

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL
TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME WORKING
PARTY

A meeting of the Traffic Calming Scheme Working Party was held at 1 Trinity Place, Hartford Road, Huntingdon, on Wednesday 10th March 2010 at 10.00am

Present: Councillors J T Morgan (Chairman); B J Luckham; C G Doyle & C J Osborn

In attendance: Sharon Piper and Ross Hamilton of Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Department.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that Councillor J T Morgan be elected Chairman to the Traffic Calming Scheme Working Party for the remainder of the local government year 2009-10.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors D A Adams & G M Cruickshank.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that Councillor C G Doyle be appointed Vice Chairman to the Traffic Calming Scheme Working Party for the remainder of the local government year 2009-10.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor B J Luckham declared a personal interest as a resident of Sapley Road.

5. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

There was none.

6. **SAPLEY ROAD, JOINTLY FUNDED IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

Members welcomed Sharon Piper and Ross Hamilton of Cambridgeshire County Council to discuss possible traffic calming measures on Sapley Road, between

the junctions of Goshawk Close and Coneygear Road.

Members confirmed that this section had been selected due to the installation of the crossing at the A141 / Kings Ripton junction and the associated footpath link which had increased the risk of accidents at the corner of Sapley Road. It was reported that damage had been experienced first hand by a resident living on the corner of Sapley Road and the wooden fencing had been broken frequently by speeding motorists.

Members stated that they had received a large number of positive comments about the measures introduced to calm traffic at the southernmost end of Sapley Road and asked if the same speed reduction chicanes could be used. Members were advised that there was no approved signage that could be installed to warn drivers of the approaching chicanes as they came out of the bend.

It was suggested there could be a possibility of narrowing both carriageways which should encourage motorists to reduce their speed and in turn increase the width of the footpath. However, further investigation would be required to determine if the lighting columns would need relocating and where they could be repositioned.

Councillor CG Doyle arrived at the meeting at approximately 10.15am.

Members discussed the prospect of installing a flashing interactive sign but were advised that the cost of installation and maintenance would have to be met by the Town Council.

Members agreed that the overall aim of the project was to reduce the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph and hoped that this would one day apply to the whole of Sapley Road

Members were reminded that at present the spacing between the lighting columns restricted the speed limit in the area to 40 mph.

Sharon Piper and Ross Hamilton advised that they would take Members comments into consideration when designing schemes. It was

RESOLVED to note this with thanks and to await details with interest.

CHAIRMAN