

A site visit was arranged with Richard Majewicz for Wednesday, 11th April 2007, and prior to his visit, RM was sent a copy of "Roads - Areas of Concern". (see attached)

Aim of site visit: To seek improvement to existing signs and lines, and to consider adding other signs and lines to help deter drivers from speeding through the village and induce people to drive with due care and attention in other parts of the village, with consideration to other road users. Traffic calming is not within RM's remit.

The Group walked the village to view the areas of concern, and at each point, RM explained the system of road markings. Having surveyed the areas in question, he felt that the existing signs and lines were suitable, and any additional markings would not solve the problem of speeding. The lines necking down the road width on Rectory Road outside the farm have been 'hatched'. They are designed to slow traffic into single lane from both directions, relying upon drivers to exercise discretion as to who should have precedence. This works with large vehicles and some drivers, but generally, most car drivers squeeze by each other without slowing. The single line in the middle of the road of the bend of Rectory Road/Church Road has been replaced with two lines spaced apart, 'hatched' and repositioned to direct traffic more safely around the bend.

RM suggested the Parish write an open letter to all residents and visitors to the crèche asking them to drive with due care when negotiating junctions and narrow roads in part of the village.

RM raised the matter of the proposed new speed limit of Wanlip Lane between Wanlip and Longslade College. (see attached letter from RM 4th October 2007 and KB's report to Alan Corner 14.11.2006.) The Group told RM that it had viewed the lane and considered the best probable position for the 30mph/40mph sign would be in the area of lamp column 10. It was agreed, after noting positions of nearby trees, the site of the proposed sign would be a few metres beyond the wall of the new house, No 86b Rectory Road, which has its driveway on Wanlip Lane. The road was marked to this effect, and no further action is required by the village. (See letter 23rd May, 2007 from RM commenting on all aspects of "Roads - Areas of Concern").

KB had been informed by Ray Martins that the telephone kiosk had been demolished. KB notified BT. He also telephoned Richard Majewicz to alert him that a car had failed to take the bend and had careered into the kiosk, and suggested that this should be put on record and taken into account when reviewing road signing and lining. RM said his department did not record such data.

Results: In respect of items 32, 33, and 35, apart from the modified lines, nothing is to be done as an interim course of action to influence the speed of drivers traveling in the village.

Action: The Group, after having explored all available options, recommended the Chairman should writes to:

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asking that Wanlip Village be included in the "Capital Programme of Integrated Transport Schemes" and be instituted in the process of consideration for traffic calming, with particular emphasis on both bends on Rectory Road and kerbing of the necking-down section of Rectory Road. It would also be appropriate to mention the case of a car, which on 3rd April, 2007 at