

TRAFFIC IN CHILLATON

In May, Cllr Asbridge updated the PC on the current position regarding efforts to obtain traffic management measures in Chillaton [Minute 110:15/16].

Some resurfacing work has now been carried out in the village and the re-instatement of appropriate road markings is awaited. Highways have confirmed that no centre lines should be re-applied within the 30mph zone.

As the PC is aware, because Chillaton has not had any serious road accidents, remedial measures to give greater protection to vulnerable road users do not have a high priority. Therefore, resources are unlikely to be allocated by DCC to review the current situation and produce a traffic management scheme for the village. Nevertheless, Chillaton Cllrs have been successful in getting speed warning signs erected on two roads into the village and getting agreement to changes in road markings and some other minor works.

However, that process does not stem from a professional review of traffic in the village and it does not produce a comprehensive 'best option' solution that includes measures on the road from Tavistock into Chillaton, which have so far failed to be identified.

Cllr Asbridge has therefore discussed with DCC Highways, the possibility of commissioning a study using either an external firm of traffic engineers or the County Council's in-house resources. Initial work would need to cover the following elements

1. From available data, on-site study and local liaison, establish traffic behaviour and residents' concerns.
2. Identify feasible options and relevant ball park costs.

If a scheme was produced that was agreed in principle by DCC Highways and funding could be identified, then further work would be needed to:

3. Produce necessary drawings and specifications.
4. Support implementation, as necessary.

If such work was undertaken, it seems preferable to use DCC's own resources as that would ensure that any proposals identified would conform with Highways current policies and procedures.

The cost of stages 1. & 2. above are likely to be:

i)	An Engineering Design Group engineer for three days @ £50 p.h.	£1,200
ii)	A topographic survey of the Square:	£500
iii)	Three traffic counts @ £200 each.	<u>£600</u>
		£2,300

Clearly, the PC is not in a position to fund this work. It does not know what costs will be incurred in dealing with the wall near Milton Abbot Church and such expenditure would be speculative, as there is no guarantee that further funding would be found for any traffic management measures identified.

Nevertheless, if successful, this idea would produce professional proposals for remedial traffic management measures in Chillaton that may then attract funding from local authority sources and from private sector sponsors.

It is therefore possible that sufficient Chillaton residents might be prepared to fund stages 1. & 2. of this work by means of a local appeal. However, there would need to be appropriate safeguards for the retention of donations [and their eventual return if the appeal raised insufficient funds] and the ability for residents to donate anonymously, if they so wished. Also the commissioning of any work would have to be done by a legally constituted body, such as the PC.

The PC is therefore requested to consider:

- i) Endorsing the need for a professional study into remedial traffic management measures in Chillaton, funded by contributions from local residents.
- ii) Authorising the Clerk to receive contributions from residents and deposit them in the PCs bank account.

A further report will be made to the PC on the outcome of the appeal, with recommendations for further action depending on the funds raised.