



**HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP**  
**Report to Parish Council 06 April 2021**  
**Lead Cllrs: L Bennett, R Brocklebank, J Clark, C Hainsworth**

**Last report to Council: 02 March 2021**

**1. ROAD SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)**

Roadside Checks

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a Countywide police initiative and operated by a number of volunteers in the Parish. The CSW has been suspended since March 2020 because of Covid-19 precautions, however, the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) co-ordinator at LCC has now confirmed that this can be resumed from 29 March 2021.

This initiative can only be carried out with the support of volunteers from the community and full training will be provided by LRSP. Currently the training of volunteers is still on hold until at least 17 May 2021 with the current guidelines. They are however, considering working on ways to deliver the training via Zoom in the not too distant future.

Parishioners have expressed concerns about speeding traffic along the B676 in particular, particularly early morning so hopefully they will come forward to volunteer to carry out this community service via the Clerk at clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk

“White Gates” Project

**ACTION (Cllrs Hainsworth/Bouvie)**

- **Costings and potential funding streams to be investigated further to report back to Council**
- **Contact SKDC regarding their position to support Councils**
- **Consider with Clerk community consultation via In Touch/Noticeboards/Survey**

No further progress since last report

An example of the sort of products available are shown here:

<http://jacsuk.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Traffic-Calming-Village-Gateway.pdf>

**2. FOOTPATHS**

Nothing of note

All routine issues relating to footpaths are dealt with by the Clerk and reported to Council in Clerks Report/Correspondence

**3. PRIORITIES for LCC**

Whilst the current emergency restrictions are in place the priorities identified remain but no further action being taken

	Priority	Current Situation and updates
1	<b>High Street Traffic Calming</b> Details of proposals received for traffic calming on the High Street (particularly at Houghton Lane due to the narrowing of the road and children crossing) have been shared with LCC.	Unlikely that this will be supported due to costs and no evidence of accidents/incidents that would give concern. LCC are still not currently processing traffic calming scheme requests and this would require further investigation by them <b>31 March 2021: No update</b>
2	<b>Bridge End:</b> New issues have arisen with the move of the Co-op; (e.g. parking on verges, lack of pavement, risks of flooding, access issues – particularly for people with poor mobility).	This is an area for further investigation with relevant authorities <b>31 March 2021: Update: Poor Street lighting - SKDC will be looking into the poor street lighting at Bridge End and will report back to Clerk</b>
3	<b>A1:</b> The Parish Council has consistently raised concerns about the safety of the A1 and this is	The A1 does not fall within the remit of LCC; Highways England are still developing their improvement plan which will eventually be presented for consultation.



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reported at monthly meetings as the closures and congestion impacts directly on our Parish	There are no timescales available. <b>31 March 2021 Update – See item 6 below</b>
4 <b>Flooding/Drainage/Soakaways:</b> There has become a noticeable deterioration in drainage of surface water, particularly on the B676 (from crossroads to A1)	Bourne Road Estate suffered several incidents of flooding over the Christmas period into the New Year necessitating the attendance of the Fire Service. This matter has been picked up by SKDC <b>31 March 2021 Update – Areas of concern have been identified regarding the blocked gully adjacent the Bourne Road Estate by volunteer litter pickers – mainly fly tipping of green debris. Also historical issues identified when the drainage was put in for the flyovers when the roundabout was removed.</b> <b>Information passed to District Council Bellamy</b>

#### 4. ISSUES LOG – Traffic and road safety

Nothing of note reported. All potholes, street light issues, etc. are reported on FixmyStreet and via the Clerk.

#### 5. NORTH WITHAM

Concerns raised by a resident about ongoing problems with HGVs causing damage. The matter has been referred to the relevant Authorities and the Clerk is liaising.

#### 6. A1 ISSUES

##### **6.1. Incidents impacting on our area (accidents, delays, tailbacks/diversions) on A1 in past month**

(Source: <https://www.newsnow.co.uk/h/UK/Travel+&+Transport/Road/A1>)

Tuesday 30 March 2021 (20:00hrs)

The A1 southbound at Colsterworth was closed due to an overturned vehicle.

##### **6.2. Proposal for implementation of 50mph speed limit on A1**

In response to a communication from District Cllr Bellamy to consider a proposal to implement a 50mph speed limit on the A1 from Great Ponton to Colsterworth (i.e., within the area covered by the average speed cameras); the H&F Working Group were asked for their views to make recommendations to Council (see 3.3. above)

Firstly, many thanks must go to Cllr Bellamy who has vigorously campaigned for improved safety on the A1 which impacts on residents and workers of the Parish and keeps the Parish Council informed. There was as expected a lot of differing views.

The outcome was that there was no overwhelming support for this without a much wider consultation on the merits of this arbitrary limit (is 60mph better than 50mph?) and for a longer-term engineering solution (e.g., extending the average speed section of the A1, reviewing centre crossings/T-Junctions, improving/extending the slip roads on and off the A1, HGV restrictions)

The Working Group has concluded therefore that having considered this proposal from Cllr Bellamy and there is no overwhelming support for this from the Working Group and:

***Council to note short term proposals for extending speed limit on the A1 and request further public consultation on long term plans***