

## **Buckland Dinham Traffic, Transport & Travel (TTT) Group**

### **Meeting held on 6/8/95**

Five Persons Present (SG, DS, SH, ABW, RF)

- 1.0 Minutes of previous meeting accepted.
- 2.0 DS went through report prepared for previous meeting on 30 April giving updates on the emails to companies project plus Community Speedwatch (CSW) – see village website for full report.
- 3.0 Current update from CSW: since February 47 sessions have been held, resulting in 1,611 letters being issued to speeding motorists; during these sessions a total of 26,000 vehicles passed through the village, 6.3% of whom were speeding.  
  
CSW needs more volunteers so that more sessions can be held, stats updates giving information on the scale of the speeding problem through the village and the positive impact it is having, along with a request for more volunteers to go out through WhatsApp group and village website.
- 4.0 Update on letters to commercial organisations: 26 emails have been sent to companies whose vehicles travel through the village regularly, with a ‘thank you for not speeding’ letter attached. 5 letters have also been sent via post. 3 positive responses have been received via email, one from a director at Arleen Coaches. Suggest publishing extracts from the letters in Five Alive, village website, village FB page.
- 5.0 Bird Box Festival idea: SG isn’t able to take this forward right now and all present agreed to shelve the idea for the time being.
- 6.0 Discussion with Anna Sabine MP: ABW attended a recent business breakfast at which Anna Sabine, our local MP, was present and managed to have a discussion with her about the speeding issues through the village. Anna Sabine advised the first thing that needs to happen is for the Parish Council to write formally to Somerset Council, with her visibly on copy, highlighting the concerns that the village has. DS advised Somerset Council have already been involved when they agreed to lower the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph some years ago but will draft something to send to them, copying in Anna as advised.  
  
DS advised the Mayor of Frome was responsible for the recent safer schools’ road calming scheme and will attempt to speak with her to find out how that process was started. The meeting agreed that we need to find a solution/scheme to reduce the speed of vehicles through the village, then propose it to Somerset Council and Anna Sabine.
- 7.0 Damage to parked cars: SG advised of the ‘Wing Aware’ triangles which she and a neighbour are trialling, which will hopefully reduce damage to wing mirrors and bodywork. We need to advise residents to report any damage, however small, along with any near misses to the police via 111 which helps with stats, which in turn may help with solutions if we can evidence the scale of the problem. DS and ABW will work on a paragraph for Five Alive.

8.0 Future comms ideas: Different comms ideas have been discussed in preceding items e.g. WhatsApp group, village Facebook page, village website, Five Alive, so further discussion at this point was not required.

AOB: A resident had raised the issue of the 20mph signs at top of village which are being obscured by overgrowth. This has been reported to 'Fix my street', and all residents are encouraged to report it also, as the more reports are made the more likely it is that it will be cut back sooner.

Date of next meeting: 22 October 7.00 pm Village Hall (upstairs).