7.1 To agree to contribute to the costs of the Traffic Regulation Order for the proposed change in the B3108 speed limit from 50mph to 40mph, and to consider the estimated costs of the works.

The next step in changing the B3108 speed limit from 50mph to 40mph is for Wiltshire Council to undertake a Traffic Regulation Order. This includes a minimum 3 week consultation process.

The cost of undertaking a TRO is £3,000.

Up to 70% of the funding can be requested from the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG).

Winsley Parish Council is asked to agree funding of £900, with a request to the LHFIG for a contribution of £2,100.

LHFIG funds are limited and councillors should consider if they would be willing to fund more (or all) of the total costs should LHFIG not be able to fund a 70% contribution.

Wiltshire Council's Highways Engineer has provided an estimate of costs for changing the speed limit signage. Costings have been based on Wiltshire Council's cost of highway works information and includes re-using posts and existing street furniture wherever possible. More detailed work is needed to provide robust costings, but the estimates are:

£9,900 - to replace all signage on side roads & the B3108

£1,980 - 20% contingency

£11,800 total (£3,564 / £8,316 - if costs can be split 30 / 70 with LHFIG)

The Highways Engineer has suggested that, as there will no longer be a 50mph to 40mph speed limit change at the start of Winsley Hill, village gates could be installed here instead. These can help reduce driver speed. Estimated costs with village gates:

£9,900 - to replace all signage on side roads & the B3108

£3,000 - to install village gates

£2,580 - 20% contingency

£15,480 total (£4,644 / £10,836 if costs can be split 30 / 70 with LHFIG))

Breakdown of costs:

£5,500 - 11 side roads requiring terminal signing changes (removal of existing and provision of new signing)

£1,000 - Winsley Hill terminal sign removal and new signing

£400 - 8 sets of repeaters to remove on B3108 (16 signs)

£2000 - Minimum 8 sets of repeaters to install (16 signs)

£1000 - Winsley terminal 50/40mph terminal signs removal

£3,000 - Winsley Hill installation of village gates

20% Contingency

7.2 To consider requests for road safety measures in the lanes (Ashley/Haugh/ Conkwell).

Unitary Cllr Nigel White has received requests from residents in Ashley/Haugh for measures to improve road safety. Separately, a resident has contacted the Parish Council with concerns about the increasing number of pedestrians and the increasing traffic on the lanes from the Winsley bypass by Church Farm to Parsonage Farm and on to Conkwell. The resident has asked if signposting can be installed to warn drivers and pedestrians of the danger of narrow lanes with blind corners.
Unitary Cllr White is raising these concerns with Wiltshire Highways.

7.3 To consider a request for an additional dropped kerb on Dane Rise.

Councillors are asked to consider a request for an additional dropped kerb on Dane Rise - see LHFIG submission form.

According to Wiltshire Council's highways costs, a standard dropped kerb costs £1,250 to £1,500 (per kerb).

7.4 To consider a request for advisory signage on the lane by the War Memorial.

Residents of a property on the lane behind the War Memorial report that drivers are still using the lane without realising the difficult tight bend and having to negotiate this by laboriously reversing. Their car has been struck and their gates damaged. They report that the problem is worse on days when there is a cricket match or an event at the village hall.

Residents raised similar issues a couple of years ago. After discussions with Wiltshire Highways the solution agreed was to install 'narrow road' signs, which are positioned at each end of the lane.

The residents feel that these signs are inadequate and have asked if access only signs can be installed.

Previous discussions with Highways included the possible creation of a no through road or the installation of a bollard, although Highways had reservations about both of these and the potential impact on residents and vehicles such as refuse collections.

Some informal signage has appeared at this junction directing people to the Village Hall/Cricket Club and formal directional signs could be considered.

7.5 To consider a request for a bus stop shelter at the Wheatsheaf stop

A resident has requested a bus shelter at the Wheatsheaf junction bus stop, noting that it's in an exposed position and a stop that's used by staff and visitors at Dorothy House. Although shelters on both sides were seen as ideal, a shelter on one side of the road was felt to be sufficient.

7.6 Any other Highways matters

- The next LHFIG meeting is on Monday 12th October
- Updates on the railway bridge at Limpley Stoke
- Updates on the 20mph speed limit on residential roads in Winsley
- Speed on the A363 by Conkwell Golf Club – update after next LHFIG meeting