

Committee: Planning, Highways and Transport

Date: 1 June 2021

Title: Clerk's update report

Purpose of Report

To update members on matters arising from previous meetings of the Planning Highways and Transport {PHT} Committee that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Recommendation:

Members to note the contents of the report.

Report:

Speeding concerns

1. At the meeting of the Planning, Highways and Transport meeting on the 4 May 2021 it was agreed that officers would look to contact neighbouring Parish Councils as well as Somerset Highways and the police to obtain information regarding the lowering of the speed limit through Sea. There is no substantive progress to report at this point.
2. A member of the public contacted the office with regards concerns over the lack of signage on various roads in Ilminster. Highways were contacted for a response which is detailed below.

Thank you for your email regarding the installation of repeater speed limit roundels on Stations Road, Canal Way and Silver Street, Ilminster.

As there is a 30mph speed limit by virtue of the system of street lights on Station Road and Canal Way, we are unable to provide the road markings and signage requested. This is because the Highway Code says that a system of street lights means that a road automatically becomes a 30 limit unless otherwise signed as a 20, 40 mph or 50 mph limit.

This is a consistent rule on all the roads throughout the UK and drivers should know the Highway Code therefore and further reminders of the speed limit are not required. I accept that this is not always the case, but as a Highway

Authority we have to obey the guidance given out by The Department for Transport.

I will make a site visit to Ilminster in the near future to assess if additional signage is required on Silver Street.

Non-compliance of speed limits is solely a Police matter as they are the only authority that can undertake enforcement. I would advise residents/town council to engage with the local PCSO if they are concerned the existing speed restrictions are not being complied with.

3. The police have indicated a willingness to work with local residents to set up a Speed Watch group, however in the recent past attempts to do this have floundered through a lack of volunteers.

Rubbish bins on Wharf Lane

4. Cllr Hamilton agreed to look into this the matter with Somerset Waste Partnership and as a result a response was received from them stating that they would be visiting the site and delivering letters and also keeping an eye on the situation.

**Mark Tredwin
Town Clerk
May 2021**