

Minutes of the Halberton Traffic Committee held on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at Halberton Village Hall

Present :

Councillors Batchelor, Browse and Graham, Liz Brooks, Trevor Clarke, Cristina Cure e Couto, Graeme Cousins, Nuala Gear, Tom Gear, Mel Haslam, Catherine Kellow, Jerry Mahany, Terry Payne, Neil Purves and Lindsay Rowe.

### **1 Apologies**

Margaret Anderson  
Debbie Wall-Palmer

### **2 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3 Public Forum**

Each person present introduced themselves and highlighted issues affecting their lives due to the traffic along Halberton High Street. These included:

- Pollution
- Near misses of vehicles with pedestrians
- Excessive Vehicle speed
- Vehicle weight and size
- Mess on the road
- Overgrown hedges
- Sheer volume of traffic
- Vehicle noise
- Vehicle vibration affecting properties
- Incidences of road rage
- Illuminated signs not working
- Poor visibility of road signs and road markings

### **4 Introduction to the committee**

#### **5 Aims of the committee**

Ian Batchelor agreed to be both Chairman and Secretary. He outlined general aim of creating a plan and framework for villagers to help monitor, report and address the issues of traffic flow, volume and speed of vehicles. By enlisting the help of Councillor Colin Slade, a petition and improvement plan could be put in front of the Devon Highways Committee. He acknowledged that it would be slow going but hoped that things would improve eventually.

#### **6 Traffic problem reporting mechanism/Protocol**

It was agreed to see if a portal on the Parish website could be created to report problems on the highways in Halberton parish so things are logged.

There were volunteers of help in speed monitoring and collecting signatures for a petition. The wording of the petition to follow (see below).

#### **7 Date of next meeting**

**29/9/21 at Halberton Village hall 1900.**

Proposed wording of petition

The village of Halberton has become an unhealthier and more dangerous place.

The current traffic problems reflect not only on those living on the high street itself but all residents of Halberton Parish and those living outside the Parish that use the road as a means of travelling to/from Tiverton.

The road was not designed to take the volume of traffic present today and the situation is likely to deteriorate further with both existing and proposed new builds within and surrounding the Parish.

I am in favour of introducing measures that will improve the current traffic situation and improve road safety for all users.