



# Weldon Parish Council

**Draft Minutes of Working Party Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2024**

Cllrs Present	Peter Dowsett (Chair), Mike Page, and Colin Shepard
Also Present	Rural Councillor Kevin Watt, Simon Taylor, 5 residents, and Sue Cook (Clerk)

**WP.114** **Apologies** had been received from Cllr Gibson and Cllr A Page, both were accepted

**WP.115** **Public time** - a resident raised concerns about the proposed traffic calming along Church Street. The idea of all the traffic calming is in the first instance to slow the traffic down with the overall objective for drivers to use Airfield Way, A427 and the A43. Everything moves forward in small steps and one step at a time. The Parish Council is building up a good relationship with GLP, the developers of Magna Park, and are having regular meetings with them. As part of their Section 106 they are implementing traffic calming along the Kettering Road which includes a new 2 metre wide footpath, cycle ways on both sides of road which will narrow the road and a build out at Weldon Woodland Park/Church Street. The Parish Council has asked if GLP could request reduction of the speed down to 30 mph and move the built out to south of the Woodland Park. Cllr Shepard did remind the meeting that the Glebe Farm Developers as part of their Section 106 will be putting in a footpath from the entrance to the footpath outside the Church with a cross over point. Cllr Dowsett and Mr Taylor will be making an application to reduce the speed from 30 mph to 20 mph along High Street, Kettering Road to Church Street Junction, Church Street and the Oundle Road bends. Another resident is still having problems with HGV's trying to use School Lane instead of Oundle Road, releasing that the road is too narrow, reversing back out onto Stamford Road and cutting up the grass verge narrowly missing the road sign. School Lane has never had a weight restriction on. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotes for 2 55mm posts along with advisory signs "Unsuitable for HGVs".

**WP.116** **Review of a meeting held on 17th January and was taken as read.**

**WP.117** **A43 Crossing** - Cllr Page explained that there had been a meeting between members of Weldon Parish Council, Tom Pursglove MP, NNC Highways, Persimmon and Urban & Civic. It has been suggested moving the planned crossing from Zone 2 Roundabout/Airfield Way to the Zone 1 roundabout where the need is more urgent. Persimmon are being our guiding hand on this, Highways have agreed a design the cost of which is in the region of £200k. The Parish Council have ringed fenced £16K to allow a temporary crossing to be put in place for up to 12 months once agreement has been made about the exact location of the permanent one.

**WP.118** **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.



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- WP.119**      **Vehicle Activated Sign for Church Street** - Neither Cllr Dowsett nor the Clerk can find any trace of the Section 50 Licence, it is believed that the old Corby Borough Council (CBC) held the licence on behalf of the Parish Council and it has got lost in the transition of changing to North Northamptonshire Council (NNC). The question has been asked as to how to resolve this, once this has been resolved Cllr Dowsett will submit the grant. 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.120**      **The Action Log** was reviewed and will be amended accordingly.
- WP.121**      **Date of next meeting - Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 18:30 via Zoom**

**Cllr Dowsett closed the meeting at 20:00**