

CLERK'S INFORMATION REPORT TO: THE PARISH COUNCIL
DATE: 16 MAY 2019

1 INTRODUCTION

This report relates partly to information from Councillor Stephen Ford in respect of matters which have previously been considered by the Parish Council, some of which are already being addressed by Cheshire East Council, through its Highways 'arm'.

The report also addresses correspondence between a resident who lives close to the junction of Second Dig Lane with the A525, and Borough Councillors Groves and Martin.

The third item is simply a report on the damaged fencing at the Community Hall.

2 VARIOUS HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Councillor Ford has raised the following issues. The Clerk responded to them and copied in Councillors Groves and Martin. Although neither of the Borough Councillors will be at the meeting, they have agreed to provide an update at the June meeting of the Council.

- The road surface on the Wynbury Lane – London Road junction is in a particularly poor state. Councillor Ford proposes taking photographs and has reported a pot-hole on-line through the CEC interactive website.
- The hedges opposite the RSPCA Wildlife Centre and Business Park (London Road) are overgrown and protrude onto the footway.

The Clerk explained that if the landowners can be identified, they can be asked to trim their hedges, and if they fail to take action, CEC can carry this out itself and then charge the landowner for the work.

- Congestion at peak periods between Wybunbury Lane, London Road, Winterberry Way, Elwood Way and Peter de Stapleigh Way. This congestion leads to long queues and traffic is grid-locked.

Possible solutions would be further junctions onto Peter de Stapleigh Way from the Stapeley Gardens estate, roundabouts as opposed to traffic lights or indeed a ring road.

Members will recall that this is already being addressed by the Strategic Manager at CE Highways and a re-configuration of the road junctions London Road/Elwood Way are planned. Borough Councillors Groves and Martin will be able to update the Council on this.

Linked to the above there is severe traffic congestion going into Nantwich. I am not an urban planner, but I would be interested to understand whether the following are being considered:

- Cycle routes down London Road and through all main arterial roads.
- Congestion charging at peak periods.
- A limited 'Park and Ride' scheme operating at peak periods.
- Car-haring scheme.
- A ring road.s
- Banning vehicles from the immediate town centre environs. (Apart from the disabled and deliveries).

2 SPEED LIMIT – A525 (BROAD LANE)

A resident has been in contact with Borough Councillors Groves and Martin complaining about the speed of traffic on the A525 (it is national speed limit), in particular in respect of its junction with Second Dig Lane. She has requested a review of the speed limit.

The resident has been in contact with Cheshire East Highways, the Police and the two Borough Councillors and is seeking a risk assessment to be carried out.

She has also asked Cheshire East Highways if an automatic traffic counter could be placed on the road to record the speed of traffic.

The resident intends to attend the Annual Council meeting to address Members.

3 FENCING – COMMUNITY HALL

One of the fencing panels has been completely removed on one side. Trentham Fencing has been asked to arrange repair at the earliest opportunity.