

MOSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WITH HIGHWAYS

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 6th February 2018, 7pm, in
St Peter's Church Hall, Elworth.**

PRESENT Councillors:

A Holder (Chair)

M Sant

A Roscoe

D Nixon

S Harrop

R Beech

J Wray

John Tickle Cheshire East Highways

Ian Darlington Cheshire East Highways

The Clerk to the Council: Kristine Pemberton

Also present were fifteen members of the public.

The meeting started at 19:00

1. INTRODUCTIONS

John Tickle and Ian Darlington (highways technology manager) both work for Cheshire East Highways

2. PRESENTATION BY HIGHWAYS (10 MINUTES)

Highways have recently started community engagement which includes meetings with local councils in the area. A social media strategy has been implemented, which can be followed @CEChighways. 'Report it track it' is the online tool used to report issues

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Closure of part of Moss Lane

Repeated concerns from local residents about the impact of this closure

Discussed what strategies are available to allow consideration of re-opening this road. John Tickle advised we would need to progress with Chris Booth if we wanted to investigate possible re-opening of the road.

RESOLVED: John Tickle will contact Chris Booth and explain the concerns and identify potential ways forward.

3.2 Flooding

Areas of flooding on Dragons Lane, Oakwood Lane, Red Lane and Clay Lane

Investigation has been done on Dragons Lane which has identified the cause of the flooding is with the landowner and not on the highway and this has now been passed onto the landowner.

RESOLVED: John Tickle will continue to follow up this issue. John Tickle will also do a CCTV survey to further investigate.

On Clay lane, under the railway bridge, highways are aiming to put a filter drain in and this is expected to be completed in 2018. The dip in the road in Clay Lane is also being further investigated with a structural survey to be done.

John Tickle has not yet assessed the flooding on the other lanes and to progress these we need to log them to highways as individual items.

3.3 Road surface problems

Various pot holes, uneven road surface issues on Clay Lane, Dragons Lane, Crabmill Lane and Mill Lane

All need to be logged as individual problems. Ongoing problems are fed into the asset team and who then assess where more significant work may be done. Timelines cannot be specified as this is related to priorities and budget constraints.

3.4 Signage

Continuing accidents at the junction of Mill Lane with the canal bridge

John Tickle said that the Mill Lane / Dragons Lane junction was being investigated but as there have not yet been any reported injuries the police do not have it logged as a safety concern. Road markings have now been renewed and curbing added. Highways can only repair and maintain existing signage they cannot add new signage. To request different signs (eg stop sign, chevrons) we need to contact the traffic team. Rob Welsh would be the appropriate contact on the traffic team.

RESOLVED: John Tickle will look at surface of the road. Most accidents happened in the rain so could be linked to poor traction with the road

Issue with HGV's ignoring the weight limit signs, John Tickle advised that this needs to be progressed with the police. As well as safety concerns this also leads to a lot of the damage on our roads.

RESOLVED: John Tickle will contact Rob Welsh to highlight the concern and ask him to contact Moston Parish Council. More signs may help

3.5 Footpaths

Concerns about Booth Lane from Albion Lock to Mill Lane and the state of our verges

John Tickle has added the concern about the footpath along Booth Lane to Albion Lock onto the asset management list.

RESOLVED: John Tickle will progress trimming the hedges to make the footpath wider.

3.6 Street Lighting

Lack of lighting on Booth Lane near Albion Lock

There are around 6 lights near Albion lock which are not turned on. John Tickle advised that these were installed by the developer and still their responsibility. Residents should

contact the developer and ask for the lights to be switched on. Highways are reviewing (in the next few weeks) the need for lights to be installed through to the Mill lane and if approved could be done this year.

3.7 General

Concerns about speeding traffic

To introduce speed limit would need to go to Rob Welsh in traffic. There is a complex procedure to agree to changing speed limits requiring detailed statistics showing the speeding traffic. An alternative course of action is to consider other visual speed limiting methods

The parish council could buy some digital speed signs and move around different locations

There are frequently problems with dirt on lanes from farming contractors. When this happens and is potentially causing a danger on the road we should call and report to highways

3.8 Future Concerns

Impact of Middlewich Eastern bypass on our Lanes

There is currently a lot of strategic work ongoing in Cheshire with investment in our roads. They are looking at 'strategic routes' ie when M6 is closed to guide people to the best alternative routes and SMART towns: ie. diversions, preferential traffic lights. Some of these initiatives may be helpful for tackling road issues.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm