



**HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP**  
**Report to Parish Council 04 February 2020**  
**Lead Cllrs: L Bennett, J Clark, C Hainsworth (Co-ordinator),**

Last report to Council: 30 October 2019

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Agree a "White Gates" Project to investigate with LCC support for this and details regarding costs
2. Continue to monitor and agree Parish Council's priorities into 2020/2021 with the relevant Principal Authorities (mainly LCC)
3. Continue promoting Community Speedwatch and facilitate recruitment and training for existing and new volunteers

**1. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW) – Ringfenced funding: Resolution July 2018**

Roadside Checks

- There has been a slowdown in activity since November 2019 – due to weather conditions, shorter days, the Christmas and New Year period, sickness and general availability of volunteers.
- There are now two sets of equipment available and hopefully a new rota will be commenced in the next couple of months.
- Training dates will be pursued with Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (for volunteers identified at North Witham and Colsterworth)

Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)

- This is now back at Stainby after a test period at North Witham. Data suggests that the average speed of vehicles at North Witham is just over 40mph
- A request has been received to rotate this device to include Woolsthorpe. This would need volunteers to install it and ensure it is charged up.
- Data collection can be used to provide additional evidence of problems to support any alternative solutions with LCC.

Other speed calming initiatives

The installation of "White Gates" has been discussed previously.



- Gateways are designed to highlight the entrance to a Parish, Town or Village and/or change of speed limit. Drivers tend to notice and accept the distinction between the two speed limits when there is a more obvious presence on the entrance.
- Effectiveness: The speed reducing effect is highest when gateways are first installed. Many drivers subconsciously adjust their speed according to the surroundings, driving more slowly in built up areas and faster in rural areas with open fields. A gateway feature signals that a driver is leaving a higher speed area and entering residential area.
- Advantages: Relatively cheap to install and maintain
- Will require approval from LCC including review of existing road markings and signage



**PROPOSAL:**

H&F Working Group to investigate permissions, process and costs for installing White Gates for the Parish Council with a view to using the Community Speedwatch reserves in Council funds.

**2. FOOTPATHS**

Reported and response from Countryside Alliance November 2019:-

Colsterworth Public Footpath No 1

This field has been wheeled through for reinstatement.

Colsterworth Public Footpath No 3

This crop is now showing. Landowner contacted again to reinstate. However they are struggling as it is very wet, this also can sometimes be an issue with spraying, but he will try and sort out the issue.

Reported and response from Countryside Alliance December 2019:

Colsterworth Public Footpath No 19

Route inspected on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Ivy had been an issue, but someone had already attended to it, however further cut back carried out also cut back on some other overhang along the route.

Parish Council would like to thank the Officer at Countryside Alliance at LCC for their prompt and supportive response.

**3. PRIORITIES for LCC**

Cllr Hainsworth met with County Cllr Bob Adams in December 2019 to review the Parish Council's Priorities  
There has been a significant shift of concerns from the High Street to Bridge End with the move of the Co-op  
There are also concerns relating to the high water levels on the roads due to inadequate drainage systems.

Cllr Adams has undertaken to meet quarterly with PC representative so that he can liaise with Officers at LCC.  
Cllr Adams also suggested a contact at another Parish Council who would be able to assist with looking at speeding data.

Priority	Current Situation and updates
1 <b>Junction of Back Lane/High Street</b>	Work completed
3 <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
4 <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 A request has been submitted to Cllr Adams for an on-site meeting with LCC Officer Rowan Smith which we hope will be some time in the last quarter of 2019/2020. A list of issues will be maintained to provide to LCC
5 <b>A1:</b> 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.
7 <b>Flooding/Drainage/Soakaways:</b> 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) Cllr Adams has undertaken to liaise with the LCC Officer regarding an update on the access road to the A1 which has serious flooding issues in periods of heavy rain. The periods of heavy rain has compounded the inadequate infrastructure across the whole County and the relevant agencies



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	(LCC, SKDC, Environment and Anglian Water) are prioritising those worse affected areas where there is

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

- 4.1. Suggestion has been received from a Parishioner who has experienced foreign lorry drivers leaving the A1 Truck Stop on the wrong side of the road. Large white arrows could be painted on the road exiting the Truck Stop and on the roundabout and flyover to reinforce directions.
- 4.2. Bollards outside the Co-op  
There has been much discussion around these in terms of placement, adequacy of the actual bollard construction and standard of the installation, ongoing destruction of the verges etc. Representations were made by the Parish Council stating they were not fit for purpose. LCC have responded saying:  
*“Owing to the fact that there is an electric substation and the presence of electric cables throughout the site, no form of excavation is possible and what has been supplied is all that can be installed in this situation. The bollards that have been installed meet the Highways spec and no further works can be carried out here.”*  
  
There was no consultation with the Parish Council about the specification or works carried out or alternatives to try and solve the problem. No further action proposed.
- 4.3. There are a number of reports being made on FixMyStreet particularly relating to pot holes that continue to develop or have been previously “repaired” and are failing and drainage and flooding problems. Please continue to report deteriorating road surfaces so that this is recorded for LCC’s maintenance priorities.

**5. NORTH WITHAM**

No update to report

**6. A1 ISSUES**

**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>)

Issues reported on social media

Date	Details
21 Dec 2019	Colsterworth/Corby Glen Three people have been rushed to hospital after a crash close to the A1. The male driver of a black Volvo and a female passenger were hurt after a collision on the A151 Bourne Road at Colsterworth close to the A1 junction. A man driving a white Citroen Van, which was also involved, was also hurt in the crash at 4.30pm yesterday, Friday, December 20. A number of emergency services attended the scene and the road was closed by police at the A1 junction and in the opposite direction from Corby Glen.
16 Dec 2019	Colsterworth - Northbound An eyewitnesses has reported seeing one vehicle blocking one of the lanes. Police and an ambulance attended. 2 hour delays
13 Dec 2019	Colsterworth Fire crews from Grantham attended a road traffic collision (RTC) in Colsterworth yesterday. The crew were called to the scene on Crabtree Road shortly after 9am. The crew provided casualty care to two people and disconnected two car batteries
12 Dec 2019	South Witham - Southbound There were traffic delays on the A1 at South Witham following a road traffic accident. The southbound carriageway at South Witham has reopened after the accident earlier this afternoon.
12 Dec 2019	An air ambulance had to be called after a head-on crash near Grantham. The two-vehicle collision took place close to Buckminster Road between Buckminster and Stainby and was believed to be due to icy conditions