the people using the fishing club are now parking close to the end of the yellow lines. The yellow lines need to be extended so this dangerous parking is stopped. SCC has said they will not fund the cost and the costs are prohibitive for Withersfield PC. This issue was discussed at the Villages Working Group.

- **Bobby Bennett agreed to follow up with Suffolk Highways.**

### **Traffic Problems on Three Counties Way**

With the new development at the Arboretum has been approved this will increase the traffic problems in this area. This has been identified and discussed at the Villages Working Group.

- **Project ongoing.**

### **Villages Working Group**

The second Villages working Group meeting was convened on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The group was set up to co-ordinate an approach to traffic calming in all villages around north and east Haverhill.

This group is seen as the best route to obtain the additional funding needed for the 20MPH Zone in Withersfield and to resolve problems on Three Counties Way and the yellow lines on Melbourne Bridge.

Those present were;-

- Bobby Bennet SCC,
- Graeme Mateer Head of Transport Strategy SCC,
- Peter Stevens WSCC and
- Representatives from Withersfield, Great Wrating and Great Bradley.

Withersfield presented it's projects including the following:-

- Quiet Lanes
- ANRP Carrara instillation
- Safety problems with yellow lines in Queens Road at Melbourne Bridge
- Problems on Three Counties Way
- Funding for the 20MPH Zone

#### **Action Points agreed by the next VWG meeting**

- PM would check 106 Funding to see if the funds for controlling speed could be allocated to this project
- LB would engage with Greater Cambridge Partnership as they have some responsibilities for traffic flows through these villages
- GM would send details of the HGV network consultation to members
- GM would speak to David Chenery about the Double Yellow lines extension on Queen Street Withersfield
- BB would speak to David Chenery about the 40MPH buffers in Withersfield to find out when they will be implemented
- BB will speak to David Chenery about the 20MPOH Zone to see how it could be moved forward.
- BB would seek an update on ANPR
- WG to send map/diagram of speed limits to BB
- Each parish to consider a future "wish list" of highways mitigations.

**Bobby Bennett is to co-ordinate the next meeting. We are chasing for this to be arranged**

Although the progress has slowed as a result of the pandemic we continue to work through all projects identified.

**Frank Eve**

**TWG 10/05/22**

