

## **NEWBOLD ASTBURY cum MORETON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Present** – Mr Sean Halewood - CE Highways Engineer, Ms Fay Price - CE Project Co-Ordinator, Cllr L Wardlow CE, Cllr R Bailey CE, Cllr J Carter ( Chairman of the PC) and Ms. J Mason - Clerk.

**Venue** –Municipal Buildings- Crewe

**Date** – 27<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 @ 10.00am – 11.30am

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

The PC and Ward members had been invited by CE to begin the consultation process for the mitigation measures on Wallhill Lane in the Parish of Newbold Astbury cum Moreton Parish Council.

JC opened the meeting stating that the issues of traffic of Wallhill Lane had been included in the adopted Neighbourhood Plan for Astbury. He elaborated that the residents along the lane were very involved in the process to date and had attended the last PC meeting to voice their concerns on the last circulated draft plan. FP said this was not finalised at all and was open to negotiation within this process.

JC read out all the improvements which had been circulated by the residents. Points included were , i) 'access only' except for farm traffic, ii) white bollards from Charity Cottage to Summit Cottage iii) 20mph speed limit iv) visual planting and gateways on entering the lane v) reduce the weight limit v) block the slip road from the A534 vi) change of road surface ( maybe speed bumps) vii) demarcation for a footpath viii) Brownlow Heath Lane to be included and concern of the right hand turn from A34 ix) the junction on Wallhill Lane and Child Lane to be improved due to the number of accidents x ) speed camera.

LW discussed the lane and the issues that were happening due to the larger vehicles/ farm traffic and the speed of the traffic.

SH was the appointed engineer for the improvements and discussed all the proposals briefly as some were not enforceable. The access only route was now out of date. He reported his aim was to reduce the speed of traffic and make the lane as unattractive as possible to the cut through traffic, so they chose an alternative route. He wanted to consult with the residents and the PC to reach a conclusion which was the best and be able to walk away knowing we had reached the best possible outcome. There was a budget available and he wanted to start the consultation process as soon as possible.

They wished to place two speed strips along the lane to report speed/ volume and type of traffic. He asked for support on the positions.

It was agreed there would be a meeting arranged for the 13<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm – 7pm before the next Parish Council meeting. SH would attend and the Clerk would invite the residents. SH would then attend the Annual Parish Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> April to again discuss issues on Wallhill Lane which would ensure the wider audience of the Parish were involved.

Meeting closed at 11.30am