



Minutes of an **A390 Working Party** of the Calstock Parish Council, held on **Thursday 16 July**, held **Virtually via Google Meet**, Commencing at 1800.

Those present were-

Visual: Cllr Brown, Cllr Kirk, Cllr Letchford and Cllr Wells (Chair).

Audio: Gill Boreham, Lynne Wells (local residents and community group members).
Miss Sue Lemon (Clerk), Miss Clare Bullimore (Deputy Clerk, *minutes*).

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Warwick, Cllr Beech.

Cllr Wakem tried to take part but had technical difficulties.

2. FEASIBILITY STUDY

Some concerns were raised about the viability of the feasibility study, mainly due to:

- a) the age of the data and its validity,
- b) no expenditure estimates were included for any of the initiatives,
- c) no local input was sought prior to the production and release of the report, and
- d) no consideration was given to the increasing problem of air quality on this road.

3. INITIATIVES TO PRIORITISE

Cllrs Wells and Kirk are having a follow up meeting on Tuesday 21 July 2020 with Cormac and Cornwall Council officers. The purpose of this meeting was to agree on some initiatives to be put forward at the next feasibility meeting.

It was agreed that focus should be given as to how to reduce speeding at either end of the village and how to enable people to cross the road safely in the centre of the village.

It was accepted that speeding is not a great problem in the centre of the village during working hours because of parked cars. Out of hours is another matter entirely.

However crossing the road can be hazardous at all times. Highways will be asked to consider the parked cars and the accumulative effect they have on the backlog of vehicles which produces a negative effect on the environment through carbon emissions and the hazards posed to pedestrians. The persistent damage to parked cars is a constant reminder of traffic hazards.

Specific initiatives agreed to enable this included:

- Extension of the 40mph speed limit as per the study
 - The use of flashing speed reminder signs in strategic places. The ones discussed and agreed were those which also show the speed a vehicle is doing (Other councils have them showing the speed limit AND the speed a vehicle is going at)
 - The two current refuges are rarely used - moving one closer to bus shelters at All Saints Park or installing a Zebra crossing would be more useful
 - Raising awareness that a village with speed restrictions is being approached by having 'dragon's teeth' road markings
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The proposal to install 'cut outs' is contentious. The A390 is not a minor road. It was felt that a longer-term solution would need to be found regarding traffic through the centre of St. Ann's

Local input

Mrs Boreham conducted a straw poll on the St. Ann's Chapel Facebook regarding these issues. The attached report makes interesting reading.

It should be noted that the numbers quoted in her report are the number of people and NOT the number of journeys they made (most parents took and collected their children to school each day, while some made the journeys in the morning, at lunch time and at the end of the school day).

Meeting closed: 1910

Signed: Dated:



Facebook responses – compiled by Mrs Boreham, 16-07-2020

I posted on Your St Ann's Chapel yesterday because I found some of the results rather puzzling. I also checked the weather for January 21st and according to the BBC forecast we had a foggy day. As we all know fog is always dense here and I noted in the report that they did make mention of the "conditions"

I wouldn't try and cross the road on a foggy day it's just too dangerous.

I have collated the responses which are as follows:

I received 53 comments (most within the first hour) and 5 likes to my request for responses.

You can view them all if you log into "your St Ann's Chapel page on Face book.

Although the report stated not a single pupil crossed the road to catch the bus to Callington from All Saints I received 12 replies stating pupils did have to cross the road twice a day.

Perhaps the pupils didn't use the "refuge" crossings which, is where they counted . Until yesterday I didn't know refuges were there to help pedestrians to cross the road.

6 comments were made about the width of pavements being too narrow. Mums with buggies were particularly worried about this.

61 residents stated they walked their children to school or pre school

31 residents stated they walked either alone or with their children along the A390 road

15 people mentioned speeding

3 people mentioned the volume of traffic

6 requested speed cameras

1 mentioned traffic calming

3 requested an extra lay-by

5 people mentioned how dangerous the road was to cross

2 people mentioned joining the A390 from their houses or roads

3 people mentioned the crossroads at Whiterocks and Rylands road as being dangerous for pedestrians and mobility buggies

Many people mentioned feeling unsafe on the road and 2 people also mentioned the road from Blades hairdressers to the Market Garden as being

very unsafe as people use this road now to avoid the parked cars along the A390

Note these are residents NOT journeys
