

# *Swavesey Parish Council*

## **Minutes**

Meeting to discuss Traffic Calming Scheme Proposals  
including Safer Routes to School and Over-Swavesey Cycleway

held at The Memorial Hall, Monday 17 May 2004, 7.30pm

### **PRESENT**

Mr M Johnston (Chairman)

Councillors : A Day, J Foster, C Houghton, P Marriott, S Rogers, J Shepperson, J Tait, W Wright

Clerk : Mrs L Miller

Cambs County Council: Mr D Brace

Parishioners : None

### **APOLOGIES**

R Owen, J Dodson, S Rogers (late arrival), County Cllr Mrs S Johnstone

### **AGENDA 2**

#### *Minutes of 2 February 2004*

The Minutes were signed as correct record.

### **AGENDA 3**

#### *Declarations of Interest*

None

### **AGENDA 4**

#### *To view the responses received from the public exhibition and consultation on the Traffic Calming Proposals for Swavesey*

Parish Council had received copies of the 75 completed response forms and letters, written following the public exhibition held on 18 March.

Mr Brace, for CCC, explained that although the footpath along Gibraltar Lane was to be funded from the Safer Routes To School Scheme budget and not the A14 traffic calming budget, the plans for the footpath were shown at the exhibition in order to carry out the public consultation on the plans and to show how the SRTSS scheme would fit in with the traffic calming proposals.

*(7.39pm – Mrs S Rogers apologised for late arrival)*

A general discussion then took place on the proposals and comments received. The main points included:

- The main problem is speeding through certain sections of the village.
- The three main issues arising from the comments received were:
  - 1) Gibraltar Lane – safety of pedestrians
  - 2) The cycleway/footpath between Swan Pond and Taylors Lane
  - 3) Parking problems in Middlewatch and High Street
- The options proposed plus others, as installed in other villages, were discussed

- Boxworth End – there are still more road markings to go down as part of the reduction in the speed limit. Mr Brace added that a give-way feature for this end of the village is not possible, as it needs to be placed on a straight stretch of road and the bends in Buckingham Road unfortunately do not allow for a give-way feature. Also a new ‘rippleprint’ road surfacing which has been used at Hilton may be an idea to include in Boxworth End, Mr Brace suggested Councillors visit Hilton to evaluate this.
- Ramper Road – Parish Council strongly believed that improvements to this road are urgently required and should be CCC Highways funded, however the inclusion of three passing places from the traffic calming budget should be included to give some immediate improvement for traffic using the road.

The Chairman reminded Council that at the start of the traffic calming discussions last year, the Parish Council had agreed that to do nothing was not an option. A scheme for traffic calming through the village has to be agreed on. Mr Brace also stated that the funding for the traffic calming scheme has to be approved and spent in this financial year (2003/04) otherwise it will be lost.

From the discussions held it was proposed and unanimously agreed that the traffic calming proposals should go ahead as follows:

1. The Gibraltar Lane footpath proposals are a decision that has to be made by the SRTSS committee as it is their proposal and will be funded from their budget. As there is also still indecision over which side of Gibraltar Lane the footpath should be, this item cannot be agreed and approved at this meeting.
2. Not to make any of the changes proposed to the mini-roundabout at School Lane/High Street/Middlewatch junction, as Council did not wish to see any of the layby at the recreation green taken away. Mr Brace to find out if there is any other way of re-aligning the mini-roundabout without losing parking space in the layby.
3. Not to install a ‘no exit’ at Blackhorse Lane. Leave the junction with the High Street as it is now.
4. The footpath between Swan Pond and Taylors Lane should be widened but should NOT be made a dual-use cycleway/footpath. Mr Brace to investigate possible options for preventing cycling along this footpath, such as staggered barriers.
5. The mini-roundabout at Taylors Lane/Station Road junction to be installed.
6. The raised junction tables at Gibraltar Lane/Middlewatch and Thistle Green/School Lane junctions to go ahead.
7. The build-outs in Middlewatch are all to go ahead.
8. The three passing places in Ramper Road to be installed.
9. The gateway feature in Buckingham Road to go ahead.
10. The gate-way feature in Ramper Road to go ahead.
11. The give-way/gateway feature on Over Road to go ahead together with the extension of the 30mph speed limit out to the edge of the built-up area of Over Road and the installation of interactive speed signs.

Mr Brace confirmed that all of the items approved could be funded from the budget allocated to Swavesey and if approved at the Joint Area Committee meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June would be installed during autumn 2004.

Public notices would be published in the Cambridge Evening News and posted-up on site to inform residents, allowing objections to be made.

The Chairman thanked Mr Brace for his work and patience in putting together this scheme.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.45pm.

Signed & dated, Chairman