



HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP
Report to Parish Council 06 July 2021
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Last report to Council: 06 April 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	High Street Traffic Calming 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. Chaser email sent by the Clerk on 17/05/2021 & 28/06/2021 28 June 2021: No update
2	Bridge End: 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 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. Chaser emails sent by the Clerk on 17/05/2021 & 28/06/2021 28 June 2021: No update



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3 A1: The Parish Council has consistently raised concerns about the safety of the A1 and this is reported at monthly meetings as the closures and congestion impacts directly on our Parish .	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. There are no timescales available. 31 March 2021 Update – See item 6 below
4 Flooding/Drainage/Soakaways: 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 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. Information passed to District Cllr Bellamy 28 June 2021 Update: Additional areas of concern reported. North gutter of Woolsthorpe Rd, from West End Close to Bridge End

4. ISSUES LOG – Traffic and road safety

- Overgrown hedges at Stainby – reported to LCC. 21/06/2021 response from LCC to contact the land owners.
- Speeding and heavy vehicles on Woolsthorpe Road (Junction with Bridge End to Skillington Crossroads).
 - Weight limits on the bridge over the River Witham 200m to the west of the junction of Woolsthorpe Road and Bridge End. The bridge dates back to the 18th Century and is Historic England Grade 11 listed (Listing No 1308581).
 - With private vehicle parking, the volume of heavy vehicles pose a potential road safety hazard These are enforcement matters for LCC and the Police. When CSW resumes this can be monitored and shared with relevant authorities.
- All potholes, streetlight issues, etc. are reported on FixmyStreet and via the Clerk.

5. NORTH WITHAM

Nothing of note reported

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>)

- (Wednesday, 23 June). Lorry Fire - Firefighters from Stamford, Corby Glen and Grantham attended the scene on the southbound carriageway at Lobthorpe, near North Witham.
- (Saturday, 19 June) Drivers experienced delays following an incident on the A1. Traffic was queuing on the A1 southbound between Colsterworth and South Witham.
- (Friday 18 June) The A1 southbound was cleared following a collision between a car and a lorry south of Grantham. The incident happened between the B6403 (Woolsthorpe/Easton turn off) and the A151 (Colsterworth services). Traffic queued as far back as Little Ponton
- (Thursday 17 June) Tailbacks on the A1 near approx. 2 miles after two lorries collided in the early hours of the morning. The northbound lane was closed between B1174 (Grantham South / Little Ponton junction) to A52 (Grantham North / Barrowby turn off)



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