TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 26 MAY 2022

NOTES FOR REPORT

1. 180 seconds. When TWG decided form the start that it must communicate with the village and have tried to do so by letter, questionnaires, e-mails, and an open evening so you already know who are. Identify residents’ concerns, carry out research, seek to put into effect.
2. To remind you of this last year, which was also TWG’s first:
* TWG has conducted 2 surveys to seek residents’ opinions about the traffic and what might be done to reduce its impact. Safety and speed were principal concerns, and there is majority support for a 20mph limit and speed indicator lights.
* At the PC meeting in July 2021, TWG recommended the filing of an LHI and TWG established a team to review what was possible and what was needed. The story has been reported elsewhere but suffice it to say that the LHI application was successful: quite a prize to mark the end of TWG’s first year.
* We conducted traffic surveys to establish the nature and volume of the through traffic, particularly commercial vehicles. Over 2000 vehicles a day drive through the village, and 30% of commercial vehicles use us a rat-run.
* We developed a link with the ‘20’s Plenty’ organisation, which has compiled a comprehensive illustration of the benefits of a 10mph reduction in the speed
1. TWG has been seeking sponsorship from local companies who would support traffic improvements in GW. Through the hard work Monique, TWG has been in discussion with to a local company involved with the solar park who we believe will support the purchase of one or two solar-powered MVAS in the village. This has not yet been approved by PC.
2. Public Meeting. Presentation by 20s Plenty, Claire Daunton, and TWG, a wide-ranging discussion with residents about traffic issues.
3. Discussions have been opened with the Mill concerning HGVs, and they will be followed up soon. Contact with the other industrial sites is on TWG’s list.
4. Looking ahead:

We urge the PC at its next meeting to formulate a policy for 20mph limit in the village, including the possible filing of a further LHI for a 20mph speed limit within the village.

TWG will continue to communicate with residents to ensure that their - your concerns - about transport-related issues are represented.

Negotiate with local businesses to gain their agreement to voluntary measures that will reduce the impact of commercial traffic.

TWG will campaign for limits on the size, weight and times of HGVs, particularly those using the village as a rat run between the A14 and A11.

1. And finally:
2. Relationship with PC. Needs to improve.
3. Thanks to all the TWG group and to the many residents in the village who have provided TWG with support and encouragement.

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