



# Weldon Parish Council

**Draft Minutes of Working Party Meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2024**

Cllrs Present	Jane Clowery, Peter Dowsett (Chair), Janet Gibson, Mike Page, Colin Shepard and Anton Vickers
Also Present	Rural Police Officer Brad Wilson, Simon Taylor, 3 residents and Sue Cook (Clerk)

**WP.106** **Apologies** had been received from Cllr A Page, along with apologies from 2 residents all were accepted

**WP.107** **Public time** - a resident reported that traffic had greatly reduced along Stamford Road whilst Kettering Road was closed and again today. Cllr Dowsett and Mr. Taylor were congratulated for producing the Traffic Analysis for Corby Road which showed slightly less traffic using Corby Road whilst Kettering Road was closed. Concern was raised about HGV's trying to use School Lane as a shortcut to Oundle Road and then having to reverse back onto Stamford Road because School Lane is too narrow damaging residents property in the process. Cllr Dowsett reported that hopefully the 7.5 Ton Weight Restriction can be extended to include the whole length of Stamford Road and therefore this will cover School Lane too. Kettering Road will be closed this evening (Wednesday 17th) for the night and following that there will be lane closures on the A43 so that construction of the 2nd roundabout can take place, the crossover point will remain closed throughout.

**WP.108** **Review of a meeting held on 15th November and was taken as read.**

**WP.109** **A43 Crossing** - Progress is being made although very slowly. Highways have agreed that there is a need for a crossing on the east side of the Zone 1 roundabout. There are several technical solutions to be found and 3 quotes are being asked for. Tom Pursglove MP's survey proved that there is an urgent need and the results have been sent to senior members of NNC Highways. Homes England may be able to assign some of the funding from Tresham Garden Village, which is now on hold. There is a possibility of installing a temporary crossing at a cost of £16,000 for 12 months however NNC will not approve this until the permanent one has been approved. Cllr A Page has written to Tom Pursglove MP and to Jason Smithers, Leader of NNC, in order to keep the pressure on. Under the planning conditions Persimmon are to build one on the roundabout for Zone 2 & 3 and Airfield Way, there may be the possibility of moving it to the Zone 1 roundabout instead.

**WP.110** **Persimmon traffic calming scheme v.6.1** - Mr Taylor reported that the Road Safety Audits 1 and 2 have taken place. The designs require technical approval by NNC Highways. As this is part of the Persimmon Planning Consent and that providing approval is given installation should take place later this year.

**WP.111** Cllr Dowsett reported that he has applied for a grant to **Vehicle Activated Sign for Church Street** to be placed as close to the Kettering Road junction as possible. In principle the grant has been approved however neither Cllr Dowsett nor the Clerk can find any trace of the Section 50 Licence. A Section 50 Licence permits an organisation to install a new apparatus or work on an



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existing apparatus on a public highway. It is believed that Corby Borough Council, as was, has Weldon Parish Council's Licence as they were involved in the installation of the original VAS's. The cost of a new licence is in the region of £740. NNC Highways have highlighted that there may be a problem with the lamppost not being strong enough to withstand the weight of the VAS in a strong wind, Cllr Dowsett is pursuing a solution to this. Highways will be installing 880 signs on Oundle Road and have agreed to install taller than normal to allow VAS's to be placed on them if required. It was also suggested to contact both Persimmon and Urban & Civic to do the same.

**WP.112**

**The Action Log** was reviewed and will be amended accordingly.

**WP.113**

**Date of next meeting - Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 18:30 via Zoom**

**Cllr Dowsett closed the meeting at 20:10**