

Highways meeting Feb 22nd Charity House

Present

Staffordshire County Council

Graham Hunt

Tim Buxton

Richard Rayson

Phillip White

Tutbury Parish Council

Chrys Smedley

Karen Duffill

The clerk distributed the formal proposals collated from a public meeting and a full parish council meeting for discussion regarding implementation and review. It was agreed that these should be incorporated into a feasibility study carried out by Staffordshire County Council (SCC) contractor.

Monk Street and High Street- For resident badges to be issued then the regulations would need to be kept in place as a restricted parking zone. Charges would be implemented for residents for badges in this scheme and more traffic enforcement officers would manage this.

A surgery at the village hall could be held to ascertain resident's views on this suggestion and a one-way system on these roads. Changing the speed limit would not make much of a difference as the parking changes would have an impact on speed if the lines were implemented in a chicane effect 20 mph limit falls below the enforcement limit. Speed could be monitored on these roads as part of the feasibility study. It was felt that removing the restrictions on Monk Street may be the best option for residents.

Discussion took place around restrictions in other areas as set out in the proposals. The feasibility study would look at the amount of spaces overall and remove lines where possible and implement restriction in other areas, with the overall aim of increasing the parking capacity. It was felt that the restrictions should be consistent through the village so that it is easier for people to understand rather than having to check the sign for different areas. Implementing restrictions on Duke street was feasible. However, in previous consultations any additional restrictions in Ludgate Street were 100% refused.

Emergency vehicles access is reported if this have been a problem to the highways however, no reports had been made in Tutbury.

High Street would be better tackled in phase two of the overall project with hard landscape changes to manage speed and parking and to make the High Street more attractive. This is likely to take 2-3 years. However, SCC did say that parking meters may need to be assessed in the future, but more of a longer-term option

HGVs a study had been carried out in 2011 to assess how many HGVs travelled through the village and in a 24-hour period 33 travelled from Fauld through Tutbury and 39 travelled West bound from Fauld to Coton in the Elm.

Feasibility study

To assess the impact of removing restrictions on Monk Street

To assess how many parking spaces are available in Tutbury

To review existing restrictions and look at removing some and placing additional ones elsewhere to provide an overall increase in parking.

Tackle parking that is seen to be hazardous to the safety of the roads identified.

To assess the speed on Monk Street and High Street.

To hold a surgery to assess residents' opinions of the proposed changes

To assess a phase two for hard landscaping changes to improve traffic flow parking in High Street.

Parish Council considerations

To assess a contribution of £4000 to match the £4000 that Cllr P White was willing to make towards the Feasibility study and Traffic Regulation Order. Consider grant funding from Safer Roads grant or Staffordshire Crowd funding or potential sponsorship of the scheme from local business.

To consider implementing a speed watch initiative in Tutbury.

To involve parishioners and explain the benefits of the scheme.

Timescales

Decision to be made by 31st March

4 weeks to prepare the study (Amey to carry this out in April)

4 weeks consultation period

4 weeks reporting back and address any issues highlighted

4 weeks review

Decision process

4 weeks implementation

Implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order Phase One was likely to be around Christmas 2018 allowing sufficient time for the feasibility and consultation periods. Enforcement teams would be aligned to enforce the new restrictions and to make sure that changes were effective.