

Broxton Next door Meeting Monday the 25th September 2017

Following a presentation by David Nicholson and Jonathon Weeks there were various issues raised by members of the public.

A41 – the people who live adjacent to Tomlinson's (The Old Schoolhouse?) voiced concerns about both turning in and out of their property due to vehicle speeds and lack of driver attention.

Reading Room Lane – speeding is an issue along this mainly single track lane.

Harthill – speeding along a narrow lane through the village, this road is being used as a shortcut. There is a lot of pedestrian use of the lane in Harthill – school children waiting for the bus, walkers/ramblers, residents, and the race horses from Church Farm.

Old Coach Road, Barnhill between A41 and the A534 – Speeding and being used as a rat run between the two main roads. Satnavs advise vehicles to use this road increasing its usage. The residents would like discourage vans and trucks and would like traffic calming to slow speed of vehicles. Also there has been a lack of grit being used in the winter with vehicles leaving the road on the bend. Many crashes on this bend are not reported to the Police, as they are cars leaving the road. The junction with the A534 has very poor visibility when the grass hasn't been cut.

Smithy Lane, leading out of Brown Knowl onto the A534 – speed of traffic traveling along the main road is the main problem for people using this exit/entrance to village.

Broxton Roundabout – Speed of traffic both approaching and leaving all four exits is a problem. There are several businesses and bus stops around the roundabout and residents believe that reducing the speed on the approaches to the roundabout would make it safer to use. Another concern was the unclear signage of the road about that made it particularly hard to use at night. Cars and motor bikes overtake slower moving vehicles as they leave the roundabout make it dangerous for other road users and residents. The residents believe that a 30mph speed limit around the roundabout would improve safety. A resident asked the highways officer why as the vehicles approaching the roundabout are slowing anyway that the speed limit couldn't be fixed to 30mph and were Highways following guidelines or rules, Highways are following rules. Highways could be approached to review specific cases. Someone suggested rumble strips on the approaches of the roundabout to slow the traffic but it was pointed out that the noise can be more disturbing to the residents of the area.

Mike Jones suggested that the Parish Council could request a speed review (from Highways?) which would help put together an action plan for traffic issues in the Parishes.

Harthill exit out onto the A534 – the Broadband box obscures a vehicles view out onto the road.

A resident asked the question of what was the point of speed limits if they weren't enforced. Ged Gigg suggested lobbying Highways and the Police for enforcement of speed limits.

Mike Jones suggested the use of the Community Speed Checker.

A534 – the hedge on the bend by the Frog Manor wasn't cut and overhung the road forcing vehicles further over into the centre of the road making it very dangerous.

Highways answered some questions

There is a rule that prevents the putting double white lines in the centre of the road by the Sandstone pub and the Broxton roundabout, however they could look at putting some hatching in the centre of the road to raise awareness of the junction by the sandstone pub.

Highways have delivered letters to various residents informing that they need to cut back their hedges to help with the visibility out of the villages onto the main roads. A resident raised the issue of the Highways' signage being in the way and preventing the hedges being cut adequately.

Highways said that they were refreshing the marking on the Broxton roundabout overnight next week.

Additional signage at the Sandstone pub junction was also discussed.

Highways suggested that some of the points can be reported by members of the community online with their fault reporting part on their website

Present

Mike Jones - Cheshire West Ward Councillor

Andy Raynor & Carl Farrow - Cheshire West Highways

Jonathon Weeks & Dave Nicholson - Nextdoor

8 Parish councillors

Approximately 26 Members of the public.