

Clerk's Actions for report to Parish Council 3rd October 2019

- 1) Prepare and submit VAT claim for 2017, 2018 and to 31st March 2019.
- 2) 14/8/2019 – attend a website seminar at Hereford Council offices.
- 3) **A40 Traffic Calming** – liaising with Mark Hadley re the draft proposals. Questions raised by councillors are as follows:
 - 1) The scheme still does not show the extension of the 30 mph zone to the east.
 - 2) Some junctions are noted for Give Way markings to be moved out. Will the same apply to other junctions such as Weston Park, School Lane and Penyard Gardens?
 - 3) Mini- Roundabout - The entrance from Whitehall Road looks to be set back even further than at present, thereby potentially giving worse visibility to the west due to the wall in from of the Weston Cross.
 - 4) For traffic approaching the roundabout from the east what measures will be included to minimise the risk presented by the sharp bend and high bank with vegetation?
 - 5) Does the scheme depend on approval from Herefordshire Council and if so from which bodies and when approximately? We don't want to promise this to our residents if HC can still block it.
 - 6) The locations for Village Gateways are probably not suitable for the design proposed. What design would be feasible for Weston village?
 - 7) Until a pelican crossing can be introduced at a later date the scheme does not greatly assist pedestrians in crossing the road. Mark Hadley was to consider this to see if anything can be done on some sections of the road. Outside the Weston Cross pedestrians might be tempted to use the marked area between the two splitter island as a central refuge, which presumably is not the intention. Two of the four intended uses for the S106 money is "Pedestrian and cyclist crossings" and "Safer routes to school".
 - 8) Where has this type of traffic calming been used other than in Pembridge?
 - 9) The proposal states that this type of scheme has been shown to reduce vehicle speeds. Can the evidence be provided please?
 - 10) Road noise is a big problem in the village spoiling the normal countryside experience and affecting property values. When resurfacing the road will low noise surfacing be used?
 - 11) When we met you advised that lighting at the mini roundabout would be a feature of the design. Can you give details of the planned lighting scheme please ?
 - 12) The right turn into Church Lane has been an area of concern as it is very dark here at night. Will there be any additional street lighting available to counter this situation?
- 4) **Pontshill to Bill Mills HGV's issue.** There has been continued correspondence on these matters from two parishioners. I have been e-mailing them to advise them of the current situation. The latest correspondence is shown below:

From Paul Stevenson:

Further to my various emails on the subject.

My wife has just returned home to Bills Mills and was witness to the following traffic impasse involving HGVs wanting to exit onto the A40: see the attached sketch noting the Route 33 bus was already in the unclassified road to Pontshill and the arrow on the sketch merely shows the direction it reversed to.

The lead HGV driver refused to reverse his vehicle and in order to resolve the situation the driver of the Route 33 double decker bus full of passengers had to reverse out onto the busy A40 with the assistance of another person.

Please, please will the Parish Council start taking a very pro-active role in getting Herefordshire County Council to remove the existing 7.5 tonnes Except for Access sign on the A40 Junction and replace it with a 7.5 tonnes Except for Buses weight limit sign before an incident occurs where a non HGV driver refuses to move and the situation deteriorates into one necessitating Police involvement. Kind Regards,
Paul

From Mr Wallace:

I live in Bill Mills and have done for the past 18 years .I feel that I must contact the council reference the ever increasing amount of HGV TRAFFIC that is using Bill Mills as a short cut to get past Ross on Wye. We have to suffer 40 tonne , 40 ft artics passing just feet from our homes and at speed I accept the farm traffic as par for the course but I see no reason to have holiday coaches and cement lorries thundering past our homes endangering residents out for a stroll or walking their dogs.

There is a total disregard for our safety and the young children who use the road There is a 7.5 tonne weight limit in place but no one enforces this . I know of two families with children and pets who have moved out because of the threat to property and lives .

In this new world we now live in where no one gives a damm or will take responsibility for the total disregard for the law , what are we to do ?It is not right that we have to suffer this on a daily basis !!

Sat Nav back brings them round here . Please help us to protect our homes and our lives by enforcing this law which is already in place. I have already send this enquiry to Herefordshire county council, who told me to contact you and the Police. I hope that you will not also pass the buck onto someone else as they have done. I look forward to your reply and help In this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mr Wallace

Having talked to Kevin Williams about the bridge at Bill Mills Balfour Beatty's view is that there is no void under the 'bridge' so its not a bridge structure they can check. **I advised this to Mr Wallace who replied as follows:**

Hi Nick

Many thanks for your reply to my e mail over traffic concerns at Bill Mills. Unfortunately I cannot make the next meeting but I will be at the following one . Balfour Beatty obviously do not look at the map of the area when making decisions about HGV traffic

Running under the road and under my house is a brick built culvert which carries the stream . This starts in my neighbours garden , goes under the road then my house and emerges in my garden cutting it in two . It has been there for hundreds of years and can be seen on any ordnance survey map of the area.

The constant thundering of heavy traffic will In time damage this culvert and also my property . I suggest Balfour Beatty look at a map of Bill Mills before making these rash decisions which affect residents lives. I have said before I have no problem with farm traffic using this road as this is a necessity.

I look forward to your reply

Yours sincerely

Mr Wallace