

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013 at 7pm in Eyke Village Hall.

As this was an extraordinary meeting to discuss traffic calming measures now that funding is available to provide them, no minutes were read, nor other business considered.

**Present:** Mr Fleming, in the chair, Mrs Abu-Hejleh, Mr Cushing, Mr Smith, Mr Whitmore, Mr Mutten (from 7.20pm) Cllr. Andrew Reid, Mr David Chenery SCC, and the clerk.

Mr Fleming asked Mrs Abu-Hejleh to explain what the Traffic Working Party had discussed at its meeting with Mr Chenery.

Mrs Abu-Hejleh explained that the funding had come from Suncourt, on the residential side of Bentwaters, and so Bentwaters Parks, on the commercial side, had so far made no contribution.

The measures were the same as discussed at last year's Annual Parish Meeting.

1. 30mph signs to be moved further south at the south end of the village.
2. Gateways, to include a village sign and possibly *Eyke Welcomes Careful Drivers*.
3. Speed camera signs
4. Vehicle Activated Signs
5. Horse warning or crossroads sign (Creasey's Hill/ Church Lane junction with the A1152)
6. Kerb build-out at the top of Castle Hill, to match the one at the Elephant & Castle.
7. Mill House bend. It was agreed that there is realistically no suitable measure at this point.

Mr Chenery explained that the Parish Council needs to agree on exactly what is required, so that detailed proposals can be put to Suffolk County Council. He felt most of the measures would be acceptable, but the Parish Council would need to make a strong case for moving the 30mph sign, and for permanent vehicle activated signs.

Graham Newman is new to the role of Cabinet member for Roads and Transport, and his views on speed limit policy are not yet known. It is likely that limit changes will only be made in exceptional circumstances. The County Council now favours the temporary VAS, which can be moved on a monthly basis to different locations. The Parish Council would need to make a passionate plea, with reasons, and this would be best done through Cllr. Reid, who has access to the departments concerned.

It was agreed to write to Cllr Reid, copying in Mr Chenery, including references to the school, the proximity of the 20's *Plenty* sign to the 30mph sign, the Quiet Lanes Initiative, the size of lorries, volume of traffic and general unsuitability of The Street, which was upgraded from a B to an A road years ago.

Mr Chenery pointed out that the moving of the sign could depend on what hedging can be removed. About 10m on both sides would be required, with a minimum width of a metre. Mrs Pooley is to provide Mr Chenery with details of the two owners (Mr Robinson and Mr Smith) and he will write to them from SCC. There will also be regulations to comply with, imposed by SCDC.

The issue of whether a horse warning sign, or a crossroads sign was preferable was discussed: SCC prefer the latter.

Also discussed was the kerb build out with the unresolved issue between Mr Cushing and Mr Mutten over how wide this should be, given the differing needs of the adjacent householders, and those trying to access The Street from Castle Hill. The matter was deferred for later discussion.

Mr Chenery pointed out that once the issues regarding the 30mph sign and the VAS are resolved, matters can move ahead quite speedily.

The Parish Council agreed to look on site at the optimum distance to move the 30mph sign immediately after the meeting.

Mr Fleming thanked Cllr Reid and Mr Chenery for attending the meeting which was then closed at 8.20pm.