



HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP
Report to Parish Council 30 October 2019
Lead Cllrs: L Bennett, J Clark, C Hainsworth (Co-ordinator),

RECOMMENDATIONS:

There are no recommendations to Council in this report – all actions are with the relevant Principal Authorities in accordance with the Council’s priorities for 2019/2020

1. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)

Sign up to the Community Speedwatch Programme - (Resolution July 2018)

- £5,000.00 ringfenced in Council Reserves to take this forward in accordance with identified Powers and Duties for road safety

Currently there are no plans to purchase an additional VAS until the current one has been installed and tested. Costs may be incurred for maintenance and software

From 31 May 2019 to 16 October 2019 there has been the following activity recorded.

	Stainby	B676 Colsterworth	Woolsthorpe Road*	Bridge End**
Number of sessions	7	7	6	1
Over 35mph	107	101	10	2
Avg % speeding	12%	8%	19%	1%
Volunteer hours***	40	40	31	5

*commenced 20 Sept 2019

** commenced 04 Oct 2019

***Including co-ordination and data submission

Assessments have now been carried out for an additional site in Woolsthorpe and North Witham.

2. FOOTPATHS

There has been a number of issues reported regarding maintenance and repair all actioned via the Clerk. Thanks are extended to the Countryside Access Team at LCC for their prompt attention in relation to:

- Colsterworth Public Footpath No 1
- Colsterworth Public Footpath No 3
- Colsterworth Public Footpath No 15
- Colsterworth Public Footpath No 16
- Colsterworth Public Footpath No 17

Actions have also been taken to liaise with landowners regarding other footpaths that have overgrown and require attention.

3. PRIORITIES for LCC

Parish Council Priorities have been fully shared with LCC who have agreed actions and is monitored by the Clerk Reference

	Priority	Current Situation and updates
1	Junction of Back Lane/High Street	The H bar marking will be marked out on site and the local team will get this painted on the ground during September 2019.
3	High Street Traffic Calming	LCC are still not currently processing traffic calming scheme requests but they will place the requested restrictions on the list for further



	Priority	Current Situation and updates
	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.	<u>investigation</u> . This is something that will be considered when the investigation takes place, but there are no timescales available for this from LCC
4	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).	The PC's comments have been noted by LCC and have been passed on to those who look at developments and their impact. <i>Following resolution by Council at June 2019 meeting, the Clerk wrote to LCC Highways to enquire what road furniture could be installed – this work has now been scheduled to install posts either side of the Co-op entrance</i>
5	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; LCC are putting pressure on Highways England to undertake the survey/review that was promised some time ago.
7	Flooding/Drainage/Soakaways: There has become a noticeable deterioration in drainage of surface water, particularly on the B676 (from crossroads to A1)	Continue to monitor and report issues to LCC through standard processes (Fixmystreet) The periods of heavy rain this summer has exacerbated the situation

4. ISSUES LOG – Traffic and road safety

The persistent and heavy rain during October has presented particular problems on the roads. The main area of concern which has been a longstanding problem is the flooding on the exit from the A1 at Bridge End. This month it also threatened the safety of traffic joining the A1 from Colsterworth as the extent of the flooding extending across the carriageway. There were reports of vehicles being on the wrong side of the road to avoid the flooding



This was reported to LCC via our County Cllr Bob Adams which confirmed that whilst there had been some clearing work carried out in the past, there needs to be some further liaison between LCC and Highways England (who are responsible for the A1). Priority would need to be ongoing traffic management for incidents as they happen. LCC are making further investigations.

5. NORTH WITHAM

No update to report



6. A1 ISSUES

6.1. Road Safety and Economic Growth on the A1: Forum held 8th October 2019

Cllrs Brocklebank and Hainsworth attended the joint forum held by Lincolnshire County Council and Rutland County Council. This was extremely useful and interesting overview of some of the strategic priorities that the Authorities are involved in. It was clear that there was a consensus from local Parish representatives about the concerns around the A1 with planned housing expansion and commercial growth on existing communities and the safety and future of the A1.

Representatives from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership and the Police were in attendance.

It was clear the Authorities had heard the concerns relating to slip roads, cross overs and behaviours of drivers using the A1 like a motorway and practices such as undertaking. HGVs were a particular concern and overtaking and availability of stopovers particularly mentioned.

Highways England and Midlands Connect presented some data and statistics from surveys along the A1 Corridor which was a stretch from Peterborough to Blythe which means that our Parish will lie centrally to this.

The importance of this is due to the Local Authority’s priorities for the County (including Lincoln and the A46 with 20 thousand homes planned for North Hykeham) and the impact on businesses when problems occur on the A1. Developments for the local economy and its impact on developing certain important sectors include:

- Manufacturing
- Agriculture
- Retail
- Food businesses
- Distribution (particularly from the ports)
- Tourism

It was acknowledged that this must also be within the parameters of commuter concerns such as:-

- Pollution
- Safety
- Climate change
- Rail/Public transport

Our impression was that this was the first stage of some very long-term fact finding (“adding the human aspects”) and potential solutions and producing the evidence required to lobby central government for the priority and funding for change.

At the end of the session people were asked to feedback what the main problems were and what is required to solve this. Some of the discussions raised questions such as how reliable the data was, what sort of options appraisals were being carried out, what are the police priorities, is the width and quality of the road sufficient, how are the existing communities going to be impacted.

Some solutions were also put forward such as upgrading the A1 to a motorway, abandoning HS2, putting in gantries on the A1, reduce the speed limit, provide better public transport and ask developers to make much bigger contributions to the infrastructure along the A1 corridor.

Not sure what the next steps are?

6.2. Incidents impacting on our area (accidents, delays, tailbacks/diversions) on A1

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

Further issues reported on Social Media between 03 and 21 Oct 2019 (Between North Witham and Grantham) Thankfully not so many this month reported within the (approx.) ten-mile stretch being monitored.

Day	Date	Details
Evening	17 Oct 2019	A lorry has crashed into the central reservation of A1 near to The Fox at Stretton. The HGV had come off the northbound carriageway and traffic is facing some delays.



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Sunday	17 Oct 2019	A driver described the moment he almost had a head-on collision with an HGV that <u>had been driving the wrong way on the A1 near Stamford</u> . It had been travelling northbound on the southbound carriageway with police pursuing it. Officers made nine arrests. 45 minute hold up
Tues	15 Oct 2019	An air ambulance was dispatched to the scene of a lorry crash on the A1 last night. The incident took place in Colsterworth at 11.23pm on Tuesday, October 15. Police , fire and ambulance crews all rushed to the scene of the one-vehicle crash, which involved a HGV lorry. The lorry had overturned in the northbound carriageway and a road closure was put in place while it was recovered. The driver was released from the vehicle by Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue and was taken to hospital with minor injuries.
Thurs	10 Oct 2019	'Severe delays' of 13 minutes and more are reported on the A1 near Stamford. The delays follow reports of a crash just before 10am on the A1 northbound near the A6121 Tinwell Road, affecting traffic heading towards Grantham.
Mon	07 Oct	One lane has been closed on the A1 after a car collided with the central reservation. Lincolnshire Police were called to the scene just after 8.30am this morning, Monday, October 7 on the A1 at Great Ponton. The car did not cross the central reservation.

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