

Report on the Road Safety Issues evening held

17/11/2017 in Bolton by Bowland Village Hall

An excellent attendance of over 80 people mainly from Sawley, Bolton by Bowland and Holden.

The meeting was chaired by Ian Willock, Lynda Holt took notes and Catherine Curry put the bullet points on the flipchart.

The guest speakers were Jackie Brindle and Nick Hughes from the Safe & Healthy Travel Team at Lancashire County Council and Andrew Winter the Local Police Inspector.

Andrew gave his presentation saying that the Police have been looking into social behaviour in our area. Clitheroe area was looked into as there had been many complaints from locals and publicans. They recently went into Clitheroe and people who were behaving in an unsocial behaviour were taken to a safe centre for an overnight stay. Their parents were contacted and both parents and culprits were interviewed, so that hopefully no reoccurrence happens. That same evening drug sniffer dogs went into licenced properties and a large haul of drugs were found, some of which had been hidden away on their entry.

The Police were looking into the increasing amount of rural crimes and have purchased a special vehicle provided by the Local Crime Commissioner's Office to aid them in stopping fuel theft, vehicle thefts, farm livestock theft, poaching etc.

Jackie Brindle said that her team are responsible for Road Safety Education & campaigns, speed management, some aspects of highway safety engineering, school crossing patrols and anti-social behaviour on the public transport network. She was accompanied by Nick Hughes; Safe & Healthy Travel Team Leader who has a more in depth understanding of issues relating to speeding, and what can and can't be done with regard to highway schemes.

Ian then asked for any questions.

SAWLEY

Quite a number of issues were raised. A person commented that in 2015 and 2016 the LCC had been approached by a group of residents with many issues which were put forward to them; to which none had been addressed.

NO street Lighting, NO footpaths for anyone to walk safely, NO lighting at the Sawley junction of the A59; the only junction not lit between (needs clarifying)

COULD the dual carriageway be moved to start after the Sawley junction so that when exiting Sawley onto the A59 ONLY SINGLE file traffic is approaching?

SPEEDING- calming measures to be put in place.

LARGE WAGONS causing problems as the roads are narrow.

Speed limits on wrong side of Sawley Bridge.

Jackie Brindle apologised for the lack of response from LCC and the long waiting times.

BOLTON BY BOWLAND

Again a great deal of issues relating to SPEEDING, could more calming measures be put in place?

E.g.:- SPIDS being put in places. Warning signs being put in place 100 yards before approaching 30-mile zones, this is done very successfully in Scotland.

The lack of LIGHTING as NO footpaths in the village and very unsafe to walk in the dark.

Hellifield road junction in Bolton by Bowland. Due to the re- opening of the Coach and Horses Pub people are parking on both sides of Hellifield road even where it narrows, thus making it very impossible for the emergency services and larger vehicles access.

A need for a LARGER car park.

People not adhering to the 20 miles zone when school start and finishes.

NARROW ROADS due to vegetation encroaching on the highways.

Tractors are getting larger these days but do travel too fast. Could a letter be sent out to businesses that use the roads in our area with large vehicles to ask that they drive with more caution?

FLOODING – SETTLE ROAD near Oaktrees Nursery, GISBURN ROAD before Closes Hall Lodge and near Bolton Close House. Please could Highways look into these areas which constantly flood and cause a great deal of unnecessary dangers to drivers? Drains don't get flushed out to get rid of restricting material. These need to be examined by the highways engineer.

Settle road very bad road repair at Calder farm to Chadwicks Barn, thin strip of road had been dug up to allow services to Chadwicks Barn when it was converted to a property. The thin strip is near to verge causing traffic to either place their vehicle wheel on inside of the strip causing them to drive on opposite side of the road to oncoming traffic. If drivers place their wheel to outside of the strip this is close to the grass verge. This area is also narrow and on bends.

Gritting was mentioned by e-mail and the Parish Council will contact the LCC to address the lack of gritting on Hellifield road. In addition the water on the road at Pepperhills to be looked at.

Anna Lane was mentioned as not enough passing places for a single-track road, which has quite a lot of traffic and many delivering van, and lorries using this road. This makes it very difficult for road users. Many vehicles are coming off the road and getting stuck in the ditches causing the road to be completely blocked. Could this be looked into?

HOLDEN

The main concerns were the road as you turn at Copy Nook Pub to Holden is far too NARROW for the amount of traffic that is using it. It really is a single track road from Copy Nook Pub to the entrance of Hungrill with high walls on either side which makes traffic users uneasy. People would like AN ASSESSOR to come out to see the problems faced by drivers and pedestrians daily.

Traffic driving too fast on all our country roads.

SIZE that wagons are getting causes passing problems.

GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE ROOM

ROAD MARKINGS on our roads are very POOR.

SIGNAGE could be a lot better, highlighting dangers.

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES as SPEEDING was highlighted many times on the evening.

MOTOR BIKES driving far too fast and the noise that they generate.

CYCLIST ARE A GREAT ISSUE WITH MANY RESIDENTS. Mainly the cyclists are not considerate to motorist on our roads- passing them can often cause great stress. They don't get into single file; so passing is much harder especially when our roads are mostly narrow. They travel in larger bunches. Can action be taken further to respect motorists and allow space for overtaking?

IT WAS UNANIMOUS THAT THE STATE OF OUR ROADS ARE UNACCEPTABLE. Potholes in every district are not regularly being repaired- bad maintenance- etc., etc.

STUMP CROSS LANE has large potholes, the road after Wycongill farm entrance to Alder House Farm road is appalling and needs resurfacing.

It was suggested that the road from Sawley Bridge to Bow Laithe to be resurfaced as this road over the years has been patched so many times and is narrow in so many places. Even one person said," that we are law abiding citizens who drive on the left hand side of the road but we are forced to drive on the road what's left to drive on"!!

Jackie Brindle stated that individuals are better to report issues on the highways website www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault This also is on the Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest and Sawley Parish website www.tsbparish.org.uk News and Archives dropdown list. Or phone number 03001236780

You will be given a reference number, if time has lapsed then you can ask for the progress of your reference number. You might have to report the problem yet again!

It was asked that if we collated all the information, would this reinforce the point over to Highways. Jackie said that no it wouldn't, it is far better that individuals report the problems.

Jackie went on to say she would go back and look into the many concerns put before her and her colleague.

Andrew Winter says that the Police are always on hand to hear people's concerns to combat rural crime

Ian closed the meeting at 9-45pm and thanked Jackie, Nick and Andrew for attending and hoped all our issues raised will be considered and these issues will be addressed at the Parish Council meetings. A report will go on the website [http: www.tsbparish](http://www.tsbparish)