

# DRAFT - Minutes of Speed Limit Review 2014

## Held on 29 October 2014

**Present**                    Councillor Graham Pask (GP)  
                                   Councillor Keith Woodhams (KW)  
                                   Andrew Garratt WBC (AG)  
                                   Alan Dunkerton WBC (AD)  
                                   Chris Hulme TVP (CH)  
                                   Speciosa Nakavuma (Taking notes)

Apologises

<b>Introduction</b>	
All the task group members introduced themselves to those attending the review.	
<b>Speed Limit Update</b>	
<p>AG explained that all approved speed limits have been implemented except the 20mph speed limit for Mill Lane, Boundary Road and Kings Road as it was delayed due to the pending planning application for the Sterling Cables link road. To avoid any further delay it was recommended that a 20mph speed limit be advertised for Mill Lane and Boundary Road only, which the task group agreed too.</p> <p>CH commented that the Police can enforce 20mph speed limits and zones but they should not need to as they should be self enforcing as per the DfT guidance. The Police have received requests for enforcement in Kintbury and there was a discussion about the traffic calming measures that were recommended for Kintbury but the residents did not want them.</p> <p>AG explained about the Speed Intervention Programme where identified locations are escalated from roadside SID checks to Community Speedwatch to Police enforcement and then possible engineering measures.</p> <p>KW requested that all councillors should be informed that they should not expect the Police to enforce 20mph limits and if an update could be sent to them explaining the situation. It was agreed that AG would do this.</p>	
<b>Speed Limit Requests</b>	
<b>1. Newport Road &amp; Walton Way, Newbury – Consideration of 20mph speed limit</b>	
Attendees:	Cllr Jeff Beck & Cllr Roger Hunneman
Discussion:	<p>AG introduced the report.</p> <p>RH supports the recommendation and JB commented that the Dorneywood Way 20mph works well.</p> <p>CH commented that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile was high for a 20mph speed limit and engineering solutions should be in place. Various types of physical measures were discussed and AG suggested traffic calming could be implemented by formalising parking.</p> <p>GP pointed out that 20mph schemes in other places have produced good results. He questioned the implementation date and possible issues that may cause delay. AG informed the group that advertising could be carried out this financial year following the Individual Decision programmed for December 2014. He also stated that the works are likely to form part of the 2015/16 Traffic &amp; Road Safety works programme.</p>

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Recommendation:	All agreed with the recommendation to introduce 20mph speed limit.
<b>2. A4 Marsh Benham – Request for a 60mph speed limit to be lowered to 50mph</b>	
Attendees:	Cllr Paul Bryant, Parish Cllr Alan Booth
Discussion:	<p>AG introduced the report and explained the background to the residents concerns and what other options have been considered to address these.</p> <p>GP emphasised the benefits of the remedial measures at Kintbury.</p> <p>PB commented that the local residents requested a lower speed limit to assist horses and pedestrians crossing the road. The option of a One Way on the side roads may not be favourable due to increased journeys.</p> <p>The various measures were discussed and AB commented that due to limited overtaking areas, hatching will not prevent overtaking at the seemingly available opportunity on the straight. KW stated during a site visit he was overtaken at 60mph within a double white line stretch. Suggesting blocking off first junction but introduce an island road widening at second junction.</p> <p>CH stated that there has been a number of varying accidents, which are not related to speeding.</p> <p>AB agreed that engineering measures are the solution.</p>
Recommendation:	It was recommended that the current speed limit is appropriate and discussions of the various options are continued with the residents.
<b>3 (A). B4000 between the A4 and Stockcross Village - request for a lower limit of 40mph</b>	
Attendees:	Cllr Paul Bryant, Parish Cllr Alan Booth
Discussion:	<p>AG introduced the report and explained that the road was reviewed in May 2009 when it was agreed that the existing speed limits are appropriate. It was considered again in August 2012 when it was agreed not to reduce the speed limit but consider reducing traffic speeds by using road markings.</p> <p>AG explained that an investigation was carried out and it was found that the road is too narrow for right turn lanes to be installed for the various entrances. It was also explained that the owners of properties should ensure that they have a safe access onto the highway and speed limits should not be introduced for isolated hazards.</p> <p>PB has received several letters expressing concerns for access from the golf club and vineyard and the lack of footpath. Some residents would like a 30mph limit.</p> <p>AB considers a 50mph speed limit to be more appropriate.</p> <p>CH considers that traffic speeds are appropriate for a 50mph but is concerned about similar requests for the rest of the B4000.</p> <p>It was agreed that other sections of B4000 would be considered on their merits and a 50mph speed limit should be introduced.</p> <p>KW does not want residents to complain about speeds and request enforcement when a 50mph is introduced.</p>

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Recommendation:	It was agreed to introduce 50mph on B4000 between the A4 and Stockcross village.
<b>3 (B). B4000 Western End of Stockcross Village – possible extension to 30mph or 40mph buffer</b>	
Attendees:	Cllr Paul Bryant, Parish Cllr Alan Booth
Discussion:	<p>AG introduced the concerns of a local resident and the issues with traffic speeds from numerous SDR surveys.</p> <p>PB is concerned about the speed of traffic past the entrance to the recreation ground.</p> <p>CH suggested a mobile camera van could be used to deter those accelerating before the speed terminal sign. AG commented that he is due to meet the Police with regard to requesting enforcement at a number of identified locations where speeding is a concern. This location is on the list.</p> <p>GP queried what type of physical measures could be introduced. There was a discussion about various measures and the concerns about approach speeds and forward visibility.</p>
Recommendation:	It was agreed not to extend the speed limit or introduce a 40mph buffer speed limit, but to investigate if a build out (or similar) could be introduced by the recreation ground to reduce traffic speeds.
<b>4. Crookham Common Road, Brimpton - Request for 40mph limit (between Thornford Road and Crookham Park entrance)</b>	
Attendees:	Parish Cllr Brian Barnes
Discussion:	<p>AG introduced the report and explained about a 113 signature petition requesting 'a 40 mph speed limit from Thornford Road to the junction of Crookham Park Home site'.</p> <p>There was a discussion about linking the two 40mph speed limits and CH commented that a continuous 40mph will lessen its effect in keeping speeds low.</p> <p>GP emphasised 40mph without an obvious reason would lead to speeding. He believes motorist can develop a culture of responding to signs appropriately once they learn signs are there for a genuine reason.</p> <p>There was a discussion about improving visibility at the entrance and measures to make driver aware of the entrance.</p> <p>KW recommended finding out the land owner then write to the management with highway guidelines on visibility. Improve visibility by clearing vegetation, put up stop line closer to the road and put up junction warning sign to make entrance clear and obvious.</p>
Recommendation:	All agreed with the recommendation in the report not to alter the speed limit but to investigate if the signing and lining can be improved.
<b>5. Radley Bottom Road, Hungerford - extension to introduce 30mph speed limit in residential section</b>	

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Attendees:	Town Cllrs Rob Brookman and Colin Bumbieris
Discussion:	<p>AG introduced the report and recommended extending the 40mph speed limit to cover the residential properties.</p> <p>RB commented that the pub in the area is very popular leading to relatively small parking space hence parking on the road.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the merits of a 30mph and a 40mph. GP favours a 30mph limit.</p> <p>AG stated that the introduction of a 30mph limit would mean extending it beyond the residential properties as the minimum length of a speed limit specified in Circular Road 1/13 setting local speed limits states <i>'The minimum length of a speed limit should generally be not less than 600 metres to avoid too many changes of speed limit along the route. In exceptional circumstances this can be reduced to 400 metres for lower speed limits, or even 300 metres on roads with a purely local access function, or where a variable 20 mph limit is introduced, for example outside a school. Anything shorter is not recommended.'</i></p> <p>The length of road under consideration is approximately 280 metres.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the legality of the length of speed limit and if the minimum specified in Circular Roads 1/13 is only guidance or has to be adhered to.</p> <p>GP proposed the aim should be to introduce 30mph for the 280 metres after legal consultation. It was agreed for AG to find out the legality and to contact DfT.</p> <p>It was also agreed not to introduce a speed limit between the A338 and Lower Farm</p>
Recommendation:	All agreed to introduce a 30mph depending the outcome of the investigation on the minimum length of a speed limit. Should the minimum legal length be that specified in Circular Roads 1/13 then a 40mph speed limit would be introduced.
<b>6. A340 Tidmarsh – request for a 30mph speed limit extension further south</b>	
Attendees:	None
Discussion:	<p>AG introduced the report and commented that Cllr Tim Metcalfe agreed with the recommendation, but the Parish Council requested the 30mph speed limit be extended before the bends.</p> <p>It was agreed that extending the speed limit prior to the bends is unlikely to have any impact on vehicle speeds and the existing speed limit location is appropriate in terms of forward visibility to the signs.</p>
Recommendation:	All agree with the recommendation not to alter the start of the existing speed limit.
<b>7. Inglewood Road, Kintbury – request for a 30mph speed limit</b>	
Attendees:	None
Discussion:	AG explained the reason for the request and commented that the road is rural with low traffic volumes. All agreed that the existing speed limit is appropriate for the nature of the road.

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Recommendation:	All agreed with the recommendation that the existing speed limit is appropriate.
<b>8. Oxford Road, Chieveley – request to reduce 60mph to 50mph</b>	
Attendees:	None
Discussion:	<p>AG introduced the report and explained that this length of road was considered in January 2012. The task group were made aware of Councillor Cole's comments for the request.</p> <p>AD commented that cutting vegetation at the junctions and at a few residential accesses would improve the visibility.</p> <p>GP comment that the visibility is not a speed limit issue and agreed improvements could be made by cutting back the vegetation.</p>
Recommendation:	All agreed with the recommendation in the report that the existing speed limit is appropriate for a road of this nature and it be investigated if the vegetation can be cut back at the junctions.
<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>GP reminded AG to circulate to all councillors a note about 20mph speed limits and the desire to have speed limits enforced by the Police.</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>To be scheduled for March 2015.</p>	
<p><b>End of meeting.</b></p>	

**Note:** This is a summary of the Speed Limit Review meeting