

**Loxley Village
Traffic Issues Group
Notes from Meeting – Monday March 7, 2016**

Present:

Emma Turner (Shipston Police Community Support), Maria Garcia, Will Freeman, Ken Osborne, Stuart Birch, Glynn Jones, David Brazendale.

The purpose of the meeting was to clarify priorities, scope and actions possible to eliminate/reduce the main issues of speeding, incursion of HGV/ traffic over 7.5 ton and poor/ potentially dangerous parking within Loxley Village.

The presence of PCSO Emma Turner from Shipston Police Community Support Group was much appreciated. Emma identified a number of areas where help could be provided:

Speeding

Over the next 3 months the police will be carrying out a number of speed checks within the Village and including "Lower Loxley". It was suggested that these should be focussed on

- Manor Lane to pick up traffic into and out via Blue Lane and Goldicote Road and equally coming through the village past the Fox. It was suggested that checks should start at 7:30 am, if possible, as well as school and work times
- On the Loxley / Stratford Road by Manor Farm – previous speed check week by villagers identified this area where a number of vehicles exceeded the 30mph limit
- By lower Loxley Road into the development – it was felt that the 50mph limit was often exceeded causing access and exit difficulties (there has been a recent fatality).
- Spot fines will be issued for transgressing drivers.

Separately the village is encouraged to run a diy Community Speed Aware check using speed gun and fluorescent jackets on loan from the Police – (although sometimes unpopular, this scheme has a proven strong deterrent effect in surrounding villages). Emma has sent through details of the necessary vetting form (now much simplified) to clear and approve volunteers to undertake the checks

Action

- Identify volunteers and timing following the Police checks

Weight Limit

Following pressure from Loxley Parish Clerk, Warwickshire Highways have accepted and confirmed that the signs restricting Heavy traffic into Loxley are not to the required standard re position, clarity and lighting. There is ongoing pressure to rectify this asap, in the meantime we are advised that 2 vehicles have been booked so far and this should prove a deterrent when known

Action

- Parish Council to pursue Warwickshire Highways to correct restriction signage

Parking

A number of points raised including:-

Road Marking and potential Yellow lines by bends and School

It was felt that at this stage double yellow lines by the school would not be as useful as ensuring that at collection and delivery times the roads were not blocked and that the Fox car park (which Richard has made available) must be used to avoid danger to children. Emma advised that Warwickshire council can send Wardens to monitor School crossing areas.

Action

- Emma confirmed a Police presence to help ensure that ALL vehicles park in the pub car park and do not cause a hazard. There would be a friendly and discrete warning backed up if necessary by a reported instance and possible fine of breaking the Highway code by stopping 10 metres from a bus stop or bend
- Emma will also visit the school to show them a speed gun and talk about road safety, dangers of speeding (and bad parking), which will also reinforce the message to parents.
- In addition to the school parking issues above a further parking concern is vehicles parked close to bends and opposite the pub at busy times causing vehicles to face oncoming traffic. Again Emma advised that in the first instance a polite and diplomatic warning should suffice again with back up of enforcement if necessary

Road Signage

As detailed it was not felt necessary to put double yellows throughout Loxley but it was required on the bend into the village from the top, supplemented by repainting the worn out white lines in some places

Action

- Ken Osborne is in direct contact with the responsible Warwickshire Highways contact, Geoff Morris, and is pursuing asap

At this point the meeting moved on to local concerns and TIGs thanked Emma for being incredibly helpful and supportive. We all felt that with her and her team's back up, the major traffic issues in the village could be controlled / resolved.

Teacher Parking

Matthew, Head of Loxley School has requested help to find safe parking for up to 11 staff within the village. Although there is public parking, this is not always available or sufficient. Maria has been working with local people who can 'partner' with a teacher and offer them to share their driveway during school time or when teachers are in attendance (which seems an eminently sensible and practical solution).

Action

- Maria to liaise with Matthew to confirm drive volunteers and who will park there

Lengthman's Scheme

This is an opportunity provided by Warwickshire District council to provide up to 5 hours a month to the parish to clear drains hedges, footpaths. In the case of the TIG they can also call upon keeping road signage straight and clearly visible from vegetation.

Action

- The scheme starts later this year and the team will identify priority signage issues

Date of Next Meeting

Suggested dates within 4-5 weeks, due to expected Police activity and feedback
Would either 4th April/ 11th April work? Please advise

David