

Item 13 – Village Matters – update on communications regarding Speed Limits through the village.

1. Following a site visit in the summer and further communication with consultant Colin Davies, the following questions were asked in relation to potential measures to slow traffic down on the road outside The Merry Harriers and The Village Nursery School.

- Would it be possible to have the whole road in front of the pub resurfaced in a different colour, and not just the narrow strip at the side? Would Surrey County Council agree to this and what approach would we/you have to make. And who would pay for it?
- If it is not possible to resurface the whole road, would any funding be available to resurface the narrow strip in front of the pub forecourt? Is this highway authority land and, if so, how do we make an approach?
- Is funding available for ANY measures we may consider introducing? Hambledon Parish Council has very limited financial resources and our budget is already allocated.

2. In answer to the questions, we have received the following from Colin Davies:

“We are dealing with a similar case at Coldharbour and the approach we are adopting (after very considerable consultation) is to apply colour to a strip of the highway surface next to the public house. It will be applied and probably paid for by the highway authority. Other associated enhancements are to be carried out by local groups and businesses. This seems to be an approach that could be considered for the highway at the Merry Harriers.

This should not be too expensive. We are now obtaining cost for the Coldharbour project and so they will give us a better idea of current rates.

The availability of funds from the highway authority may depend on the actual data regarding the accidents or potential accidents near the Merry Harriers. I have just checked the national accident data website [www.crashmap.co.uk](http://www.crashmap.co.uk) put in Hambledon, Surrey and saw that no accidents are recorded. That may simply mean that they are not yet on the database, or it may indicate that the police were not aware of them.

Therefore a very helpful step you might consider is to record the basic facts about the accidents. At the national Crashmap website it is possible to purchase the relevant police reports for a modest fee (it was £2 last time I bought one). You will see the information that the highway authority would appreciate for each accident: date, time of day, weather conditions, category of person and vehicle involved, brief description of what happened and severity of any injuries, etc. “

3. Colin Davies has agreed to update us following his next meeting with the Director of the Surrey Hills AONB, to whom he reports.

4. Cllrs Payne and Grove are leading on this matter and it is worth noting the following points:

- a. that the owner of the Merry Harrier public house, Peter de Savary has given his support to any traffic speed measures outside the Merry Harriers.

- b. Also any moves to slow traffic down are supported by the new Headteacher of the Nursery School, Mrs Kate Walford.
  - c. Danielle Montgomery-Page, the manager of the public house, in response to a matter raised by the Surrey Hills AONB traffic consultant Colin Davies, has given the date of the accident involving a member of her staff.
5. Once we have an idea of costs from Colin Davies we can decide how to proceed.