

NEWBOLD ASTBURY cum MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

Present – Mr Simon Wallace - CE Highways Engineer, Mr Sean Halewood - CE Highways Engineer (*arrived late*), Ms Fay Price - CE Project Co-Ordinator, Cllr L Wardlow CE, Cllr R Bailey CE, Cllr J Carter (Chairman of the PC), Cllr A Banks, Cllr P Cliff, Cllr P Critchlow, Cllr J Critchlow and Ms. J Mason - Clerk.

Public – 36 members present

Cheshire East took all the names and contact details of those present.

Venue –Astbury Village Hall

Date – 13th March 2019 @ 6.00pm – 7.20pm

Wallhill Lane mitigation measures due to the construction of the Congleton Link Road

The PC and CE had arranged this meeting to begin the process of consulting with the residents on the mitigation measures on Wallhill Lane / Brownlow Heath Lane/Childs Lane/ Brook Lane in the Parish of Newbold Astbury cum Moreton. The invitation had been placed on the website and in the Annual Parish Newsletter.

JC opened the meeting stating the reason of the meeting was to discuss the mitigation highway issues within Brownlow due to the construction of the CLR and to establish working links between CE Highways and Residents. The residents asked for a comparison of these figures from the ones in 2014.

The main areas of concerns expressed by Residents were as follows;

- Brownlow Heath lane should also have mitigation measures
- Potential future volume of traffic
- The accidents at the Brownlow crossroads
- The speed of the traffic and lack of courtesy for the residents.
- The verges being destroyed, and the side of the roads eroded
- The passing points at the pinch point not effective
- The right-hand bend on Brownlow Heath Lane to Brook Lane
- The amount of HGV's
- The speed of tractors in the lanes
- The passing traffic along Brownlow Heath Lane when there are cars parked outside the houses.
- Lorries weight not enforced as there was a 7.5 tonne limit.
- They would like the consultation just kept to the residents

Residents asked for actions be taken quickly as the situation is awful now.

SH is asking residents to work collaboratively on this project as they will have to live with the measures implemented.

Several measures were suggested.

There were many suggestions offered;

- A roundabout at the end of Wallhill Lane /Childs Lane
- Speed bumps/ cushions
- Pinch points
- Speed display cameras
- Reduction in the speed limit
- Make the road narrow to stop the quarry traffic turning south out of the site
- Close the slip road from Sandbach Road
- Improve the signage that traffic would not travel down Walhill Lane and go to Arclid Traffic lights when traveling to Stoke on Trent.
- The junction on to the A34 to be considered.
- To take off the route from the SATNAV routes.
- Link the link road to the A34
- Access only

The conclusion of the next stages was that Mr Sean Halewood offered to have one to one discussions with the residents on the issues in the lanes and discuss possible solutions. It was suggested these could also be in a central location where residents could drop in.

There were three points of contact given to the Clerk together with the existing link with a co-ordinating resident to ensure all residents were kept up to date as the process moved forward.

Meeting closed at 7.20pm.

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