Traffic Report 2014/2015

Roger Rowe and I represent Winsley Parish Council on the Community Area Traffic Group at Wiltshire council. We put forward the views and concerns of the parish and press for our share of a limited budget with Bradford and other local parishes.

Main concerns and achievements for this year:

1) 20 mph for Turleigh and Dane Rise.

Only two proposals are considered each year and we were able to get Winsley put forward in the first year of this policy. The survey has been completed and agreed, Wiltshire Highways will be implementing the work in due course. (Most of the cost has been met by Wilts highways and CAT G, this will not be the case in future years as the policy criteria has been changed, meaning that parishes will have to meet a larger part of the cost).

2) Parking restrictions in the Old Village.

Parishioners have been concerned about traffic blockages due, in some cases, to inconsiderate parking. Issues have arisen with buses being unable to proceed and more importantly, emergency vehicles needing access. Wiltshire Council has surveyed the area and a plan was published for consultation. The comments have gone to the cabinet member and we are awaiting the final decision.

3) Bus bays/ School access.

We have requested that the bus bays be clearly marked. Hopefully this will discourage parking in the bays and therefore the buses will be able to drop off/pick up safely. We are supporting the school with their traffic plan and have asked W.C. to mark the school entrance to allow the safe passage of the pupils.

4) Hartley Farm junction.

We have arranged a site visit with Wiltshire Highways to assess the junction on the B3108. Parishioners have voiced concerns over this junction due to increased use. We want to make sure the junction is as safe as possible and to that end are seeking advice.

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