

**Notes Sue Grimes compiled using the notes she took and the notes two other residents took after the Traffic Meeting on Wednesday 19 July 2017. Not intended to be formal minutes.**

Paul May (PM) - Ward Councillor

Kelvin Packer (KP) - Bath & North East Somerset Council Group Manager Highways and Traffic

Janette Stephenson - Chairman of Pensford Council

41 local residents attended the meeting

(PM) opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. He said that when he was elected the A37 was regarded as an afterthought by Banes He said when he was delivering his election leaflets he was terrified when walking up and down Pensford Hill. He said that there was a conflict between traffic movement and pedestrian safety.

(KP) said that Peter Dawson, Head of Strategic Highways had retired so he was now picking up matters from him. Need tackle... local issues/volume/ type traffic on A37  
Thought West of England Combined Authority would make a difference...access capital and revenue money

New Cabinet Member Transport & Highways, Cllr Mark Shelford

Had one meeting with Cllr Shelford who had asked for sat nav route review

Early days.....Removing heavy vehicles from A37..opportunity to work with sat nav companies to move traffic to more appropriate routes

Cllr Shelford advocated experimental/innovative/ more creative ideas to traffic problems

KP stressed not come to meeting with a fait accompli wanted views residents

**Council's actions ... A37 Programme of Work**

Review of routes...Keep traffic on most suitable route

Not about prioritising motorist over pedestrians

Strategic routing of through traffic

Balancing safety, the environment and engineering measures

Didn't want to encourage rat runs

**Work completed so far**

An accident review of location & clusters

Changed speed limits

Cutting back vegetation...more work needed

Carried out resurfacing schemes ...spent £1m. Subject to road safety audit and if necessary revisit unsatisfactory areas.

Revised road junction markings

Looked at options Belluton junction ...seek views of residents

Cut and fitted new speed detection loops...speed camera now active. Detection loops tell camera how fast traffic going. Narrow black tar lines on road...collect vehicle speed

Can publicise

Any income from speed camera fines goes back to Banes to invest in road safety

Looked at new crossing facility coming in from Chelwood Bridge by bus stops

Issue with road width for island...May need to reposition bus stop by approx. 20mtrs. Not enough pedestrian movement zebra crossing....Some sort of island...illuminated or lower cost reflective type bollards

Funding for one additional Vehicle Activated sign (VAS) ...not decided where it will go yet. Either 30mph slow down sign if exceeding speed limit or show speed sign with happy/sad smiley face

### **Council's suggestions for improvements:**

#### Belluton junction options

Retain existing layout or...

1. Roundabout
2. Traffic Signals
3. Single Lane

#### Signage

Improved signage (bigger and on yellow backing boards, if required to be more noticeable to drivers)  
Don't want to overload village with signs...will come back for approval

#### Bollards options

Billy/Belinda ... same height standard bollards...wouldn't take up more space on pavement...  
Can be painted in Pensford school colours...some drivers say distraction ...swerve out in middle of road

Attendees supported traditional cast iron bollards which have foundation to prevent them being knocked over down Pensford Hill with Billy/Belinda ones trialled by school

#### Kerb features option:

2 versions of raised kerb stones shown which prevent vehicles climbing pavement on hill whilst ensuring that surface water doesn't run into properties

#### Village gateways

Widely used around the country. Shows coming into a new environment/village

Options white gates only, white gates with 30mph painted on road, white gates with red road surface with 30mph limit sign within red

Attendees views sought on suitability and location: supported

#### Station Approach Junction

Ongoing study

Further vegetation removal required

Re-position islands

Vertical alignment issues ...can't see well going on to A37...mirror?

Turning right slip lane from North coming into Station Approach too narrow

#### Resurfacing and re-marking outside Rising Sun

Will micro asphalt treat surface and provide new bay markings for car parking

#### Centre line marking addition/omission outside the Hollies

Cats eyes on Pensford Hill have been added... should never have been removed.

3 traffic engineers advised safer to have centre line but will remove if residents want.  
If no centre line...drivers more likely to move out ...more risk head on collisions  
If leave line at road not wide enough... need to slow down  
Views will be sought

### **Q & A**

Concerns about rat runs.. Old Road, High Street, Publow Lane ... no speed limit  
Speed of vehicles causing concerns....KP agreed to monitor for a week. No intention to create rat runs  
Suggestion to make Old Road access only  
Road signs need cleaning – KP said not Bath & North East Somerset policy and no budget. Possibly Parish Council could help out?  
Request more protection by school. Car crashed in to school wall...above main play area. KP agreed to look into this new issue  
Obstructions on High Street i.e. house building contractor's cars  
New road marking on Pensford Hill and no overtaking on resurfaced road to be reviewed  
KP Alternating movement of vehicles up and down Pensford Hill had not been modelled...only viable if traffic reduced...more standing traffic, noise and pollution  
KP will review centre line hatching in red for some areas Drivers are overtaking over the grids.  
Passing over double white lines to enter Travellers Rest and houses is legal.  
Concerns about enforcing speed limits and parking on double yellow lines. This requires a Traffic Regulation Order. PM will follow up.  
KP will review a pavement from Whitley Batts to bus stop.

### **Belluton Junction**

Don't have funding....likely cost £350,000 -£500,000  
Drawings done ...roundabout 30m diameter with a wider edge for HGV...need to discuss with people who live near Belluton junction  
Belluton resident said that it is now more difficult to turn right coming out of Belluton junction ... no break in traffic  
Suggestion to add no right turn into Parsonage Lane...go round roundabout  
Need a crossing by Belluton

### **Timescale**

Hope to get options for residents by end of year.  
Work completed by end March 2018