

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL (TPC)

Due to the outbreak of Corona Virus remote meetings have been permitted according to the regulations that came into force on 4th April 2020 The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

A virtual meeting of the Parish Council was hosted by ZOOM 29th September 2020. Those present were Cllrs, R Lock (Chairperson) K England (Vice Chair), C Smedley, L Anderson, F Crossley, W Crossley

Borough Councillors S Gaskin, G Raybould, County Councillor P White

9 members of the public.

09GL/20 1. Apologies

, , Cllrs, L Evans, T Spencer Smith,). D Morris Borough Cllr S Gaskin, County Councillor P White (Technical issue.

The clerk was unable to attend due to sick leave.

09GL/20 2.0 Declarations of Interest & Dispensation requests

2.1 None Declared

09GL/20 3.0 Public Participation:

3.1 The chair outlined the details provided by County Cllr P White before inviting the public to participate.

Highways have inspected the pedestrian exit; the decision was made for the exit to remain closed. It was deemed as a suitable type of exit, but the road requires a speed and frequency survey, to assess and improve the safety. The County Council will also consider the parish council recommendations for safety measures.

Recommendation should be evidence based as appropriate to be considered by Highways and the County Councillor. Sufficient public consultation should be sought in relation to the effects the measures would have on the parish, especially for the more radical options available. The type of safety measure recommended should be in relation to the usage of the road and cost consideration.

Suitable Safety measures could include but are not limited to.

- Crossing signage
- Painted crossing markings
- Hardware improvement for example a chicane for cyclists.
- Gates for the exit
- Speed cushions, but these would be more expensive

- Weight and speed limits

More extreme measures

- Move the exit
- Close the exit
- Close the road.

Resident one

Keep exit open it is good for access to the fields. Traffic is dangerous. Hedges needs cutting.

Resident two

Moving the access nearer to the kennels entrance and farm track, pedestrians would not be walking directly on the road but onto the access lane.

Resident Three

The exit opposite comes out straight onto the road. To address the speed on the road and install signage would make an improvement. Speed humps would be good but not closing the road.

Resident four

Move the exit closer to Green Lane Kennel entrance and cutting back of the hedge on the heritage park side. Provision was not made to improve the road when planning permission was granted for Heritage Park. It is important to use Green Lane in icy weather rather than Ironwalls. Keep the exit open. Implement speed limit reduction. Who will cut the hedges going forward? The fence gives the residents no access to maintain the hedges.

Resident five

Hedgerows are a problem, affecting visibility, the exit will be the same as Portway Drive. The approach on the bend from Belmot Rod is more dangerous so to reduce speed with a hump and reduce HGVs would improve safety, However the refuse lorries and farm vehicles would still require access. Green Lane Hedgerow is problem since Heritage park took ownership.

Resident six

Hedgerow is a problem the pedestrian access is not the problem but the safety of the road, increase in HGVs and speed in the daytime. A one way may increase speed. Closing the road would not be logical and removing access for the residents. Maintaining the hedgerow will increase visibility, maybe remove the hedge. The road speed could be 10mph.

Resident seven

The resident printed agendas off for Green Lane residents, she works from home and has good view point of Green Lane. HGVs are few and do slow down but the

cars do not slow down and the speed is the issue. More cars parked in Green lane. A one-way road would increase the speed on the road. It is a rural lane, but it is used more as is a cut through road that has become very dangerous.

Resident eight

Speed limit should not be 60 it should be reduced as well as the weight limit. It would not be a good thing to remove the hedge. The lane should be kept as green as on the name suggests and for the wildlife benefits.

Resident nine

Do not close the road or remove the hedge but reduce the speed limit.

Resident 10.

No further comments.

09GL/20 4. 0To review the safety issues on Green Lane

- 1. Consider the closure of the new pedestrian exit from Heritage park opposite Portway Drive
- 2. Speeding and visibility of cars
- 3. Consider the closure of Green Lane to vehicles

The chair and the County Councillor had a discussion prior to the meeting and believed that a combination of crossing signage at each end of the road, painted markings for the crossing, and Speed and weight limits on the road might be suitable.

The chair invited members to contribute to the meeting points raised.

Cllr L Anderson agreed that combination of measures would be effective, and more measures will make more people aware of the danger on that road. Mirrors may increase visibility but may make drivers less careful. However, he was cautious that the parish would have limited say and the County Council will make the decision and questioned what process they would take. Would they require their own consultation? The chair confirmed that County Councillor White and Highways are happy to consider the Parish Council suggestions and this meeting is an effective consultation. Highways were going to be carrying out safety surveys on Burton Road, therefore it is easier to tag this request on to that work.

Cllr K England commented that pedestrians cannot walk on the pavement or get a push chair through on Green Lane due to parked cars, white vans speeding down the lane. If the pedestrian exit was moved nearer to the kennels, there is a problem if pedestrians want to access Portway drive. Chevrons on the road is likely to slow the road down and reduce the speed.

Cllr P Steadman suggested the parish council find out the results of the survey and improve the access to make it safer look at speed and weight restrictions.

Cllr F Crossley agreed with a lot of what had been said. Would Highways consider road narrowing signs at either end of the road. The Hedges need to be cut back twice a year. The chair responded by stating the County council will not cut the hedge it is too costly to instruct legal action for landowners to do this and would not take responsibility for this unless they had no choice. He suggested that letters should be written to ask the landowners to maintain the hedge.

Cllr F Crosslet proposed the exit was moved nearer the kennels

Cllr C Smedley noted both pedestrian exits have the same visibility, so pedestrian crossing markings, a gate would make the exit safer. Agricultural vehicles use the lane. She requested to not remove the hedge.

Cllr W Crossley stated there were two problems, one was lane itself and the other the access. The hedges could be cut by the County Council and the speed would be reduced, by Raised area for a crossing.

Ironwalls is very steep and dangerous in icy weather. Widen the road to improve the parking problems, Parish Council powers are limited it will be Highways that will make the ultimate decision.

In response to the comments made the chair proposed the following summary of measures should be passed to the County Councillor P white to consider.

The current hedgerow problem should be addressed in a future meeting.

Crossing signage

Crossing Markings on the road

Weight, narrowing and speed restrictions as deemed appropriate by Highways

Replacement of barrier for the pedestrian exit with gates

Cllr L Anderson seconded the proposal.

Cllr F Crossley suggested that the County Council should be made aware that the Parish Council were not in favour of having Green lane closed.

Cllr W Crossley objected to the proposal being made and recommended that it should be a proposal to be voted on at the next Parish council meeting as the

agenda did not state that a proposal would be made on the agenda. The chairman disagreed on the ground that he believed it was implied by the agenda that recommendations would be made in the current meeting.

Cllr F Crossley questioned why the proposal was being directed to the County councillor rather than directly to Highways. The chair reiterated that the County Councillor could negotiate on the Parish behalf with Highways, and that he had been invited to a meeting with Highways to discuss the recommendations

09GL/20 5. 0Items for the next agenda

Leaflets drop residents on Green Lane to to address the hedge.

09GL/20 6.0 Dare of next meeting

23rd November