

## **Ruishton Community parking/ traffic Meeting**

Held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 1900 at Ruishton C of E School Hall.

Highways agency, PCSO and County Councillor unable to attend the meeting.

Those present: Parish Councillors (Doug Lowe, Mike Marshall), Alison Davidson (Governor) acting as Chair, Chris Kamin, Seonaid Curry, Tim Gibbs, 8 parents.

The meeting was opened by Alison stating that traffic and parking around the school is not solely the school's responsibility.

Alan Adams (parent) shared a letter (attached) from Andrew Bowey (parish Councillor), stating that he does not agree with the school's strategies to deal with parking issues and asking for alternative, positive measures to be suggested to address/ improve the situation.

CK shared a letter which was sent to parents outlining a plan to set up a school traffic patrol. He categorically refuted any suggestion that the school was not putting child safety first. AD stated that the Y6 parking patrol (supervised by CK) was having a positive impact already, but that additional measures need to be looked at.

Parish Councillors shared that there is a history of problems surrounding parking going back 20 or more years.

We cannot use the village hall as the car park forms part of a hirer's entitlement when they hire the hall. (There are issues around the safety of a walking bus in any event, due to the speed at which cars approach the school along this road).

Mr Adams: Dangerous driving and inappropriate parking on Lawn Meadow is not within the school's control.

Mrs Hill suggested engaging local residents' support. She also felt that we should be pushing PCSOs as they are much more visible in other areas.

MrHembery suggested a lollipop person, preventing access at the cul-de-sac spur.

Miss Gower outlined the results of a survey which she has conducted in local schools in respect of signage, fencing and road markings. See below. She suggested that the PTA would be prepared to contribute financially to physical measures which would keep the children safe.

Kerry Holmes pointed out that Hub/pre-school staff also contribute to the parking congestion.

Mr Graham has suggested (and others agreed) that in the short term, we should 'cone off' the car park and put in temporary additional signage to reiterate message to drivers. He will arrange additional signs.

### **Actions/ possible strategies**

1. A staggered start time was suggested.
2. Harness child pester power: Deliver in school activities to educate children/ raise awareness and encourage this to be passed to adults outside school.
3. Contact Highways re: signage and road markings.
4. PTA may be able to contribute towards/ fund fencing to allow other access to be used and keep children off the crossing.
5. Develop a rota/ source finance for a lollipop person.
6. Write to the Crime Commissioner outlining our problem and make clear that we have no PCSO in attendance. Seek suggestions for what (s)he would have us do.
7. Put cones across the access to the car park at drop off time. School to action.
8. If school grows (additional buildings) in the future, we can apply for a traffic assessment.
9. It was suggested that some local residents may be happy for hub staff/ parents to park on their driveways all day/ during drop off and picking up time. This would alleviate (some of) the on road parking. This possibility to be pursued by Rachael Gower

**Survey of traffic/ parking control measures at local school carried out by Miss Gower.**

	NO ENTRY	SPEED BUMPS	ZIG ZAGS	ZEBRA CR	'SLOW' ON ROAD	GATED CAR PARK	ONE WAY	KEEP CLEAR	NO STOPPING	PRIORITY CROSSING	DOUBLE YELLOW	GATE AT SCHOOL
<b>Ruishton</b>			√					√				
<b>Creech SM</b>		√	√	√		√						
<b>West M</b>		√	√							√		
<b>N Curry</b>			√									
<b>Hatch</b>			√		√							
<b>Thurlbear</b>			√		√	√						
<b>Trull</b>			√			√					√	
<b>Blackbrook</b>			√				√	√				√
<b>Holy Trinity</b>			√						√			
<b>St George's</b>			√			√					√	√
<b>Holway</b>	√		√			√						
<b>Minerva</b>		√										
<b>Parkfield</b>		√		√		√				√		
<b>Bishops H</b>	√							√			√	√