WYBUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT GROUP

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 24TH JUNE 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WYBUNBURY

PRESENT:

Councillor N Arnott Meeting Chairman
Councillors S Howcroft and P Jackson

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk - Mike Forbes, Nick Jarvis - PCSO

1 APOLOGIES:

Councillor J Mahon

2 WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN AND ADOPTION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting.
He went on to ask Councillor Jackson to read out the Terms of Reference previously distributed to members. There being no objection they were adopted.

3 TRAFFIC SPEED PROBLEMS

Councillor Howcroft outlined some of the problems that had been experienced with siting the SIDs and recording the speed of vehicles. The battery had gone flat in one situation and all the data lost. Technical difficulties had been experienced with setting the speed limits. Changing the speed from 30mph to 60 mph required for the different roads raised a computer problem. The upgrade has been obtained so in future the problem should be solved. He pointed out that he was not impressed with the program used by the SID.
However the SID has been positioned in various locations in the village and data will soon be available for analysis. Asked if there was any indication that speeding occurred at a particular time or day, he said that it was fairly unpredictable though some speeding occurred at night.
Nick mentioned that he and a colleague had carried out several speed watch checks recently.
Councillor Arnott said that the work of moving and siting the SID should be shared amongst the members to ease the burden on Councillor Howcroft and Councillor Mahon.

4 PARKING AREA PROBLEMS

The problems with parking in the parish were discussed. Each problem would have to be judged on its merits and we would work with the police on resolving them.

5 SID LOCATIONS

The SID had been located twice in Stock Lane and once in Dig Lane and Annions Lane. It was currently located in Wybunbury Lane.

E-mail from Hilary Roberts, a resident of Wybunbury Lane endorsed by Steve Read of Haymoorgreen

The e-mail points out several hazards existing in Wybunbury Lane which would cause concern where motorists are speeding. She asks that the Parish Council look at ways to make the lane safer. The issues were discussed at length and it was decided that Councillor Jackson should make a formal request to CEC Highways to restrict the speed limit to 40mph. He said that he would try to get support from Stapeley whose area was also involved.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE SID

Discussions took place over possible alternatives such as fixed SIDs or small reminder signs that lit up as the motorist passed similar to the ones installed near Hankelow. The latter might be battery or solar powered but this would require some investigation. Councillor Jackson indicated that there might be some possibility of funding from the Nantwich LAP Highways Group budget. Councillor Howcroft recommended that we look at 2 of the small reminder signs and the Chairman asked him to investigate the costs and operation.

7 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING To be arranged following Nantwich LAP Highways group meeting in September.**

……Chairman.....Date