

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PARISH MEETING OF SUTTON HELD IN
THE READING ROOM ON MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2008 AT 7.30 PM

Members of the Council Present: Peter Lee (Chairman), Melvyn Hill, Alison Maddigan, Dan Rose, Patricia Stuart-Mogg (Clerk)

Member of the Public: 18

Also in attendance: Ward Cllrs. John Holdich and Diane Lamb and Mrs Sarah Barnwell

Apologies: Cllr. Robbie Reid, Mr & Mrs Gardener

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<p>1. To consult on the proposal of including Sutton in the Quiet Lane Scheme and on improvements to the junction at Manor Road and Nene Way:</p> <p>The Chairman reminded attendees that there were two road safety issues which had been drawn to the attention of the Authorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HGVs seeking to take a short cut through the village and other vehicles travelling through the village at speed. This was the subject of this meeting. 2. The dangerous right turn into The Drift from the A47. The Parish Council explored a number of potential solutions one of which was stopping the right turn access to The Drift from the A47. The Highways Agency preferred the full closure of access from the Drift to the A47. However, this was not thought a perfect solution due to the school bus route. The matter is low priority in the Agency's programme. <p>In response to the Parish Council's approach on Issue 1, P'boro City Council suggested consideration of the Quiet Lane Scheme as a potential resolution. Before proceeding further residents needed to be consulted. Sarah Barnwell, PCC Project Manager was welcomed to the meeting and outlined details of the Quiet Lane Scheme which had been delivered to each household in the village. The scheme maintained the character of a village by seeking to contain rising traffic growth and to emphasise to drivers that other road users such as pedestrians, cyclists or horse riders have equal rights.</p> <p>Clearly a number of attendees considered that the Quiet Lanes signs would only be a poor substitute for a 20mph restriction. However Mrs Barnard stated that such a limit would not be self-enforcing and not supported by the police. The scheme would not provide a mechanism for Traffic Calming. Possible solutions may be to display signs advising drivers that Sutton is unsuitable for HGVs in addition to the Quiet Lane signs and indicate Sutton as 'No Through Road' access.</p> <p>There was also discussion on the need, if a 20mph restriction is not to happen, to reposition the existing 30mph signs which are positioned far too close to the village and the road junctions. Mrs Barnwell would pursue this.</p> <p>The Chairman asked the residents to vote by a show of hands on the following proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the initiative should be pursued? The majority agreed the Quiet Lane Scheme initiative should be pursued. • Should a traffic calming scheme be adopted? The majority did not support a traffic calming scheme. • Should the 30mph signs be repositioned? There was unanimous support for relocating the signs. • Relocating the speed limit signs and the Quiet Lane at both points of entry to the village. 7 voted in favour, 3 against, 8 abstained. • Display 'Unsuitable for HGVs' sign. The majority agreed with the proposal. It was requested that the signs were placed so the HGVs could be alerted and take evasive action before entering the village. • Display 'No Through Road' sign. This was unanimously supported. • To modify and remove the triangle junction at Manor Road to improve the right turn. This was unanimously supported. <p>It was noted that the closing date for responses is 10 March. Some written responses had been submitted directly to PCC.</p> <p>It was requested whether a weight limit might be applied on the old bridge. Sarah Barnwell</p>	

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<p>agreed to investigate this but it was thought that this might pose an issue for some vehicles which needed to access the village, such as delivery vehicles.</p> <p>Mrs Barnwell said that the next step would be for her to assess all the comments received by the closing date, amend the scheme if appropriate and undertake the final formal consultation prior to implementation.</p>	
<p>2. Parish Council Vacancy: The Chairman advised that Mrs. Alison Maddigan had tendered her resignation, after a noble stint of 10 years, to concentrate on family and other community commitments. Her valuable and diligent service as a former Parish Clerk had been greatly appreciated. A notice regarding the vacancy has been posted on the Notice Board. Following the closure date the Parish Council will take the necessary steps to fill the vacancy.</p>	Clerk