

Action Points – Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish -13th August 2024

Updated after Parish Council Meeting on 10th September 2024

Serial	Issue	Action/ Outcome
1	Installation of Air pollution monitors on A303	<p>Cllr Shuttleworth thought that if we want to push the government to change the road then having data from air pollution monitors would help show the impact the A303 is having on the village.</p> <p>The Chair will enquire with the villager who works for the Environment Agency to see if they can influence the situation, if not the Chair will send a letter to the Environment Agency to ask about air pollution monitors and whether the Environment Agency will monitor Winterbourne Stoke.</p>
2	Winterbourne Stoke classed as an urban area by National Highways	<p>Cllr Shuttleworth has submitted a Freedom of Information Act to National Highways. The Chair felt that we should wait for the FOIA request to be answered before we decide what to do next.</p>
3	Outcome of the legal appeal against the tunnel scheme due September/ October	<p>The Chair and Cllr Shuttleworth will both monitor the situation and inform the Parish when the results are released.</p>
4	Shrewton Parish Council to press for changes to Rollestone crossroads.	<p>The Chair is monitoring the situation, but is hopeful he and Cllr Shuttleworth will find out more at Shrewton’s Extraordinary Meeting on Thursday 12th September 2024.</p>
5	A303 not fit for purpose as a trunk road.	<p>Cllr Shuttleworth has submitted a Freedom of Information Act to National Highways. The Chair felt that this is a priority, but we will wait to see what the FOIA comes back with before making any decisions.</p>
6	Rat runs in local villages. Wiltshire Council to be invited to implement scheme to use cameras to fine rat runners.	<p>The Chair discussed how he had seen on Somerset Live that Devon and Cornwall Police are using 3 free-standing Acusensus camera systems as part of a 12-month project. In the first 72 hours they detected 117 mobile phone and 180 seat belt offences (total 297 offences). The system uses AI to detect potential offences, which are then verified by a person. The Chair proposes that maybe Winterbourne Stoke should look into a similar system to tackle rat running.</p>

		<p>Cllr Shuttleworth explained that these cameras cost approximately £600 each, and that that if the camera was on the A303 then National Highways would need to give permission, but if the camera was placed in a villager's garden, then no consent is needed.</p> <p>All councillors agreed that this is worth looking into.</p> <p>This is a high priority so Cllr Shuttleworth will send all councillors information regarding the cameras.</p>
7	Cllr Kevin Daley keen to know what the villagers want regarding the A303 scheme.	<p>The Chair will email Cllr Kevin Daley and invite him to future Parish Council meetings. The Chair will also invite Kevin to contact Devon Council regarding views from Exeter and Plymouth councils on economic impacts of delays on A303.</p> <p>Cllr Pywell brought up that it might be a good idea to contact Wincanton and Home Bargains to see how the traffic financially impacts them.</p> <p>Cllr Ewart discussed how Gregorys also transports a lot down the A303, so they might also be worth contacting as they are a local, family run business</p> <p>The Chair will email Cllr Kevin Daley regarding these ideas.</p>
8	Reduce the speed limit on the A303 in Winterbourne Stoke.	<p>Cllr Pywell pointed out that in order to get the speed limit reduced the average driver has to already be travelling at less than 20-mph, which they definitely aren't.</p> <p>Cllr Ewart explained that that could help, however the police would need to come at the right time, that is, make sure they don't come when traffic is queuing.</p> <p>The Chair will write to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson, to explain the issues Winterbourne Stoke is having with regards to speeding drivers.</p>
9	Cameras needed to ensure safety of pedestrian crossing in Winterbourne Stoke.	<p>Cllr Shuttleworth explained that the cameras mentioned in Action Point 6 could not capture people running a red light. So, we could potentially invite National Highways to Winterbourne Stoke to observe how dangerous the crossing is. Furthermore, we could ask about having cameras on the traffic lights to capture red light runners.</p> <p>The Chair will invite National Highways to visit the village to see the crossing and discuss cameras on the traffic lights.</p>
10	Design of Longbarrow Roundabout contributes to delays on A303.	<p>The Chair felt that we should bring this issue to National Highways as we already have the backing of Wiltshire Council, but will also raise this concern at the Shrewton Extraordinary Meeting on Thursday 12th September 2024.</p>

11	State of the bridge over the River Till on A303	<p>Cllr Shuttleworth stated that initial inspection of the bridge reveals spalling concrete and rusting steel rebar reinforcements, and wrote to the Environmental Information Regulations. He was told that the bridge was last inspected in July 2022 and recorded as 'good', that the bridge was fully demolished at the time of the rebuild in 1939, so there are no areas where the original and rebuilt reinforced concrete structure are structurally integrated, and lastly, they said that the bridge is due for a tactile close-up inspection between the 6th October 2024 and 5th January 2025.</p> <p>Cllr Shuttleworth wrote back wanting to clarify the inspection date as he has been told by National Highways that an inspection was due on the 30th September 2024, and whether an inspection would involve them checking under the bridge and when they last used X-ray/gamma cameras to demonstrate the reinforcements were structurally sound.</p> <p>Cllr Shuttleworth is awaiting a response and will inform the Parish when he receives one.</p>
12	Engage with Cllr Robert Yuill on the views of English Heritage and National Trust on cancellation of the tunnel scheme.	The Chair will write to Cllr Robert Yuill to discuss English Heritage and the National Trust.
13	Inform Danny Kruger MP of the outcomes from the meeting and request his support to resolve the local traffic issues.	<p>The Chair has drafted a letter to the MP but felt that the Parish Council needs to decide what they want doing before a letter is sent to the MP. Subsequently, the Chair has composed a traffic plan. The traffic plan highlights all of the issues facing Winterbourne Stoke and the surrounding area because of the A303.</p> <p>All of the Councillors received a copy of the Traffic Plan which they will review and discuss at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Chair will also add more information that was discussed at this meeting.</p>
14	Traffic from the West enters the village too fast.	<p>The Chair discussed that the current 40-mph speed limit sign is by The Scotland Lodge, but felt that the sign should be moved out further.</p> <p>The Chair also suggested that it could change to go from dual carriage way to 50-mph then to 40-mph.</p>

		<p>Cllr Shuttleworth felt that the 40-mph speed limit signs need to be moved out further in both directions, potentially to Longbarrow roundabout.</p> <p>Cllr Shuttleworth also discussed how more signs need to be moved. The sign that says no HGV's over 7.5 tonnes that is currently on the Berwick St James Road should be on the A303, so drivers know not to turn.</p> <p>Cllr Pywell stated that there is the same issue on the B3083 towards Shrewton, the sign is after lorries have already made the turn. Additionally, the No Military Vehicles sign is after the turn. The signs need to be on the A303.</p> <p>The Chair will write to National Highways to inform them of the requested sign changes.</p>
15	Install a speed indicator (as in BSJ) near the B3083 junction.	<p>Cllr Ewart stated that she likes speed indicator signs as they immediately tell drivers that they are going too fast.</p> <p>Cllr Shuttleworth explained that they cannot collect, it is only speed guns that can collect data, and because the speed limit is over 30-mph we cannot do community speed patrols with a speed gun because it is deemed too dangerous.</p> <p>Cllr Shuttleworth also stated that speed indicator signs cost approximately £1200, not including the solar panel used to charge them.</p> <p>When the Chair writes to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson, regarding the issues with speed, he will also say that we are unable to do community speed watches. If Philip Wilkinson won't/can't help we will look into getting a speed indicator sign.</p>
16	Install repeater speed limit signs through the village.	<p>The Chair will email National Highways to inform them that we need more repeater speed limit signs.</p>
17	Vehicle controlled traffic lights are needed on the A303 and Church Street, to allow vehicles to more easily leave the village via Church Street.	<p>Cllr Shuttleworth explained we need to move the existing pedestrian-controlled crossing eastwards to have a single set of lights at Church Street.</p> <p>Cllr Pywell brought up that more traffic comes from the B3083, so thought it might be more beneficial to have lights there instead.</p> <p>The Chair was concerned that implementing either of these changes would make it easier for rat runners to pull out of the B3083.</p>

		<p>Cllr Pywell pointed out that we would know if we had the cameras discussed in Action Point 6.</p> <p>Cllr Shuttleworth stated that it has been proposed to make the B3083 a 'Quiet Lane'. Which means the road would be 20-mph and single lane. Thus, making rat running very unattractive, and solving the Shrewton/Berwick St James traffic issues for a very low cost.</p> <p>Cllr Parkin, Cllr Pywell and Cllr Ewart all felt that this would be a bad idea and just make it harder for locals to travel.</p> <p>Cllr Parkin wanted to know if there are any alternatives to solving the rat running without making the B3083 a 'Quiet Lane'.</p> <p>Cllr Shuttleworth suggested that an ANPR system could be implemented to fine rat runners.</p> <p>Cllr Parkin felt this would be a better way to stop rat runners and not impede locals. However, Cllr Shuttleworth noted that none of these changes would happen quickly. The Chair will write to National Highways to see if moving the traffic lights is a viable option, but might be better to hold fire until we have more data.</p>
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