



Weldon Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Working Party Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd November 2022

Cllrs Present	John Cooke, Peter Dowsett (Chair), Mike Page, Colin Shepard, Graham Stray
Also Present	NNC Ward Councillor Kevin Watt, Jo France (representative from AECOM), 3 residents. and Sue Cook (Clerk)

WP.079 **Apologies** had been received from Cllrs J. Gibson and A. Page and were accepted

WP.080 **A resident raised concerns** about the volume of traffic still using Church Street; there has also been an increase in HGVs using Church Street. Is there a possibility of having an end to end footpath making it safe for walkers. Cllr Dowsett confirmed that the Parish Council is committed to resolving the traffic problems around the Parish. The 4th version of traffic calming on the Kettering Road was submitted to NNC Highways some 12 months ago, however there were some objections from residents and NNC Highways did not make a decision until Tom Pursglove MP got involved. NNC Highways did approve Persimmon purchasing and erecting “Unsuitable for HGVs” signs around the village, these are only advisable and seem to be ignored. The safety of people is important.
The infrastructure for the village is out of date now. It was suggested that with the help of AECOM we will become more robust.
Cllr Watt suggested that the Parish Council goes public with these problems by asking to speak at a future NNC executive meeting about the traffic problems and how to engage effectively with NNC Highways Authority to resolve.
The Clerk highlighted to the meeting that a resident broke her ankle recently on the Oundle Road footpath. The footpath was sided out 2 days after her accident which has only highlighted the poor state of the path. The problem with the footpath was reported on Fix my Street back in February, given the statutory 26 weeks to carry out the work however it took 40 weeks.
The Kettering Road footpath was reported to Fix my Street some 36 weeks ago, the work has still to be carried out.

WP.081 Cllr Dowsett went through the presentation of “**Travel to Weldon Academy**” which had been circulated to everyone who attended the meeting on 30th October chaired by Tom Pursglove MP with no responses.

WP.082 **The Action Log was not reviewed at this time**

WP.083 **Date of next meeting - Tuesday 24th January at 18:30 via Zoom**

Cllr Dowsett closed the meeting at 20:05