

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held on 20 October 2015 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor D Collins

Also in attendance – Councillor P Dunn.

An apology was received from Councillor S A Spencer.

**137/15      PETITIONS      RESOLVED** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petition:-

<b>Location/Subject</b>	<b>Signatures</b>	<b>Local Member</b>
Hague Bar Primary School, New Mills – Proposed loss of School Crossing Patrol	72	Councillor B Atkins
Whaley Bridge, Elnor Lane – Reduce the Speed Limit – Request to consider 20mph/30mph as part of the 20mph consultation	54	Councillor D Lomax
Clowne – various roads – Request for the Removal of Existing Traffic Calming Measures	165	Councillor A Western

(2) that the Hague Bar Primary School petition be forwarded to the School Crossing Patrol Project Officer to respond to the school;

(3) that the Elnor Lane petition be forwarded to the Scrutiny officer for consideration alongside the 20mph consultation exercise; and

(4) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment be asked to investigate the matters raised in the Clowne petition.

**138/15      MINUTES      RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for 29 September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**139/15      PETITION REQUESTING THE REMOVAL OF A SPEED HUMP, STATION ROAD, ECKINGTON**

Following the receipt of a petition requesting the removal of a speed hump outside 57 Station Road, Eckington, investigations have been carried out.

The residents of 57 Station Road have commissioned an independent structural survey to ascertain the cause of cracks, etc, within the property, however report did not attribute any defects in the property solely to ground borne vibrations from the road hump. Department for Transport guidance sets out a table of minimum distances a property would need to be from a road hump to avoid vibration exposure. Even with a worst case scenario, 57 Station Road would not fall within the distances stated to be subject to damage from such ground borne vibration.

The collision statistics demonstrate that the injury collision rate has more than halved along the route and at the junctions at both ends since the road humps were installed. The removal of the road hump outside 57 Station Road would increase the “between hump” speed on this road and reduce the effectiveness of this traffic calming scheme. Closing Station Road would merely displace any through traffic onto other routes in the town.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the road hump outside 57 Station Road, Eckington and the road hump scheme, as a whole, remains in place;

(2) Station Road is not closed to traffic; and

(3) that the Local Member and petitioners be informed of the decision.

**140/15      PETITION – SPEEDING VEHICLES OUTSIDE LANGWITH BASSETT PRIMARY SCHOOL, BASSETT HILL**

Investigations have been undertaken following receipt of a petition requesting a 20mph speed limit outside Langwith Bassett Primary School, Bassett Hill.

Bassett Hill outside the School was subject to a 30mph speed limit and the School has ‘school safety zone’ signs, flashing amber warning lights in place, and an advisory 20mph speed limit. No injury collisions have been recorded over the last three years on Bassett Hill.

The County Council was currently undertaking a review of 20mph speed limits and 20mph zones, which was due to be completed by November 2015. The Council was not currently considering any further requests until this has been completed and a decision made on Derbyshire’s future approach to the implementation of 20mph speed limits and zones.

**RESOLVED** that no further action be taken with the request for a 20mph speed limit outside Langwith Bassett Primary School, Bassett Hill, until a decision is made on the future approach to the implementation of 20mph speed limits and zones.

**141/15      PETITION – REQUEST TO EXTEND 30MPH SPEED LIMIT AND**  
**LOWER      THE SPEED LIMIT TO 20MPH – A608 MORLEY SMITHY**

Following the decision to undertake further speed readings, the Police have carried out two further speed surveys at two separate locations over a 14 day period. The average speeds recorded at these locations were 33.1mph with an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of 39.6mph in one direction and 31.5mph with an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of 36.3mph in the opposing direction. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile between 8am and 4pm was 35mph and 36mph. The local MP contacted the County Council to support the extension of the 30mph speed limit and the speed limit outside the school to be lowered to 20mph.

Morley Primary School was concerned that where the speed limit changed from 30mph to 40mph, the 40mph signs were visible from the school, and considered that drivers were speeding up outside the school in anticipation of this change. Effective speed regulation depended on realistic enforcement by the Police and the perception by the motoring public that the speed limit was appropriate for the local environment. The 30mph for Morley Smithy were ideally located on the outskirts of the more built up area and was consistent with Department of Transport criteria. To extend the speed limit to a more remote rural position was unlikely to be respected.

The County Council has introduced a very comprehensive package of road safety measures over previous years, and although a minority of drivers did not adhere to the speed limit, the measures have proven to be effective in maintaining safety. It was recognised that targeted enforcement would continue to be beneficial.

The Cabinet Member allowed Heather Rhodes to address the meeting. Ms Rhodes presented and circulated a report to the meeting on re-siting of the 40mph sign, which included photographs of the sign. It was stated that at no time has anyone from Highways visited the school to witness the problems being caused, as all pupils, siblings and parents crossed this extremely busy road. Vehicles should not be accelerating past the busy Church Lane junction and moving the sign, it was felt, would increase vehicle safety at this point. The request for 20mph past the school was a national campaign which should be looked at separately from the school petition concerning the 40mph limit. It was noted that Pauline Latham MP had visited the site.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the existing 30mph speed limit on the A608 through Morley Smithy village be retained;

(2) the existing 30mph speed limit on the A608 Morley Smithy is not lowered to 20mph;

(3) the Local Member, MP, and the petitioners be informed of the decision;

(4) Derbyshire Police be made aware of the content of the report;

(5) the Road Safety Education Team engage with the school; and

(6) an officer visits and monitors the site.

**142/15      OBJECTIONS TO A PEDESTRIAN REFUGE – A6007 HEANOR ROAD, ILKESTON**

The proposal to install a pedestrian refuge on the A6007 Heanor Road, Ilkeston, to allow the busy A6007 to be crossed in two halves, has been circulated to local residents. One objection has been received.

The proposed location of the pedestrian refuge would prevent the objector from parking outside their property. However, the property has off-street parking and sufficient space has been left for the pedestrian refuge to be installed whilst allowing for turning in and out of the access.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the proposed pedestrian refuge on the A6007, Heanor Road, Ilkeston be installed at an approximate cost of £12,000; and

(2) the Local Member and objector be informed of the decision.

**143/15      AWARD OF GRANTS TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENTS**

**RESOLVED** to approve the award of a grant of £82.97 to A & B Weston, £62.75 to D Hardy, £87 to Mr J Towe, £940 to Friends of Buxton Station, £40 to Friends of Whaley Bridge Station, £160 to Transpeak Walks, £250 to Friends of Dore and Totley Station, and £400 to Manchester Folk Train.

**144/15      EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC      **RESOLVED**** that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

1. To confirm the exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2015.

**145/15      EXEMPT MINUTES      **RESOLVED**** that the exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 29 September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.