

# St Stephens Residents Association

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## Public Meeting Minutes

Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

### **Committee Members Present:**

Val Budgen-Cawsey, Barrie Boundy, Andy Wood, Ian Graham, John Russell, Sue Craddock, Ruth Keighley, David Citrone, Bryony Citrone

**Committee Member Apologies:** Tracey Ivell, Tessa Boundy, Rosemary Deasey

Apologies : Mo Davey, Jane Nancarrow, Margaret Young, Mr and Mrs Beer

Val Budgen-Cawsey, Chairman, welcomed all to the meeting, wished a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for attending. Also hoped all were now recovered from the horrible virus that was around over the Christmas period.

### **Overview**

Noticeboards are now positioned outside Val and Barries houses – keen that everyone, not only those on the internet, have a way of finding out what is happening.

Website is up and running

Fliers through residents doors before meetings

Report of meeting in Cornish and Devon Post

60 people came to the event at the golf club – more than expected as we clashed with Strictly Come Dancing final!

Request for someone to do press report of the public meeting – Ruth Keighley

Keen everyone, not only on internet to know what is happening

PC Steve Stoppard introduced

Traffic Census discussed

Was due in January but postponed until March

Still several slots to fill

Statistics to go to Cornwall Council

Ruth Keighley did a test survey on a wet Sunday between 3-5pm in January and 338 vehicles went up the hill, 34 down, 45 lorries and 291 cars, 1 bus, 1 emergency vehicle, no motorbikes.

Explained various sites for survey

Statistics have been carried out by CC in the past but we are not sure it is correct  
CC stated that 30% of traffic is ongoing and 70% is local.

We will use a 5 bar gate system to record vehicles.

Asked why not spa shop or Homeleigh - We will look at our own area to begin with but those areas will be part of the long term plan.

### **Steve Stoppard**

Well prepared on coming to meeting via VAL

Mr Scott had a few questions in regards to parking outside of school and therefore

Steve had a meeting with Mr Scott.

St Josephs sent a letter out to all parents about the parking outside school, to not arrive until 320pm when the gates would be open

60% of children arrive by bus.

School looking at ways to avoid congestion.

Page 15 of school handbook requests that parents come out of the car park and go up the hill.

There is a drop off system used at Tregadillett School and it was suggested for Stt Josephs however it would not be feasible.

St Cuthberts Close used by parents for parking as no yellow lines – to go in newsletter requesting not to block driveways etc.

Right of way over school drive – people almost get run over – no one has yet.

Parent offered to get a sign for turning left.

School has been keen to help and highways will look at road markings.

No entry at top of SSH – 40-50 tickets issued within last 12 months. Parents and local residents have been stopped. Steve will continue checking as and when.

Speed humps – do they work? Motor bikes are not affected or HGV.

What can be done – traffic calming – looking at ways to assist – question should it be one way – Suggested that it is not possible because of access to some properties.

Speed watch done by residents – PSO needed to help. Police would decide where we could stand. Duty of care to drivers as they may suddenly slow. Hill has bend, cycle lane, parked cars and it isn't easy. Where could one stand? There are a lot of safety issues.

If we want to do speed watch an aerial photo will be taken to look for safe place to stand. Then look for volunteers that are trained correctly as they are acting for Police. Safety of Volunteers is paramount.

Question raised about vehicles on the wrong side of the road coming from Bude.

Launceston is growing but town cannot grow 2.5 car spaces per house to new properties on outskirts of town.

Vehicles coming too fast into town.

Not possible for police to police it.

Suggest flashing lights

Councilor suggests 7.5 ton weight limit for St Stephens Hill. Early stages but if we could support this with Cornwall Council then the Town Council would find it beneficial.

If survey shows traffic through area then possibly do speed.

Only 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and we are showing progress.

Kensey Valley association are present at the meeting. Dunheved were invited.

Option for black box speed recorder to be put in areas to record speed but the residents association would not be told where or when.

Barrie mentioned road accident – Mr Hogg said nothing would be done until someone was Killed.

If you speed check people have to be visible – a black box would be better for the area. Langore just had one done but it was not proved that people were speeding.

Signs mainly funded in Cornwall by residents associations.

Pipers Pool sign did cut accidents – it does work. Boots on the ground are the best way.

Survey must be completely filled as otherwise it is a waste of time.

There have been accidents on St Stephens Hill but no fatalities.

Safe Crossing Points – Cornwall Highways do not like zebra crossings. Our roads are not wide enough for traffic islands – two schools but lollipop people are outside our area.

Question to Val – why did we need £500 from Rotary – money in bank for future.

Be aware that if you have a black box it may disprove cars are speeding – it is difficult to gauge speed.

Parked vehicles do slow cars on roads.

Resident of Maine Close – who has right of way at the bottom of St Josephs School drive? Believed that pedestrians have right of way but a 57 plate Honda almost ran over students. Steve will look at road markings with Cornwall Highways.

Next full meeting of Launceston Town Council the Crime Commissioner will be in attendance at 7pm.

Neighbourhood policing team are heavily involved with education concerned with the grooming of children, internet safety and working with Launceston College, St Josephs and primary schools. It is a vital role at the moment as crime in the 1980's was vehicle crime whereas now it is sexting.

Suggestion that someone should be outside St Josephs school to say vehicle should go up the hill

Zigzag lines are not enforceable – why not? Replace them with double yellow lines then!

7.5K for each application in Cornwall.

Police are supported by the Town Council but the Town Council are not supported by County.

Biggest challenge as a residents association is to keep together and keep plodding on.

Survey is really important.

Comment – less trouble with traffic in hill when it was 2 ways.

Val said thank you to Steve and both reiterated that we need to keep moving forward as a community.

## **AIMS AND GOALS**

### **Short**

Traffic Suvey

Speed Census – Val to work with Steve to have a think about helping with this

Try and get a speed box

St Josephs – possible for year 6 students to read out questions with speeding issues

Litter bins/dog poo bins – pick up and have a pride in our area

3 x dog wardens in Cornwall – they do visit Launceston together on occasions. Dog

Poo Bins are not in right place – be more observant as residents of area

Neighbourhood Watch – try and reinvigorate.

### **Medium**

Speed Calming

One suggestion is that signs to go up stating that you are entering a Community Speed Campaign area.

Flashing signs seem to work

Crossing places – no suggestions as to where were discussed at this time

Parking Solutions – permits – what are your thoughts – general idea was no but there was no show of hands at this meeting.

## **Long**

7.5 tons weight limit reinstated

North/South link road – most congested part of town – town hall down to Newport has 70% of vehicles.

Phase 1 – roundabout at Stourscombe to Polson

Phase 2 – Polson to Dutson past the Sewerage Works

Phase 3 – Dutson to Werrington Park

Not a new plan – just reinvented.

Average Speed Monitors – need money behind us to push this along.

We have to be positive in what we are doing.

Kensley Valley Association had sponsorship to help with the dog poo bins – emptied by CORMAC twice a week.

Weight limit for the whole of Launceston

On the original two weeks in January that were well publicised we did some survey work and no lorries went through in that time.

Question – St Stephens School aren't been represented and they are also in our area with similar traffic problems to St Joseph's. They have been approached.

## **WINE AND WISDOM**

Supper event at Launceston Golf Club – community event and numbers needed.

**Wine and Wisdom – GOLF CLUB – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 7pm**

**TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS – POSTER AND DETAILS ON WEBSITE**

**Next Public Meeting to be held Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017 at 7pm at St Stephens Hall**

**PLEASE KEEP LOOKING AT THE WEBSITE – LOOK ON THE NOTICEBOARD AND  
LOOK FOR FLIERS.**