

MERE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MERE PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST, 2019
AT 7:30PM, THE MERE

PRESENT

Cllr J Duncalf
Cllr A Newnes
Cllr J Mcguire
Cllr D Norcott
Cllr L Reynolds
Cllr D Walker (In The Chair)

APOLOGIES

Cllr J Wright
Cllr R Finch

Cllr K Parkinson (High Legh Ward))

ACTIONS

1 The meeting has been called by the Chairman.

2 Junction Improvement – A50/B5034

An e-mail has been received from Barry Smith, Road Safety Engineer, Cheshire East Highways informing Mere Parish Council of a junction proposal for the junction A50/B5034. It has been identified as one of the top ranking sites within Cheshire East in the annual cluster site analysis process. A cluster is defined when multiple injury collisions occur within a 20m radius of each other.

Proposal – “Following a detailed review, we are proposing to mitigate collisions at this junction through the realignment of the Traffic Island and kerbing on A5034 Mereside Road. (C1909LSS04-1100)”

Mere Parish Councils response to the proposal is we do not believe that the proposed junction Amendment will reduce the number of accidents as it will not encourage cars to reduce speed when approaching the junction.

Also the statistics have been taken from a period 1/1/2013 to 21/12/2017 which is before the New A556 by-pass was opened. The traffic on the A50, A5034 and other local roads has increased since them. There have been two deaths on the A50 less than a mile from the junction since 21/12/2017.

It was **proposed by** Cllr Walker and **seconded by** Cllr Reynolds to reply to Barry Smith Stating Mere Parish Council does not believe the junction proposal will reduce accidents. Instead we suggest a mini roundabout be considered as an option? This would make it safer for traffic entering and existing Moss Lane and Mereside Road. It would also reduce traffic speed on the A50. Can the junction proposal be put on hold and in the meantime Mere Parish Council invite Barry Smith to either one of the next two Mere Parish Council Meetings.

All agreed.

KJW

The meeting closed at 7:50pm

Signed: Date: