

**WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Highways Committee meeting 26 March 2018**

**17/31 Issues raised by residents**

WPC has been contacted by residents on the following issues – the text has been anonymised for data protection reasons.

a) Parking on Way Lane

Given the proposal to move Waterbeach train station to the North of the village and the apparent increase in parents dropping off their children at school by car, I would like to propose "residents only" allocated parking for those properties on Way lane that do not have off road parking. While not qualifying as disabled, but having had both hips replaced, it is uncomfortable and inconvenient being unable to park outside our row of houses.

b) Traffic on Way Lane

Incoming complaint to both WPC and County Cllr Bradnam that Mick George and Maypine Civils lorries are using Way Lane Where cottages front onto the path, with only on-street parking, the lorries rumbling past are most unwelcome. Developer transport plans require them to stick to Bannold Road and not use Way Lane?

The resident also asked if the final entrance to the Matthew Homes site will be from Cody Road (as now) or from Bannold Road. C Cllr Bradnam confirmed that there will be two entrances on Cody Road for the estate and there will be one driveway for two houses fronting Bannold lane opposite Way Lane.

c) Denny End Road

I am writing to express my concerns about a traffic issue on Denny End Road and wonder if I could have a discussion about it. I write with reference to the bend at the entrance to the Barracks. In the last few months there have been 2 incidents that I am aware of. The first being a collision with bushes and trees in the front garden of a house near to the junction of Providence Way, and the second being a collision with a telegraph pole opposite the pub by the Barracks entrance. I am also aware that many years ago there was a collision with a tree in a front garden.

It is apparent that these collisions are a result of vehicles leaving the road and mounting the pavement, and are most likely due to speed. The corner of Providence Way is vulnerable to traffic collisions, but the two recent collisions have made me feel very uneasy. I have two young children and feel worried for their safety, both when we are in our driveway and walking along the pavements nearby. I wonder if any one else has expressed the same concerns as me and if the Parish Council would consider traffic/speed measures?

d) Bannold Road

My concern is that the large increase in extremely heavy duty vehicles and cranes driving down Cody Road to the new building site is increasing the risk of health problems to possibly hundreds of children walking down that road 4 times a day to and from school. Not only the school children but

pre school toddlers and babies will be inhaling these fumes because they are at just the height of the exhausts on the vehicles.

These vehicles are often stationary, waiting for oncoming traffic at the temporary lights, or slowly moving and reversing into the site causing increase in emissions. The amount of diesel fumes containing harmful particles to lungs and which very small children and babies in buggies and pushchairs inhale on this road is highly likely to cause health problems for these children in the future.

I am sure you are all aware of this from recent scientific reports and the media. I am asking whether steps have been taken by the Parish Council to measure the emissions on this road to check if they are within legal limits at least. And if so where are the results available. If this hasn't been done I would urgently ask the Parish Council to take this on board or to request that it be done by the County Council or which ever body is responsible for ensuring that legal limits on diesel emissions are strictly adhered to when new developments involving heavy vehicles are taking place.

#### e) Bannold Drove

A resident has copied WPC into a complaint forwarded to the County Council about the poor condition of Bannold Drove enclosing photos of the large water filled potholes and asking for reinstatement work. The resident comments that "it has become almost impassable; only the most foolhardy now attempt to use it as it has degraded very badly since the last Highways intervention – which was excellent while it lasted. The basic reason for the degradation is that, last time. The holes were filled with planning which quickly become washed away. I had suggested that brick-ends or similar would be more suitable for this particular locations. WPC and County Cllr Bradnam had already picked up on this issue and contacted County Highways.

#### f) Greenways request

Dear Greater Cambridge Partnership, Lode and Waterbeach Parish Councils,

I'm concerned that one of the most necessary cycle connections required in Cambridgeshire isn't being addressed as part of the Greenways plan: The gap in NCR 11. Please see the map I have attached to this email to highlight the problem.



The completion of the route would make cycling from the Wicken/Burwell area to Cambridge significantly shorter than using NCR 51 through Stow-Cum-Quy. It would also open up recreational cycling around Wicken Fen for all those living in Waterbeach (particularly the planned housing

development), whilst also reducing my own cycle commute from Swaffham Prior to Swavesey by nearly 4 miles.

A perfectly adequate bridge over the River Cam already exists at Bottisham Lock, and as far as I can tell the problem is merely a few hundred yards of resurfacing between the bridge at Bottisham Lock and Lug Fen Droveaway (Lode fen road). In fact, it's already passable (on grass) if the ridiculous sign omitting bicycles is ignored. It's a quick win to achieve a very significant cycle connection.