

STEVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: HIGHWAYS - JULY 2023

[Outstanding Actions - there are several previously recorded actions requiring priority progression in partnership with Borough Councillors and Highways. For clarity these are highlighted at the end of each relevant item].

1.1 **7.5T Weight Limit (Silver Street):** This is 2 months away from the 12 month Borough Council's formal review period, ending August 2023. SPC traffic incident log continues to provide a facility for residents to formally report individual instances including non-compliance. The positioning of associated 40mph/national speed limit signage towards the A428 has been identified and agreed by Borough Highways as needing repositioning away from a residential property entrance. **Action status: Ongoing.**

1.2 **20mph Mandatory Speed Limit Scheme:** This is also 2 months away from the 12 month Borough formal review period, ending August 2023. **Action status: Ongoing.**

1.3 **Mobile Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs):** The Morelock SID unit is now operational in Park Road (sharing pole with recent 'Pedestrians in Road/No Footway' warning signs). Battery life appears 5-6 weeks depending upon vehicle volumes. Note: the working height of installing/removing the SID from this pole - at 3.46m from ground level to top of pole - is considered unsafe for SPC volunteers at a live roadside. Borough requested to swap fixing positions of the triangle/plate signs with the SID to enable safer SID access (photo shows pre-SID deployment and with SID at top of 3.46m pole). Until the mounting fixing positions are swapped by the Borough, the SID will remain at the present Park Road location. **Action: Signage and SID position adjustments required by Borough, as stated during 11 May 2023 SPC meeting.**



1.4 **Other Matters:**

1.4.1 **West End and Park Road – alteration of current speed limits:** Borough Council confirmed at 8th Feb EPM the outward extension to the 30mph and 40mph mandatory speed limit extents/introduction at West End/Pavenham Road and Park Road. For the former, there are signage position location paint markings on the carriageway. **Action: formal Borough confirmation required ref timescales.**

1.4.2 Village Entrance Roads – Entry Gates (& ‘Pedestrians in Road’ Signage), Dragons Teeth Road Markings: Borough confirmed at 8th Feb EPC this needs to align with end-of-year timings ref intended lowering/moving of the mandatory speed limits (see above). Allocated funding confirmed in place by former Borough councillor during 11 May 2023 SPC meeting. **Action: formal Borough confirmation required ref timescales.**

1.4.3 Bottle Bank, Stevington Country Walk, Park Road: This is considered by SPC to present a significant risk to road safety. A comprehensive safety-based report was provided to Borough councillors during May 2023 - no response yet received as at 23rd June 2023. **Action: Borough councillors requested to formally present the matter to Borough Highways and advise SPC of response.**

1.4.4 February 2023 Highways EPM - Silver Street/Cross Junction - Commercial Vehicle Damage Mitigation Measures: During the EPM a number of topics were discussed with the majority of actions covered elsewhere in this report. Also, however, the subject was raised by residents of Borough Highways assessing any opportunity for the protection of historic buildings at the Silver Street/Cross junction by means of pavement bollards - agreed for formal consideration by Borough. **Action: Borough councillors requested to formally present the matter to Borough Highways and advise SPC of response.**

1.4.5 Community Speedwatch: Stevington Traffic Action Group (STAG) has formally partnered with Bedfordshire Police and following mandatory vetting of individuals and formal training, regular roadside speedwatch camera sessions are taking place with data submitted to the Police. Latest session Friday 9th June 2023. STAG has also been invited to access/make use of speed data available via Bluetooth from the SID (para 1.3 refers) in support of evidence led speedwatch deployment and improved road safety. Action status: Ongoing.

Report Ends

23 June 2023