

**Minutes of the Public Open Forum Held at the Trowell Parish Hall on
Tuesday 9th January 2018, at 7.15pm.**

Present - Cllrs. D. Pringle - Chair, G. Lockwood, Mrs. C. McGann, R. McGann, Mrs. H. Cumberpatch, M. Westmoreland, Mrs. M. Birkitt, G. Cotton, P. Singer, K. E. Rigby (BBC), Mrs. L. Ball B.E.M. (BBC), J. Longdon (NCC), P.C.S.O. A. Freeman (Notts. Police) & Mrs. J. Murden (Trowell PC).

Clerk - Mrs. A. K. Mitchell

DP opened the meeting & wished everyone present a Happy New Year.

MW raised the issue of A Boards being displayed on the public highway which are not taken in overnight. He mentioned an instance in relation to a business near Gallows Inn – DP will try to obtain contact details for the business involved.

HC reported that the hedge along the same stretch of footpath has collapsed in a number of sections making it feel quite dangerous. KER advised that the hedge is privately owned & therefore there is no right of enforcement in respect of its maintenance.

MW reported that along the Nottingham Canal footpath there is a damaged gate & the path has been churned up by off-road motorcycles.

KER advised that he believes the hinge had been replaced last week. DP will check in his next walk.

Interactive speed signs – DP advised JL that there are issues with both the Stapleford Road (Stapleford border) & Nottingham Road units. The Stapleford Road sign has been hit again & is facing the wrong way & the Nottingham Road sign is picking up the speed of traffic from the wrong direction.

School Crossing Patrol – DP advised that he had been in touch with NCC in respect of the lack of school crossing patrol on Nottingham Road. It was noted that he had witnessed the problems being encountered first hand himself, earlier in the day. JL agreed to follow up on this.

KER commented that there is no statutory duty to provide a crossing patrol; he however may have a volunteer for the role.

DP acknowledged this, but asserted the need to update the signage in the area if a crossing patrol isn't going to be provided to ensure that drivers are aware of

the situation. KER concurred with this point advising that all school crossing points in the County should have had their crossing signage updated as part of a fairly recent scheme but obviously Trowell has been missed for some reason.

Potholes - DP discussed this issue at a meeting with NCC in December when he & Members of other parish councils disputed VIA's assertions that they seal all potholes. DP sited a repair he witnessed being carried out on Nottingham Road earlier that day which was already being eroded by traffic only a matter of hours after installation. JL will make the relevant enquiries on this issue.

MW asked KER about the school crossing patrol volunteer. KER advised that he may have someone interested in taking on the job of crossing warden. DP commented that this is great news but it should not negate the need to update the signage.

In respect of potholes, KER advised that Highways Inspectors have been known to carry a couple of bags of instant tarmac in their vehicle for use in respect of temporary emergency repairs.

GC commented on the filthy state of the Stapleford Road carriageway from Church Corner to the Trowell Park development. DP stated that it is caused by the nature of the traffic travelling through the village.

GL added that the farm opposite the Parish Hall is responsible for a great deal of the mud on the road & it does not help that all the gullies are blocked along that stretch as a result & need cleaning out. RMG commented that the farmer has a responsibility to clean up any debris left by his farm vehicles etc. on the carriageway.

As there were no further questions forthcoming from the floor, the Open Forum was closed at approximately 7.35pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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