

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

5th MARCH 2003

PETITIONS

Purpose of Report

1. To consider and decide action on petitions received.

Background

2. The following petitions have been received since the last meeting of the Committee:-
 - (i) Holt: Safety of Children and Adults near Holt VC Primary School, The Gravel
 - (ii) Sherston: Condition of Footways
3. Details of the petitions, officer comments and recommendations are set out in **Appendices 1 and 2** of this report.
4. The petitions and any supporting correspondence will be available for inspection in the **Members' Room** or from the Director of Corporate Services prior to the meeting.

Recommendation

5. The Committee is asked to consider the petitions, along with officer comments, and any address made to Members by the petitioners at the meeting, and approve the recommendation.

RICHARD J. LANDER

Director of Environmental Services

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

Petitions and related correspondence

Environmental impact of the Recommendation contained in this Report:

None

Petition for	Number of Signatures	Parish Or Town	Existing Speed Limit	Injury Accidents In 3 years	Comments from Supporting letters	Observations	Recommendation
<p>We the undersigned ask as a matter of urgency, that the appropriate authorities address the following issues:-</p> <p>(i) The safety of children (and adults) travelling to and from Holt VC Primary School.</p> <p>(ii) The density of traffic in The Gravel at the beginning and end of each school day.</p> <p>(iii) The speed of traffic within 400 metres of Holt VC Primary School.</p> <p>(iv) Parking which prevents clear visibility when crossing The Common as the children and adults go to and from school.</p>	165	Holt	30 mph	No pedestrian accidents	<p>The petition has also been sent to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wiltshire Constabulary - Holt Parish Council - Head Teacher, Holt VC Primary School 	<p>Mr. Fox presented the petition at County Council on 11th February 2003 which was prompted by an accident which occurred in January 2003 when a vehicle was turning into The Gravel from The Common. Allegedly the driver's foot slipped on to the accelerator pinning the school crossing patroller to a wall, causing serious injury. It is understood that the vehicle was being driven by the parent of a child at Holt Primary School who lives in the village.</p> <p>A meeting has been held with representatives of the school, Parish Council and the Police to consider the safety of children attending Holt Primary School. It has been established that the vast majority of the pupils walk to and from the school and therefore the number of parents who drive to school is few. A site visit noted that some of these parents, two on the day of inspection, parked so as to completely block the carriageway. Due to the narrow width of The Gravel it is not ideal for parents to use this route with vehicles. To address this it is proposed to draft a strongly worded letter with the Police and School requesting parents' co-operation by not driving through The Gravel. To improve conditions for children and parents crossing The Common (B3107) it is proposed to provide twin flashing amber school lights to supplement the existing children warning signs. Alterations to the road markings are also being investigated. Waiting restrictions are in place at the junction of The Gravel and The Common and the Police have been requested to enforce the restrictions, which are currently abused.</p>	<p>That:</p> <p>(i) A jointly worded letter with the Police and School be sent to all parents of children attending Holt Primary School advising them not to drive through The Gravel.</p> <p>(ii) Twin flashing amber school lights be erected on The Common, together with alterations to the carriageway markings to improve conditions for pedestrians crossing the B3107.</p> <p>(iii) The Police be requested to enforce the waiting restriction on The Common at The Gravel junction.</p> <p>(iv) The petitioners be advised accordingly.</p>

Organiser: Mrs. June Bremner, Secretary, Sherston Seniors Club, Six Bob Cottage, Brook Hill, Sherston

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<p>The members of the Club are deeply concerned about the state of the pavements in Sherston High Street and surrounding areas.</p> <p>Several of our members have fallen and injured themselves quite badly and we do not wish to have a very serious accident happen.</p> <p>We have a high population of senior citizens in Sherston and for this reason we would like reassurance that something will be done to make the walking areas safe for everyone in the immediate future.</p>	87	Sherston	30 mph	No pedestrian accidents	<p>Everyone here can see the possibility of a serious accident happening to an elderly person, an adult or a child. The pavements here (or roadsides where a pavement is non-existent) are full of ruts and holes. A few were filled in a short while ago but there are many more wherever you walk. Something needs to be done as quickly as possible.</p>	<p>Roads and footway surfaces in the centre of Sherston are classified as Group 1 and 2 routes and are subject to one and three monthly safety inspections respectively.</p> <p>Court Street</p> <p>The road was resurfaced during August 2002.</p> <p>Shared surfaces in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High Street ▪ Silver Street ▪ Swan Barton and ▪ Cliff Road <p>have been included in the proposed list for consideration for resurfacing in 2003-04.</p> <p>This proposal is number 8 on the Northern Division's priority list.</p> <p>Footways</p> <p>There are no current proposals to resurface any footways in Sherston. Category 1 defects will be dealt with in the normal course of routine maintenance.</p> <p>Road and footway resurfacing has to be considered on a Countywide basis and is subject to budget provision.</p> <p>However, there are plans under the "Safe Routes to School" project in connection with Sherston C of E Primary School to provide some new sections of footway in Court Street.</p>	<p>That:-</p> <p>(i) The proposed programmes may be reviewed after budgets are set.</p> <p>(ii) The petitioners be advised accordingly.</p>