

## Church Fenton Parish Council Highways Committee – Minutes of the Meeting

**Minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting of Church Fenton Parish Council held on Tuesday 15 February 2022 at The Community Shop, Main Street, Church Fenton.**

In attendance: Cllr M Seguss (Chair), Cllr Ferris, Andy Barker, Cathie Gall, Nigel Thirkill, Jenny West, Georgina Ashton, Clerk to the Council.

*Meeting started at 6.31pm.*

1. To note Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence  
Apologies received from Cllr Higham (none from Cllr A Mason)  
**Resolution: to approve the reasons for absence from Cllr Higham.**
2. To note any Declarations of Interest and to approve any Dispensation requests  
*It is a requirement in law, Localism Act (2011, s31) that Council members declare any Disposable Pecuniary Interest. None.*
3. Public Participation Period (no longer than 30 mins)  
None present
4. To approve Minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting of Church Fenton PC held on 09 November 2021.  
**Resolution: to approve the minutes of the Highways Committee meeting as a true and accurate record held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**
5. Policy & Strategy  
to carry forward to the next meeting.
6. Actions / Updates on Grant spend
  - a. VAS – Vehicle Activated Signage rotation and data collection  
VAS signs last rotated early December. Data collection sign moved to Church Street, Busk Lane sign removed and moved to Station Road/Common Lane. Some speeds recorded as high as 7-78mph. In addition, mid-day high speeds recorded at over 60mph. Signs need to be moved again. Rotate signage again in same method so that the data collection moves to Busk Lane and the 2<sup>nd</sup> sign on Station Road moves to Church Street, leaving the Station Road/Common Lane entrance empty of a VAS sign for the next 6-8 weeks. Next steps to analyse the data. Ideally focussing on 1) 1<sup>st</sup> 3 days of data – recording the 85% centile, 2) any high speeds recorded over next extended period of time 3) repeat the “3 days of data” to establish 85% centile and to see if the sign has impacted on a reduction in average speeds. Kestrel reporting software provides a wealth of data over the length of time the sign is up.
  - b. Weight restriction signage – *update*  
Station Road - Signage is currently located outside the village shop rather than on the junction of Station Road, Main Street and Church Street (at the mini roundabout). Clerk has written to request that this signage is moved to discourage HGV vehicles from driving up Station Road.  
Busk Lane – the lay by on Busk Lane has increasing number of overnight parking by HGV/vans. It was noted by those present that HGV vehicles have been seen parking overnight on Northfield Lane. The request is to ask for signage to be erected on the lay by owned by NYCC Highways which states “No Overnight Parking”. This will go to the next Traffic Regulation Order due early spring; for ratification.
  - c. 95 Alive campaign update – *note responses*  
Common Lane – 95 alive results provided an average speed of 38mph. This means alongside Busk Lane, both entrances to the village are suitable for Enforcement. Mobile Police speed cameras have been seen at both these locations in recent weeks. Still waiting for the results of Church Street survey. The Main Street results for outside the primary school have been returned of an average speed limit between 24-28mph. This means that it is not suitable for enforcement as falls below 30mph of the speed limit for these areas.  
NYCC have not provided a definitive policy regarding 20mph speed limit zones outside primary schools. However, the most recent contact by Cllr Seguss with NYCC Area 7 Highways explained that this was not a county wide policy. Possibility to ask about the “school times” flashing signs to be installed either side of Main Street outside the primary school.

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d. Proposal from NY Highways with regard to signage at the 3 main entrances to the village.

Recommendations to Full Council:

- Yellow or grey background – YELLOW
- Busk Lane - Replace Boundary sign at RAF base
- Busk Lane – “Please drive carefully” – rumble strips and dragons teeth subject to conditions and proximity to properties.
- Church Street – rumble strips on the bend leading up to the 30mph sign –
- Church Street – boundary sign removed – the 30mph sign will say – “Welcome to Church Fenton, please drive carefully”. Maximum impact, gateway style entrance.
- Common Lane – rumble strips and dragons teeth up to the 40mph zone. Signage “Welcome to Church Fenton, please drive carefully”.
- Common Lane – at the 30mph entrance – “Please drive carefully” replacement signage with yellow background in line with the other entrances.

Proposed Resolution to full council: to approve the proposal presented by the Highways Committee, and in addition to the original quote of £4027 PLUS additional cost of extra 30mph signage on Common Lane and boundary sign on Busk Lane.

7. Outstanding Actions from previous meetings

8. Discussions / points raised from the floor

Moving the 30mph boundary out to the 40mph to encompass the new proposed Rose Lane junction onto Common Lane. Data collection presentation from the VAS signage to be collated for the next meeting.

9. To note Agenda Items for next meeting:

AJ1 Fund spend, Woodland Trust tree saplings on Common Lane, Sandwath Lane, Car park at station, Strategy document, 20 is plenty campaign relaunch, Road Chicanes, Common Lane path plans, Fenton in Focus advertisement, Contact with Ulleskelf Parish Council – Busk Lane improvements / next meeting of UPC.

10. To confirm date and time of next meeting

*The meeting ended at 7.46pm*

Signed:

*Chair of Committee, Cllr Michelle Seguss*

Date: 15 February 2022