

# Kingston Seymour Parish Council

## Traffic Speed - A Chronology of Discussions and Actions

<i>Date</i>	<i>Action / Comments</i>
10.09.2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A parishioner used the public participation time to express his concerns about traffic speed in the village</li> <li>- The Clerk acknowledged that the last time this had been discussed was in 2008 whilst preparing the Parish Plan</li> <li>- Agreed to place on November 2014 meeting agenda and to invite North Somerset Council (NSC) highways officers to advise on the issue</li> </ul>
24.11.2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An NSC officer attended and advised that despite the lack of actual incidents, action was still possible and a speed limit in the built up area of the village would be feasible but there were no NSC funds to support this</li> <li>- A recommendation that speed and turning surveys were carried out in several locations in the centre of the village with the results informing the way forward</li> <li>- The PC agreed to commit £500 to undertake the surveys.</li> </ul>
13.01.2015	- The traffic surveys had not been carried out and there was concern about how much it would cost the PC in funding the establishment of the speed limit
11.03.2015	- NSC had advised that the traffic surveys would be carried out at the end of March. The PC would pay half the cost
11.05.2015	- NSC appears not to have carried out the surveys and they were to be chased
07.07.2015	- NSC had still not done the surveys. The PC was concerned with parishioner disillusionment with the process
09.09.2015	- The measuring equipment was at last in place. The NSC officer was to be invited to the next meeting to present the results
12.11.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The NSC officer reported that the measurements had been taken in September (for one week only) and that speeds in the village were broadly consistent with what a 30mph limit would provide - but it was noted that a few drivers came into the village down Lampley Road at much higher speeds. The PC was advised that KS was unique in North Somerset in not having a speed limit.</li> <li>- The NSC officer was asked to return in January and outline options that could be taken forward and discussed at the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting</li> </ul>
11.01.2016	- The NSC officer failed to attend the PC meeting
21.01.2016	- A special meeting took place with the NSC officer. Options were discussed and funding shortfalls at NSC meant that whatever was decided, there would be cost to the PC because NSC had to prioritise road issues where there had been casualties. It was agreed that a presentation of the options would be made to the Annual Parish Meeting

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15.03.2016	- Draft slides for discussion at the APM were discussed
21.04.2016	- Data and slides were presented to the Annual Parish Meeting. Some 50 parishioners were present and a healthy debate ensued. After discussion and on a show of hands, 31 parishioners appeared to support a 30mph (large footprint as described in the issued papers) speed limit. This went forward as information for the Parish Council to consider (the APM itself does not carry a binding commitment to the PC).
10.05.2016	- It emerged that the data used in the presentation - provided by NSC - may be flawed in the higher echelons, but NSC claimed that this would make little difference to the 85th percentile which the specialist engineers would consider. - It was agreed that the PC should start work towards the Village Gates as a first step.
18.05.2016	- It was established that the data in the highest speeds of the analysis should be removed from the presentation and a revised presentation was issued. - Some Councillors felt that some parishioners may not have attended the APM to share their views on roads and speed of traffic because the issue was not publicised clearly enough. A village poll was suggested as a way to gauge wider opinion using this clearly defined democratic tool. It was not felt this was needed at this point because the issue was on the PC agenda and feedback was awaited from NSC as to their recommended next steps
13.07.2016	- Revised slides were approved and posted on the web site (where they remain available). A more senior officer from NSC highways attended and a way forward for the installation of the gates was discussed. Give Way signs on the approach to the Triangle from Middle Lane were discussed, and the officer agreed to put those actions in hand. - The senior NSC officer recommended a progressive approach to speed management, starting with traffic calming and would return to the next meeting with more detailed thoughts. It was re-confirmed that no NSC funding was available beyond agreed works
12.09.2016	- Proposals for calming measures in Ham Lane, Back Lane and Middle Lane were discussed as well as the installation of gates on the Lampley Road. Councillors agreed that the Give Way management to the Triangle from Middle Lane and the gates on Lampley Road should be progressed now this decision being based on the survey data showing where the biggest traffic speed issue was. The paint on the junctions around the Triangle would also be refreshed. - The Parish Council would pay for the gates/posts and prepare them and NSC would install them and do the road markings to accompany. Other traffic calming measures would be discussed at future meetings once the effect of the completed gates and other measures could be assessed
15.11.2016	- The gates and posts have been purchased and are being readied for installation
24.12.2016	- The Give Way improvements in Middle Lane have been completed and the white lines around the Triangle have been repainted by NSC contractors

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March 2017	- Lines on Lampley Road painted by NSC contractor. The gap between them is 4.5 metres - the maximum allowed for a carriageway narrowing feature because of priority issues if they are any narrower.
26.04.2017	- NSC contractor installed the gates (incorrectly)
04.05.2017	- At the Annual Parish Meeting, traffic was not specifically discussed but a presenter for the farming community emphasised that all users of the village roads should be considerate and that if farming sub-contractors (commonly used during the year) were not, then parishioners should not be afraid to contact the responsible farmer directly to voice their concerns.
17.05.2017	- NSC contractor realigns the gates but cannot put them any nearer the edge of the road because of underground cables I that location
June 2017	- Ground clearance work carried out by Parish Councillors in order to maximise the visual effect of the gates with hedges and grass cut
10.07.2017	- A parishioner attended the meeting to express his concerns about traffic speed (and road conditions) in the village. He was assured that the PC were very aware of the issue and that they were monitoring the effect of the gates (which were now painted) both now and with future improvements - The PC resolved to purchase two reflective signs to affix to the gates to enhance the visual impact
04.09.2017	- The Councillor responsible for roads proposed that rather than reflective signs, that the areas in front of the gates should be cleared and stones laid - and large planters installed. This proposal was supported as strong feedback had been received that parishioners did not want the village sign moving from the South Side of the Motorway Bridge and a second name sign it was felt would just confuse visitors
29.04.2018	- The area in front of gates is being prepared, work having been delayed due to the particularly harsh winter and ground conditions
30.04.2018	- Annual Parish Meeting took place with renewed calls from some residents for the adoption of a speed limit through the village
06.05.2018	- Gravel area and planters in front of the gates is now complete. Flowers will be planted and the grass and hedges will be cut regularly to maximise visual impact
16.05.2018	- Item discussed at the Parish Council Meeting in the presence of parishioners and actions agreed.