

PARISH OF PETTAUGH

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Pettaugh held on 24 May 2022 at St Catherine's Church, Pettaugh

Present: Councillor A Corrigan (Chairman of the Parish Council - presiding)
Parish Councillors B Bulsing and M Marlow
Councillor M Hicks (County Councillor)
Two members of the public

1. Speed of Traffic

Jade explained that there had been an accident on Thursday, 19th May at shortly after 9pm, when a driver driving in the 30mph zone past her house lost control, hit her hedge and smashed into her husband's car and rolled his car over on to the other side of the road. The driver was unhurt. Jade wished to raise the issue of cars speeding past her property which she felt was dangerous. There is a request school bus stop opposite Wanda Cottage which her children use in the mornings, and it is dangerous standing there due to speeding cars.

Cllr.Hicks advised that speed enforcement was the way to go. He recommended writing to the Chief Constable and Tim Passmore (PCC) asking for a speed van to be active. He said that he could contribute £1,000 towards a new pole for the existing VAS sign. There was a discussion about extending the 30mph limit to around The Crowfield Rose. Cllr. Hicks was not optimistic about success as he has had experience of only achieving 3 changes of speed limits out of 9 attempts and these had fatalities etc to back it up. A 30 mph change at Framsdon was causing residents to say that people were not adhering to it. A letter could go from Pettaugh Parish Council. He said that the procedure was expensive and involved three sets of hearings. The procedure did not take into account the views of Parish Councils. Jade suggested it would be useful to write to Crowfield Parish Council to find out if they had had problems re speeding. It was considered this may be useful before trying to change it.

The problems of speeding cars at Townhouse Corner in the 40 mph were discussed. The County Council has a traffic electric sign which rotates around villages - 40 mph. Pettaugh could be put on the list. Winston Green has it. Pettaugh Parish Council should check whether it could be put on the list. Cllr. Hicks wondered whether Pettaugh could purchase another VAS.

2. **Trees.**

The question of trimming these was discussed.

3. Village Signs

The damaged village sign opposite the Church Carpark and the repeater 30 mph sign at the entrance to the church car park was mentioned. Suffolk Highways have no budget to repair these. Cllr Hicks has no other resources. He explained the make-up of the County Council's budget. The road signs were rusting and collapsing all over the place. Going forward, a provision in the budget had been made for road signs but it was not clear the criteria that would be used to allocate this. At present only signs at T junctions or those effecting safety were repaired. The Chairman mentioned that there were too many road signs, and it may be better to have fewer.

4. Footpaths

The question of improving the crossing of the footpath opposite the church was discussed. There are no funds for building a new footpath alongside the verge towards the village sign.

5. Stonham Barns

Stonham Barns was discussed. Susie Morley is the District Councillor responsible for this. She has worked with Stonham Aspal Parish Council. The Parish Council could invite her to a Parish Council Meeting to hear about Stonham Barns.