



HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP
Report to Parish Council 01 October 2019
Lead Cllrs: L Bennett, J Clark, C Hainsworth (Co-ordinator),

RECOMMENDATIONS:

There are no recommendations to Council in this report – all actions are with the relevant Principal Authorities in accordance with the Council’s priorities for 2019/2020

1. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)

Sign up to the Community Speedwatch Programme - (Resolution July 2018)

- £5,000.00 ringfenced in Council Reserves to take this forward in accordance with identified Powers and Duties for road safety

Currently there are no plans to purchase an additional VAS until the current one has been installed and tested. Costs may be incurred for maintenance and software

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have got the scheme up and running through the summer
In order to keep the scheme sustainable however, there needs to be members of the community recruited – an appeal will be put in the “In Touch” Parish Newsletter.

From 31 May 2019 to 18 September 2019 there has been the following activity with 145 letters being issued for vehicles in excess of 35 mph.

	Stainby	Colsterworth
Number of sessions	5	6
Avg Vehicles per hour	135	203
Over 35mph	64	81
% speeding	9.5%	6.6%
Volunteer hours*	20	23
*Including co-ordination and data submission		

Two new locations have been approved by Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership at Woolsthorpe and Bridge End

2. FOOTPATHS

Reports have been received and actioned by the Clerk for FP1, FP3, FP7, FP15 and FP17.

3. LCC PRIORITIES

Parish Council Priorities have been fully shared with LCC who have agreed actions and is monitored by the Clerk

	Priority	Current Situation and updates
1	Junction of Back Lane/High Street	The H bar marking will be marked out on site and the local team will get this painted on the ground during September 2019.
3	High Street Traffic Calming Details of proposals received for traffic calming on the High Street (particularly at Houghton Lane due to the narrowing of the road and children crossing) have been shared with LCC.	LCC are still not currently processing traffic calming scheme requests but they will place the requested restrictions on the list for further investigation. This is something that will be considered when the investigation takes place, but there are no timescales available for this from LCC
4	Bridge End:	The PC's comments have been noted by LCC and have been passed on to those who look at developments and their impact.



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New issues have arisen with the move of the Co-op; (e.g. parking on verges, lack of pavement, risks of flooding, access issues).	<i>Following resolution by Council at June 2019 meeting, the Clerk wrote to LCC Highways to enquire what road furniture could be installed – this work has now been scheduled to install posts either side of the Co-op entrance</i>
5 A1: The Parish Council has consistently raised concerns about the safety of the A1 and this is reported at monthly meetings as the closures and congestion impacts directly on our Parish	The A1 does not fall within the remit of LCC; LCC are putting pressure on Highways England to undertake the survey/review that was promised some time ago.
7 Flooding/Drainage/Soakaways: There has become a noticeable deterioration in drainage of surface water, particularly on the B676 (from crossroads to A1)	Continue to monitor and report issues to LCC through standard processes (Fixmystreet) The periods of heavy rain this summer has exacerbated the situation

4. ISSUES LOG – Traffic and road safety

No new reports at the time of writing this report (18 September 2019)

5. NORTH WITHAM

No update to report

6. A1 ISSUES

1. Incidents impacting on our area (accidents, delays, tailbacks/diversions) on A1
(Source: <https://www.newsnow.co.uk/h/UK/Travel+&+Transport/Road/A1>)

Item 6: A1 Issues

Further issues reported on Social Media since 18 August 2019 (Between North Witham and Grantham)

Day	Date	Details
Thurs	12 Sept	A section of the A1 just south of Grantham was blocked earlier this afternoon (Thursday) due to a collision. Traffic was backing up near the turn-off to Skillington, on the northbound carriageway.
Monday	02 Sept	Emergency services were called to the scene of a crash which closed the A1 in both directions. One woman was taken to QMC via air ambulance with serious injuries and another woman was also reported injured. The accident was called in to police at 12.30pm between Colsterworth and Little Ponton (Skillington junction) A 38-mile diversion was in place after the four-vehicle crash forced the closure of the A1. The road fully reopened at 6pm It caused queues of around eight miles at the peaks of its delays and motorists were advised to avoid the area.
Thursday	29 August	There were severe delays on the A1 southbound between Great Ponton and Colsterworth due to a stalled vehicle
Wednesday	28 August	09:00 hrs Tailbacks several miles long have been reported on the A1 just south of Colsterworth. Police blocked off the inside lane of the northbound carriageway, where a small hatchback could be seen with front end damage. There are no reports of any injuries.



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	27 August	<p>A photograph showing a caravan straddling the outside lane of the A1 at a crossing at Great Ponton has been shared on social media. The picture taken from the pedestrian bridge at Great Ponton highlighting the danger of the crossing in the central reservation.</p> <p><i>"Spotted this morning, one of many, similar and often daily occurrences."</i> The picture shows the caravan being towed across the southbound carriageway so the driver can cross on to the northbound A1 as traffic hurtles through Great Ponton.</p> <p>A similar incident involving a bus was reported by the Grantham Journal recently when it also straddled the carriageway while waiting to move on to the northbound carriageway.</p> 
Sunday	25 August	<p>The A1 was brought to a halt after an accident was reported on the southbound carriageway between the A151 Colsterworth services junction, and the B6403 Stamford Road, the Colsterworth South turn off.</p> <p>The accident was reported at around 12.45pm</p>
Sunday	25 August	<p>Southbound carriageway was also closed, in the same area, for a time in the afternoon after an accident and an oil spill</p>
Friday	23 August	<p>Forty-one vehicles have been stopped on the A1 in Grantham during a three-day operation targeting large goods vehicles.</p> <p>Operation Tramline saw Lincolnshire police officers, supported by the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency, out in an unmarked HGV lorry.</p> <p>During the three days of action, 41 vehicles were stopped; 25 HGVs, 4 LGVs, a public service vehicle, and 11 cars. All 41 vehicles had committed a motoring offence, with some committing two offences. There were "Our operation uncovered some very dangerous offences. We witnessed one man steering a car with his knees as he used two hands to type on a mobile phone.</p> <p>"In another incident, a woman was on her phone, holding it to ear, for several miles traveling at speed even though she had her hands free in the car.</p> <p>"We then witnessed a lorry driver take his seat belt off, remove his t-shirt and reach into his bag, get clean shirt, no doubt to put on, before he realised, we'd seen him.</p> <p>"There was also a tired driver that was weaving all over the carriageway and went off the carriageway onto the verge a couple of times before we managed to get him stopped.</p> <p>"We are always disappointed when people take risks with their lives and other people's lives, and it is particularly shocking when those drivers are in charge of a large goods vehicle which has the potential to do such huge damage. Some of these people also risk their jobs by carrying out these offences.</p>



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		<p>49 offences identified in total as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobile phone – 6• Seatbelt - 23• Speed – 3• Not in control – 10• Construction and use offences – 3• Due care – 2• Excess weight – 1• Drivers' hours – 1 <p>Of the 49 offences, nine verbal warnings were given, 33 traffic offence reports were issued - this means the driver will either be offered an education course, handed a fine and points on their licence or go to court.</p> <p>Two graduated penalties were given out for weight and driving hours. These fines are graduated from £100 to £500.</p> <p>One prohibition to prevent the vehicle moving was handed out.</p> <p>Operation Tramline is a national operation, supported by NPCC, working in partnership with Highways England. It focuses on seatbelt, mobile phone, careless and dangerous driving offences.</p>

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