

NAILSEA TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE, 20 JANUARY 2016

A meeting of the Community Engagement Committee will be held on Wednesday
20 January 2016 at 7.30pm at The Tithe Barn.

AGENDA

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1. Apologies
2. Declaration of Interests
3. To consider an update on Youth House
4. To consider communication with residents, focusing on Town Talk and social media (including whether the Town Council should have a Facebook page and/or a Twitter account)
5. Consideration of the CCTV Log Book report for November 2015 – **encl**
6. **Reports of other bodies**
 - a) Minutes of the Accessibility Working Party, 3 December 2015 – **encl**
 - b) Minutes of the Community Safety Working Party, 14 December 2015 - **encl**
7. **Publication**
8. Any Other Business




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13 January 2016

NAILSEA TOWN COUNCIL - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
20TH JANUARY 2016

MINUTES of the meeting of the Community Engagement Committee held on Wednesday 20th January 2016 at The Tithe Barn, Church Lane, Nailsea.



PRESENT: Cllr Jameel in the Chair, Cllr Barclay, Cllr Frappell, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Lees, Cllr Packham, Cllr Petford, Cllr J Tonkin, Cllr Wilson, the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk.

CE01/16 **APOLOGIES** were received and accepted from Cllr Hamblin.

CE02/16 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
None.

CE03/16 **TO CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON YOUTH HOUSE**

The Clerk reported that North Somerset Council had offered a one year lease on Youth House. He had asked if they would consider a three year lease. He was still awaiting a reply.

Cllr Jameel said that a one year lease would not be long enough to justify investing in essential improvements to the building.

Cllr Frappell suggested that something like a 'Nana's cafe' could be set up and run by volunteers in the building.

Cllr Packham said that as North Somerset Council has a shortage of money the Council may need to consider purchasing the building rather than leasing.

Cllr Petford said that she had gone out with the Youth Workers from Youth House and they had said that the building is not fit for purpose.

Cllr Tonkin said that Youth House would require investment and wondered if the ground floor of the Weston College building would be better suited to youth work.

Cllr Petford said that the Town Council not buying the Queen's Head pub was a missed opportunity.

Cllr Packham suggested writing to Weston College again to see if they would consider the Town Council using the building and to arrange a meeting with Dr Liam Fox to ask for his support.

Members agreed that youth services are vital but the Nailsea Place concept is about services for a broad cross-section of the community.

CE04/16 **TO CONSIDER COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS, FOCUSING ON TOWN TALK AND SOCIAL MEDIA (INCLUDING WHETHER THE TOWN COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE AND/OR TWITTER ACCOUNT)**

Cllr Tonkin asked who would manage social media for the Council.

Cllr Packham said he thought it was a tricky area to deal with and did not think it would have any benefit to the Council.

Cllr Lees said he did not think the Council should have facebook or twitter but should consider improving the website. He asked if councillors should use facebook for Council

business.

Cllr Jameel said that guidance was needed to consider how councillors use facebook which she agreed was not suitable for Council use.

Cllr Hunt said that she had not used facebook but did wonder if that would have been a good way to communicate quickly about the news on the pylons earlier this week.

Cllr Petford said she agreed that councillors should not put anything about Council business on facebook.

Cllr Packham said councillors have the right to communicate with residents but they must not bring the Council into disrepute or divulge confidential information.

The Clerk said the Council needs to put some guidance together on councillors using social media, without inhibiting freedom of speech.

Cllr Jameel said that there should be a clear distinction between a personal view and the view of the Council.

After further consideration it was proposed by Cllr Tonkin and seconded by Cllr Wilson.

RESOLVED:- to agree the Town Council should not use Facebook or Twitter to communicate with the residents but to focus on improving the Town Council website.

The vote was unanimous.

It was proposed by Cllr Lees and seconded by Cllr Packham.

RESOLVED: to refer the issues regarding guidance on the use of social media by councillors to the Finance and Policy Committee.

The vote was unanimous.

Cllr Lees said the website needed further consideration about what should be included such as the announcement regarding the pylons, news, community issues and meetings.

Cllr Jameel suggested that councillors look at other council websites and feedback can be reviewed at the next meeting. She also said that she would like to see a small number of improvements done well, rather than be too ambitious and not implement successfully.

Cllr Lees said he could ask ALCA to see if they have any advice on other councils websites.

CE05/16 CONSIDERATION OF THE CCTV LOG BOOK REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2015
Members noted the information.

The Clerk confirmed that the Police were very keen to keep the CCTV to support the

ShopWatch scheme.

CE06/16 REPORTS OF OTHER BODIES

a) Accessibility Working Party 3rd December 2015

Cllr Packham introduced this report and noted that the group thought Accessibility better reflects its objectives than Disability. He highlighted the group had agreed that the first steps would be to focus on improving footpaths to help make it as easier for access around the town. He then referred to the recommendation contained within minute number 2.2. It was

RESOLVED: to agree to rename the Disability working party as the Accessibility working party.

The vote was unanimous.

Cllr Packham then referred to the recommendation contained within minute number 2.4 it was.

RESOLVED: to agree that the focus in improving accessibility would be on the following objectives:-

- Ensuring footpaths around the town are maintained so that all residents find them accessible.
- Reviewing and improving signage.
- Improving the quality and availability of seating in the town centre and on key routes into it.
- Making improvements to the allotment sites.
- Reviewing dropped kerbs and making any recommendations for improvements.
- Working with key organisations and individuals in addressing the objectives: these would include the Chamber of Trade and Commerce, the Shopping Centre owners, relevant charities and advocates for disabled and/or disadvantaged people in the community.
- To request that all Council committees consider accessibility issues as part of their work.

The vote was unanimous.

b) Community Safety Working Party 14th December 2015

Cllr Packham introduced this report and said that the police view the crime in Nailsea as negligible.

Cllr Tonkin referred to item 2.4 and reported that he had contacted John Painter at North Somerset Council and has sent the dates that he is available to John Hunter and Jan Barber and once they have met he will bring back any relevant information to the committee.

CE07/16 PUBLICATION

None.

CE08/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Cllr Hunt had circulated information about a meeting she had attended with the Rotary Club and said they were very interested in helping the Council.
2. Cllr Packham reported that he and the Vice Chair had been invited to the Gala

Concert at Scotch Horn on Saturday 27th February but unfortunately he was unable to attend. He asked if any other councillors would be interested in taking his place. It was suggested that either Cllr Barber or Cllr A Tonkin might like to attend.

The meeting closed at 8.34pm.



16.3.16.

North Somerset CCTV Log Book

Nailsea

Date	Time	Day	Instigator	Incident Type	Action	Result	Venue	Street	Area
01/11/2015	22:38	Sunday	Police	Missing Person	Monitored	Found			Nailsea
Observations for a described 65 year old male missing person, reported to have returned home at 23:18									
03/11/2015	01:57	Tuesday	Police	Missing Person	Monitored	Not Found			North Somerset
Observations for a described 17 year old male missing person									
03/11/2015	12:49	Tuesday	Storenet	Theft	Police Informed	Police Attend	SuperDrug	Somerset Square	Nailsea
Observations for 2 described females following reports of theft, police attend for an area tour									
03/11/2015	13:05	Tuesday	Police	Drink/Drugs Related	Police Informed	Situation Monitored	Royal Oak	High Street	Nailsea
Observations for a described vehicle, driver believed to be intoxicated, vehicle seen to head off at 13:55 directions of travel passed to police									
04/11/2015	12:00	Wednesday	Police	Theft	Monitored	Situation Monitored		Somerset Square	Nailsea
Observations for 2 described males suspected of theft									
05/11/2015	16:03	Thursday	Police	Burglary	Monitored	Situation Monitored			North Somerset
Observations for a described vehicle wanted in connection with burglary									
06/11/2015	12:31	Friday	Police	Missing Person	Monitored	Found			Nailsea
Observations for a described 12 year old male missing person, male located, police informed and attend to speak to him									
06/11/2015	21:00	Friday	Police	Missing Person	Monitored	Not Found			North Somerset
Observations for a described vehicle being driven by a described missing person									
08/11/2015	22:39	Sunday	Police	Intimidation	Monitored	Situation Monitored			North Somerset
Observations for a described vehicle after 2 males and 1 female on board made threats to kill									
08/11/2015	22:42	Sunday	Police	Traffic Other	Monitored	Situation Monitored			North Somerset
Observations for a described vehicle following reports of erratic driving									

Date 09/11/2015	Time 13:25	Day Monday	Instigator Storonet	Incident Type Public Disorder	Action Monitored	Result Situation Monitored	Venue Wessex Water Works	Street Stockway North	Area Nailsea
Comments	Observations on a female causing disorder, security attend to move her on								
Date 09/11/2015	Time 22:20	Day Monday	Instigator Police	Incident Type Missing Person	Action Monitored	Result Not Found	Venue	Street	Area North Somerset
Comments	Observations for a described male missing person								
Date 11/11/2015	Time 22:35	Day Wednesday	Instigator Police	Incident Type Missing Person	Action Monitored	Result Not Found	Venue	Street	Area Nailsea
Comments	Observations for a described 14 year old male missing person								
Date 12/11/2015	Time 12:33	Day Thursday	Instigator Storonet	Incident Type Theft	Action Monitored	Result Situation Monitored	Venue Boots	Street Somerset Square	Area Nailsea
Comments	Observations for a described male following reports of theft								
Date 13/11/2015	Time 19:36	Day Friday	Instigator Police	Incident Type Suspicious Circumstances	Action Monitored	Result Police Attend	Venue	Street	Area North Somerset
Comments	Observations for a described vehicle that has made off from police in suspicious circumstances								
Date 15/11/2015	Time 10:25	Day Sunday	Instigator Police	Incident Type Drink/Drugs Related	Action Monitored	Result Situation Monitored	Venue	Street	Area North Somerset
Comments	Observations for a described vehicle, driver believed to be intoxicated								
Date 17/11/2015	Time 12:25	Day Tuesday	Instigator Storonet	Incident Type Theft	Action Monitored	Result Situation Monitored	Venue Boots	Street Somerset Square	Area Nailsea
Comments	Observations on 2 males after reports of attempted theft, males seen to get into a described vehicle and drive off								
Date 19/11/2015	Time 08:21	Day Thursday	Instigator Self	Incident Type Fighting	Action Police Informed	Result Situation Monitored	Venue Play Area	Street Somerset Square	Area Nailsea
Comments	Observe 2 males fighting, police made aware, security attend to separate the warring males and send them on their way, police stood down								
Date 20/11/2015	Time 21:01	Day Friday	Instigator Police	Incident Type Drink/Drugs Related	Action Monitored	Result Situation Monitored	Venue	Street	Area Nailsea
Comments	Observations for a described vehicle, driver believed to be intoxicated								
Date 21/11/2015	Time 18:33	Day Saturday	Instigator Storonet	Incident Type Public Disorder	Action Monitored	Result Situation Monitored	Venue Waitrose	Street Somerset Square	Area Nailsea
Comments	Observations on a described male following reports of disorder, security attends to speak to the male								

Date 24/11/2015	Time 12:57	Day Tuesday	Instigator Storenet	Incident Type Anti-Social Behaviour	Action Monitored	Result Situation Monitored	Venue Blue Room	Street Colliers Walk	Area Nailsea
Observations following reports of a group being anti-social in the area, security attend to move them on									
Date 24/11/2015	Time 20:51	Day Tuesday	Instigator Police	Incident Type Drink/Drugs Related	Action Monitored	Result Situation Monitored	Venue	Street	Area North Somerset
Observations for a partially described vehicle, driver believed to be intoxicated									
Date 25/11/2015	Time 16:26	Day Wednesday	Instigator Police	Incident Type Alarm Activation	Action Monitored	Result Police Attend	Venue New Look	Street Somerset Square	Area Nailsea
Alarm activation									
Date 26/11/2015	Time 01:04	Day Thursday	Instigator Police	Incident Type Suspicious Circumstances	Action Monitored	Result Situation Monitored	Venue	Street	Area North Somerset
Observations for a described vehicle that made off from police in suspicious circumstances									
Date 27/11/2015	Time 01:34	Day Friday	Instigator Police	Incident Type Theft	Action Monitored	Result Situation Monitored	Venue	Street	Area North Somerset
Observations for a described vehicle following reports of an attempted theft									
Date 29/11/2015	Time 14:55	Day Sunday	Instigator Police	Incident Type Theft	Action Monitored	Result Situation Monitored	Venue	Street	Area Nailsea
Observations for a described stolen vehicle									
Date 30/11/2015	Time 14:48	Day Monday	Instigator ANPR	Incident Type Theft	Action Monitored	Result Situation Monitored	Venue	Street	Area North Somerset
Observations for a described vehicle known to be used in vehicle theft									
Date 30/11/2015	Time 18:56	Day Monday	Instigator Police	Incident Type Burglary	Action Monitored	Result Situation Monitored	Venue	Street	Area North Somerset
Observations for a described vehicle wanted in connection with burglary									

Nailsea Town Council Accessibility Working Party

Minutes of Meeting: 3 December 2015

In attendance: Cllrs Hunt and Packham. Emma Herriott, Ian Morrell and Sue Walker.

Apologies: Cllr Jameel

1. Declarations of interest: None.

2. Scope of Work

2.1 It was initially envisaged that the group would be called Disability Equality. However, as the discussion at the meeting unfolded it became clear that some of the issues being raised relate to people in the community who are not disabled, but for whom impacts such as disadvantage and isolation might create similar difficulties.

2.2 It was agreed to broaden the scope of the group and

to RECOMMEND to the Community Engagement Committee to rename the Disability working party as the Accessibility working party.

2.3 It was acknowledged that this could create terms of reference for the working party so broad as to be unmanageable in trying to accomplish practical goals.

2.4 It was agreed

to RECOMMEND to the Community Engagement Committee that the focus in improving accessibility would be on the following objectives:

- **Ensuring footpaths around the town are maintained so that all residents find them accessible.**
- **Reviewing and improving signage.**
- **Improving the quality and availability of seating in the town centre and on key routes into it.**
- **Making improvements to the allotment sites.**
- **Reviewing dropped kerbs and making any recommendations for improvements.**
- **Working with key organisations and individuals in addressing the objectives: these would include the Chamber of Trade and Commerce, the Shopping Centre owners, relevant charities and advocates for disabled and disadvantaged people in the community.**
- **To request that all Council committees consider accessibility issues as part of their work.**

3. Date of next meeting: to be confirmed.

**Nailsea Town Council
Community Safety Working Party**

Minutes of Meeting: 14 December 2015, 7pm

In attendance: Cllrs Packham (Chairman), Barber, Frappell, Heappey, Hunt, Lees, J. Tonkin and Wilson and Ian Morrell (Nailsea Town Council); John Hunter.
Sgt Mark Raby, PC Peter Rooke.
Chris Joannou, Community Response Officer, North Somerset Council.

Apologies: None.

1. Declarations of interest

None.

2. Matters arising

- 2.1 Queen's Road crossing:** it was agreed there are numerous issues regarding a crossing on Queen's Road, such as the speed of traffic and identifying the best location on what is a long road. However, North Somerset Council has identified that the total volume of pedestrians using the road meets the criteria for a controlled crossing and it is used as a route to schools.

The cost of a crossing and a recommendation for the most suitable location are required.

- 2.2 Clevedon Road crossing:** there have been many discussions over the years regarding the safety of Clevedon Road, especially for children. The withdrawal of the 'Lollipop' person service has compounded the problem.

Action: *Ian Morrell will write to all the local schools asking for their feedback on safety issues around their sites.*

- 2.3 Queen's Road and North Street/Hanham Way junction:** site meetings have taken place with NSC but no follow up action has been taken. Mark Raby said that based on his experience the junction of Hannah More Road and Queen's Road has more issues.

- 2.4 St Francis School:** John mentioned there are tactile markings on the road outside the school which would be used by a Lollipop person, but since there is no longer one at the school the markings should be removed or a proper crossing installed. It was agreed that this would need to be discussed with a Highways Officer.

Action: *James Tonkin said he would set up a meeting with the Highways Department at North Somerset Council to discuss all these issues and would invite Jan Barber and John Hunter. In addition he would raise the issue of implementing 20mph limits outside all schools (see item below).*

3. Crime Report and update from the police

3.1 Crime Figures

Mark said that as a result of resourcing pressures his team would not be producing crime stats for the numerous meetings the police attend. However, information is available on the following web-site:

<https://www.police.uk/>

Cllr Heappey arrived at 7.21pm.

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3.2 ShopWatch and PubWatch

Mark reported that both schemes are working effectively. The link between ShopWatch and the CCTV Control Centre will become more important when the police station closes. The security staff employed by the shopping centre owners have proved effective as a deterrent and in addressing anti-social behaviour.

There is good communication between landlords and the police. The closure of Decades nightclub has seen a decline in incidents. Inevitably there will be an increase in drink related issues over the holiday period.

- 3.3 There was a discussion about the availability and use of drugs. Mark and Pete commented that whilst there is relatively little use of Class A drugs, cannabis is in common use. Landlords are vigilant, and there is little drug-related crime.

3. Public Space Protection orders (PSPOs)

- 3.1 Chris said the new legislation is valuable in giving local officers powers to address matters of importance to residents. It was agreed that there are no issues which would require the use of a PSPO as matters such as cycling in the shopping centre and dog fouling are already covered under existing regulations.

- 3.2 There was a discussion about safety issues regarding mobility scooters. There are no regulations regarding the speed or usage of these scooters in pedestrian areas. Any improvements to the current situation would require training and education, and preferably the introduction of legislation.

4. Highways

4.1 Speedwatch

John said there is a new area Steering Group of which he is a member. He has a team of six volunteers, including himself. The key objective of 2016 is to rejuvenate dormant schemes and to encourage new schemes by recruiting volunteers.

NSC has implemented a 20mph speed limit in the area around many schools in the district, but apparently there are practical reasons why this is not possible in all locations. It was agreed that this needs to be understood better, as the principle of a 20mph limit outside schools is a positive safety initiative.

The electronic road-side radar speed signs are effective in getting drivers to slow down. However, it is difficult to get one of the movable units from the police as they are in such demand.

Action: Ian will investigate the costs of getting temporary speed alert units.

Cllr Barber arrived at 7.55pm

4.2 Golden Valley School

John reported on work he has been doing with Golden Valley School, the notes of which are attached to these minutes. Chris said he would discuss the report findings with the Road Safety Team at NSC.

It was agreed that speeding, and irresponsible parking by parents of school children are the two key problems.

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Mark, Pete and Chris all commented that although it is clear that having an official presence outside schools sees an improvement in behaviour by the minority of selfish drivers, there are not enough resources for officers to be available at all schools on a daily basis.

Chris described the 'Park Smart' campaign being run in schools, which involves children as well as parents. Ad hoc patrols would continue, and repeat offenders would be reported to the Police. Anita mentioned the 'Show You Care – Park Elsewhere' campaign which is also aimed at improving the behaviour of motorists around schools.

4.3 Potential adoption of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) by North Somerset Council

John expressed his concern that a lack of revenue from enforcement in the north of the district would mean that resources are focussed in Weston super Mare. Chris explained that 5 officers had been appointed to enforce CPE, PSPO's and Dog Orders.

5. Youth Services

5.1 Mark said that with the new concrete skatepark there would be no shelter in adverse weather. He was keen to have a shelter at Millennium Park which was in view of the CCTV camera.

5.2 The uncertainty over the future of Youth House creates inevitable problems in developing a 'sense of place' for the young people and youth workers who are using it. The Town Council has told NSC that it is willing to acquire the building and is waiting to be consulted on its future management and ownership.

6. CCTV

6.1 The CCTV Log Book for October 2015 highlights that proactive use of the system by the Police and ShopWatch are the main reasons for activity being logged by the operators. Mark said that CCTV is vital for ShopWatch and as a general deterrent.

7. Annual Community Safety Meeting

7.1 John confirmed this is booked for Wednesday 9 March 2016. This follows the meeting in October 2014 and the decision in January 2015 to dissolve PACT. The meeting in March would be used to set new priorities for 2016.

8. Any other business

8.1 John mentioned leaves in Station Road car park being a slip hazard. Ian said that Community Payback had been clearing leaves and litter at the car park the previous weekend. The Town Council is now dealing directly with Community Payback rather than via NSC, and the plan is that if the arrangements can be made to work they would be used for a planned programme of work throughout the year, such as path clearing, cutting back of undergrowth, leaf clearing and litter-picking.

8.2 Rod spoke about Neighbourhood Watch. Mark confirmed that the Ringmaster system is being replaced. Rod said he thought there is an opportunity to use the Neighbourhood Watch communication system for other purposes such as notifying residents of community events.

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Action: Rod and John to talk to Neighbourhood Watch representatives about possible initiatives.

- 8.3 Anita asked where arrested people are taken. Mark said that the nearest detention cells are in Bridgwater or Patchway. The time that officers have to spend out of the area dealing with arrests depends entirely on the specific circumstances of each case and the resources available at the time. However, dealing with an arrested shoplifter could take up to 8 hours and would involve two officers.

9. Date of the next meetings, all on Mondays at 7pm:

9 March 2016 (Annual Community Safety Meeting)
13 June 2016
12 September 2016
12 December 2016

Ian Morrell – Town Clerk

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SUMMARY REPORT ON TRAFFIC OBSERVATIONS OUTSIDE GOLDEN VALLEY SCHOOL NAILSEA – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015

Introduction – Following complaints about a variety of traffic hazards near the school the Community Safety Forum was asked to investigate. Four fact finding narrative studies of at least an hour in mornings and afternoons plus one comparative study outside St Francis school were conducted between 23 November and 8 December. It is assumed that readers are familiar with the Golden Valley highway environment. The school bell is at 8.50am and pupils leave at 3.30pm. Traffic from the north is from the High Street direction, from the south from Backwell direction.

Significant Findings

- Two vehicles drove through amber/red lights at the crossing while pedestrians waited but they could have stopped
- 27 vehicles were speeding travelling south to north with only 13 speeding travelling north to south. The controlled crossing *does* appear to reduce speeds from the north.
- *21 registered vehicle keepers could have received police warning letters about speeding. 4 vehicles sped past the school at 40mph or more, 1 at 43mph another at 45mph (see additional data below)
- There are no flashing light warning signals for motorists approaching the school from either direction and no 20mph zone
- Cars parked immediately north of the crossing can partially obstruct vision for vehicles exiting the bridleway
- As roadside parking gradually extends south of the layby it does obstruct and slow traffic travelling towards the south (the road bends towards the Station Road junction)
- Only adults were observed crossing the road without using the crossing. One elderly female narrowly avoided being knocked down
- Two cars were parked on double yellow lines opposite the Station Road entrance during observations
- Commercial vehicles were the main pavement parking offenders
- The western side pavement is heavily used by Nailsea school pupils. Some pupils appear to demonstrate a 'casual' attitude to road safety

***Additional Data** – Between 4 November and 9 December 2015, 5 formal Nailsea SpeedWatch team exercises at Nailsea Park were conducted. 80 speeding vehicles were reported to the Police

Golden Valley Conclusions

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- Provision of timed, flashing school warning signage at both sides of the approach to Golden Valley school entrance would enhance driver awareness of pedestrian and vehicle hazards
- A prolonged campaign of Community SpeedWatch exercises on Nailsea Park seems necessary to educate motorists to understand the need to reduce speed around this area. If appropriate, the Police Speed Enforcement Unit will be asked to monitor speed and prosecute offenders
- Consideration should be given to formal implementation of 20mph zones for both Golden Valley and St Francis schools
- A review of parking feasibility and risks to the south of the layby should be requested of North Somerset Council Highways. There may be value in extending the existing double yellows further towards the school
- Parents must be discouraged from hazardous parking, however temporary. The school management may have a role to play in this initiative
- Nailsea school pupils should be made aware that they are risking their safety by thoughtless behaviour at the roadside and while cycling

Comparative Exercise at St Francis School – Findings

- The flashing light and 20mph signs *do* assist in slowing traffic but not down to 20mph. The warning signs *are* effective
- Three vehicles would have been reported for speeding during a formal SpeedWatch exercise. Approximately 10 other passing vehicles exceeded the speed limit by at least 10%
- Extensive roadside parking does cause traffic to slow and wider vehicles sometimes to halt. The road here is narrower than at Golden Valley
- One obstructive parking act can cause traffic havoc
- There is confusion about the status of the 'crossing' outside the school

Thought: Although some children are walked home, the impression was that too many were driven away. A formal crossing similar to that at Golden Valley might encourage parents to consider walking with their children. Older children who have to cross the road might then be allowed to walk themselves to and from school if parents felt it was considerably safer to cross the road.

Thought: Children frequently leave the school for visits around Nailsea during the school day. It might be useful for the school to be able to have control of the flashing light signage at times when school parties need to cross the road.

Nailsea Town Council and The Rotary Club

The Tithe Barn 14-01-2016

Present

Rotary Club - Roger Smith and Graham Hunt

Nailsea Town Council - Clare Hunt

Apologies

Rotary Club - Richard Gaunt

Nailsea Town Council - David Packham

The purpose of the meeting was to explore possibilities of developing closer links in order to improve both organisations' aims to serve the community.

The Rotary Club is mostly known for its charity status, but it also works within the community supporting groups such as The Leg Club. It also has close links with local schools, helps disadvantaged young people or those who have to overcome serious problems and unexpected issues - before they have a negative impact on their life.

The Rotary Club has 45 members, 30 of whom are active, and therefore has a wide variety of skills, experience and expertise to offer the community.

The Rotary Club has a Developmental Committee, which is keen to reach out to exchange ideas with the Town Council. They are very willing offer assistance when possible.

I believe developing this relationship may be one way to achieve the Town Council's aspiration for a greater level of community engagement. Those present offered to come to speak to the council as a whole if thought helpful.

I mentioned briefly about the Council's concept of establishing 'Nailsea Place' and the possibility of acquiring Youth House. Should that be successful, and work was needed to change the building so it is better suited to its new purpose, it could be that Rotary Club's links with the schools and local business may help to fulfill the objectives.

I would like to add it was a real pleasure meeting with members of the Rotary Club. They clearly expressed their ambition to "increase their usefulness and contribution to Nailsea Community". They offered to help solve problems for residents when the need arose and also to encourage people to get involved in the Rotary Walks in order to self fund as a means of raising money.

I do hope this initial meeting will be the first of many, enabling both organisations to establish closer links in the future. Then we can work for the benefit of our community together.

Clare Hunt