



MINUTES OF MEETING

To present scheme

**Traffic Calming in Over and Nether Wallop and Grateley
held on Monday 16 April 2018 at 6.30 pm at the Wallops Parish Hall**

Attendance: HCC Cllr Gibson (Chairman), Mr Kettlewell (Implementation Team Leader), Mr Styszynski (Project Manager), Mrs Grob (Clerk) and 81 members of the public including parish councillors from Grateley, Over and Nether Wallop.

Introduction by Chairman: HCC Cllr Gibson (AG) introduced himself, Mr Kettlewell (AK) email Andrew.Kettlewell@hants.gov.uk and Mr Styszynski (JS) email Jakub.Styszynski@hants.gov.uk. He reported that following consultations when various views had been expressed the meeting would give an update on the development and progress of the traffic calming scheme to date.

Presentation of Scheme: Mr A Kettlewell (AK) thanked all for attending, and said it was nice to see so many in the audience. His and JS's contract is to deliver full programmes of the highways scheme. Progress of the consultation report and process together with contact details can be viewed on the HCC website <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes>. The parish councils concerned have done a good job in liaising with HCC. This is not phase 1 of a larger project. It will require support from residents, if there are too many disagreements this may risk further progress and have an impact on the cost ahead. This is a historical type of scheme and if it there was to be a new scheme it would be outside HCC current guidelines. Following the completion of this project there would be no more traffic calming schemes in the village. Grateley junction has been surveyed for horizontal and vertical alignment and it is expected that more funding will be required. AK does not expect the entire volume of traffic to necessarily use the new diversion as it is all dependant on driver behaviour after the project is completed.

Mr J Styszynski (JS) reported that the schemes aims and objectives were to remedy the problem of large volume and of fast traffic going through Over Wallop and to encourage the use of Old Stockbridge Road instead of Wallop Road/Station Road. He outlined the projections on the drawings. There would be two turn around places in Salisbury Lane. The junction scheme needs more work. AK will be working in the village for about a year giving regular updates. The scheme on Station Road was clarified and the 'build out' into the road at certain points explained as a chicane. The diagram on the screen was provisional. The programme would be designed in the spring/summer and put to tender and contractor mobilisation in the autumn. Construction would be in the winter although any footway/carriageway surfacing would be held until March when the weather is more suitable.

Questions from the Floor: The following points were made in order by members of the audience.

- Reference the chicanes an enquiry was made on whether only one car is able to pass, and whether this would prevent cars from parking. A further enquiry was made on whether there would be signs to dictate priority. AK advised no signage.

- A Grateley parish councillor enquired about the flood area and a lower speed limit in Grateley village. AG replied that this was not part of the project. However AK said chicanes were a good alternative to slow down traffic.
- AK agreed that there would be consultation with people who lived near the proposed chicanes in Station Road.
- It was proposed that the junction at Kentsboro be sorted out first; this was reinforced by others present.
- The point was made that the cricket pitch in Salisbury Lane would be difficult to access should the junction at Salisbury Lane be closed and potentially this could cause accidents.
- Since the changes on the Station Road junction onto the A343 it had become more difficult to pull out.
- A parishioner reluctantly supported the scheme in view of finance being unlikely to be available if residents do not encourage the project. He included in his support that he would accept a build out in front of his cottage. He added that the offer of this traffic calming scheme is an opportunity not to be missed.
- A suggestion was made by a Station Road resident to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph. AK replied that this was not part of the project. AG suggested that the proposed chicane system would make it impossible to do more than 20 mph. AK said that once the traffic calming system was in place the police could be involved in the enforcement. The first step is to change behaviour of drivers. Depending on the location of the chicanes this should slow down traffic by up to 5 mph.
- Once the traffic calming scheme in Station Road had been constructed this should result in less traffic using the road. AG replied that the criteria was that people will go elsewhere if it takes more time to go up Station Road.
- Consultation should be made with the residents who live at the top of the A343. There are three properties there and a survey may be necessary.
- A point was made that closing Salisbury Lane and the construction of traffic calming measures in Station Road would take some time. A provision needed to be made for larger vehicles such as buses, agricultural and oil tankers.
- An enquiry on whether narrowing Station Road was an option was made. JS said that it was agreed by the majority of those who responded to the consultation that chicanes were the most favourable option.
- A parishioner made the point that levels at Old Stockbridge Road and the junction have risen by 10 ft. Because of the different levels a suggested roundabout had proved impossible. He enquired whether the junction could be levelled and widened due to the number of accidents caused and importance of making it safe. AG replied that he would make Highways aware.
- HCC asked to come to talk to the people who live at the above junction.
- A parishioner agreed that it was necessary to have something done in Station Road and welcomed the project. Selbourne had done something similar.
- Grateley Parish Council had not been included in the consultation. AK replied that the consultation is now complete. However, AG would arrange to come to visit them. He confirmed that this is 'a firm commitment'.
- It was suggested that due to the Station Road plan traffic travelling through Old Stockbridge Road would increase. Grateley council do not currently have information. AK would contact Grateley parish council.

- An enquiry was made on how long the construction starting in March would take. AK replied that the design and build would depend on who wins the tender. At this stage he could not confirm a period of time.
- A point was made that it could be more expensive to do the junction to Salisbury Lane. AG replied that this would not result in a cheaper version of the road scheme itself.
- An enquiry was made on whether lines showing the narrowing of the road would be made. AK replied that there would be flexibility in working with local views. Solid white lines on the sides of roads work. However, another parishioner disagreed. AK would keep road marking to the minimum.
- A map to show where the chicanes started was provisionally drawn.
- Speed bumps in Station Road were suggested. AK replied the consultation proved that these were not popular due to the lighting necessary and bang noise made as vehicles drove over them.
- Station Road would not be narrowed before the chicanes.
- A parishioner in favour of the chicanes proposed that any diversion to Grateley should signed up the A343 to the Kentsboro/Old Stockbridge Road junction. Ironically the diversion is currently up Station Road.
- A suggestion was made that the Old Stockbridge Road junction be looked at first. AK accepted this point.
- A resident enquired about compensation for the disturbance. AK confirmed that there would be none paid as this is a HCC Highway Management Scheme.
- Consultation with residents in properties near the junction from the A34/Old Stockbridge Road junction would be carried out.
- A suggestion to change the name of Station Road to Wallop Road was made.

Chairman's Closing Remarks: The Chairman concluded on the positive discussion. Minutes of the meeting would be posted on the relevant parish council websites and forwarded to the Wallop Parish Magazine. The project is going ahead. Salisbury Lane will be closed to non residents. There will be a traffic calming scheme in Station Road and the junction at Grateley would be changed in consultation with the inhabitants of properties there. He thanked the presenters and all for attending and closed the meeting at 7.25 pm. Applause from the audience followed!

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In summary:

1. There is a sufficiently strong degree of local support for the measures to close Salisbury Lane and associated traffic management on Station Road, south of the junction with Salisbury Lane.
2. Acceptance that the scheme will be limited to the current proposal for Salisbury Lane and the southern section of Station Road and the change of priority at Grateley Station.
3. Acknowledgment that it is extremely unlikely that further measures will considered as part of future HCC transport programmes ie this is not the first phase of a multi-phased project.
4. Acknowledgement of the aspiration to encourage drivers to divert via Kentsboro.
5. Commitment to liaise with the Grateley Parish Council on the details for the change of priority at Grateley Station.