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Minutes of the Traffic Working Party Meeting held on Wednesday 16th July 2025
started at 18:30

Cllrs Present	Jane Clowery, Peter Dowsett (Chair), Jon Frohmaier, Janet Gibson and Mike Page
Also Present	Claire Ducker, Clerk (minute taker), Rural Councillor Barry OBrien and 1 resident

- WP.180** **Apologies** received from Rural Councillor Eddie McDonald, Simon Taylor (Resident and Traffic Consultant) Cllrs Cooke A Page, M Page, member of PHPNA and a member of the public, all apologies were accepted
- WP.181** **Public time** - The missing dropped kerb on Kettering Road, opposite the entrance to Weldon Woodland Park, was raised. Cllr Dowsett reported that there is a new dropped kerb opposite the pedestrian entrance but the one opposite the vehicle entrance has been report to NNC who stated it was not their responsibility but that of Magna Park. Cllr Dowsett has reported it already on Fix My Street and will do so again. He also requested everyone to do the same.
- WP.182** **Review of a meeting held on 14th May 2025 and was taken as read.**
A few points to update from the last meeting
Airfield Way - The No 2 bus has now been rerouted to use Airfield Way. Cllr Dowsett has already written to Peter Stringer regarding the rerouting of Stagecoach buses, still waiting on a reply.
Glebe Farm Development, Church Street - installation of the footpath is in process of being installed.
An additional 5 or 6 parking spaces near One Stop Shop, High Street Weldon - Weldon Parish Council are in support of this, and an application will be submitted to NNC Highways.
- WP.183** **A43 Crossing update** - next steps
- Rearrange the meeting with MP Lee Baron, as the planned meeting was cancelled
 - Meeting arranged with NNC Highways on 6th August, Cllr Chris Griffin will also be in attendance, he is responsible for highways and travel. Questions will be asked 'why can't S106 monies be used for people's safety'
 - Weldon Parish Council has set aside funding for the construction of a footpath on the south side of the crossing. Additionally, WPCI has funding in place to enable the immediate installation of a temporary crossing, pending formal agreement to proceed with the permanent structure.



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- Graham Kane, Head of Highways, has only agreed that he would only support the installation of a temporary crossing if it formed part of a clearly viable and deliverable plan for a permanent solution.
- Urban and Civic are still not willing to build a footpath on their side of the crossing into Priors Hall Park.

WP.184 Persimmon traffic calming scheme update - Version 6.1 was at approval stage 2 years ago, still waiting on Highways Authority to approve and sign S278 agreement, which has been with them since November 2024. Cllr Dowsett and S Taylor are continually chasing.

WP.185 Kettering Road traffic calming - VAS update - sign was installed yesterday, 15th July.

WP.186 The Action Log was reviewed and will be amended accordingly.

- Airfield Way has not yet been adopted by Highways, and this will remain the case until the footpath installation is fully completed
- Walking and cycling to WVA
 - A recent police survey has confirmed a persistent speeding issue along Oundle Road, with 15% of vehicles recorded exceeding 47 mph. The Safety Team and Police enforcement camera equipment are being calibrated. Once calibration is complete, active enforcement will commence to address the problem and improve road safety.
 - Weldon Parish Council has applied for a £2,500 grant to support the installation of two Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VAS) on Oundle Road. Weldon Parish Council will cover the remaining costs to ensure the project proceeds. Once installed, the VAS signs will serve as a proactive measure to encourage safer driving and reduce speeding in the area.
- Kettering Road
 - Magna Park has an S106 obligation to ensure that their development does not increase traffic through the village. The construction of the two new roundabouts has made it easier for people to use Weldon village as a rat run, so they've already taken a step in the wrong direction. Approximately, around 4 million vehicles a year use Weldon as a rat run as a convenient shortcut.
 - Objections have been raised regarding the proposed location for the traffic calming measures. Magna Park has requested that the installation be positioned between the pedestrian entrance to Weldon Woodland Park and the junction with Church Street, where this should be on the other side of the vehicle entrance.



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- An application is underway to reduce the speed limit from 60 mph to 20 mph. While we can pursue the 20 mph limit, it is unlikely to be approved. However, a reduction to 40 mph should be achievable, given that many roads around Corby town, particularly those near businesses and residential areas, already operate at that limit.
- Queuing at the recycling center move from priority 1 to priority 2

WP.187 **AOB - none**

WP.188 **Date of next meeting was provisionally set for Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 18:30 via Zoom**

Cllr Dowsett closed the meeting at 19:29