

Notes of the Pixham Speed and Parking Action (PSPA) Group meeting held on Tuesday 24 October 2023

Present:

Debbie Whitton - co-Chair
David Barrett - co-Chair
Anthony Harrison (committee member)
Sue Mills
Christian Marroni
Brian Downing
Joy Profitt (notes and actions)

Apologies: Paul MacDitch (committee member), John Hammond (committee member), John Marsh, Ian Russell, Pat Smith.

The group agreed its purpose as being to take forward residents' concerns about:

1. Speeding vehicles in Pixham Lane;
2. The parking of vehicles on the grass verges in Pixham Lane (recently increasing, due to lack of parking at the Pixham Mills site for football at the weekends);
3. The inevitable increase in traffic, especially large lorries, which will result from the housing and other developments scheduled to take place in the Pixham area over the coming two to three years;
4. Parking issues resulting from increased housing in the area being built with insufficient parking spaces, plus removal of parking for the football club;

and the likelihood of these matters increasing in severity due to a)development at Pixham Mills, b)the Thames Water site, 3)the new SEND school on the A25 and 4)possible development of the Depot, as it has recently been sold to a builder.

Debbie had been along the full length of the Lane to take photos of all traffic signage. A lot of it (eg on the A25 at the turnoff) is faded and/or is dirty and/or obscured by foliage. She circulated photos of other signs seen in the local area, as examples of what we could have in Pixham. She had also emailed Hazel Watson, our local councillor on Surrey County Council.

It was agreed that the group will lobby for traffic calming measures in the short term, with a 20mph restriction being the preferred option in the medium term. Speed bumps were not an appropriate method of speed control along Pixham Lane and the community were unlikely to be in favour of speed bumps.

The group agreed the following actions:

1. To explore the possibility of funding from the Pixham Residents Association to fund improved signage for Pixham Lane. If application was made, it would be necessary to specify exactly what the funding would be used for. **Debbie to write to the PRA.**

2. To reply to Hazel Watson's (SCC) email to ask for her support with various actions and suggestions, as follows:

- Whether funding for Pixham Lane improvements could be obtained from the Community Infrastructure Levy which would be available from the forthcoming development on the Pixham Mills (was Aviva) site. **Debbie to circulate the email received from Hazel Watson, where she explained why MVDC planning officers rejected her recent application for section 106 developer funding.**
- To request a 20mph speed limit for all of Pixham Lane. Surrey County Council published something about a proposal for a uniform 20mph speed limit for all residential areas some 18 months ago, and there is to be a further SCC meeting to consider it in January 2024.
- Asking that the signage along the whole of Pixham Lane be inspected and then cleaned/repaired and cleared of overhanging vegetation as necessary.
- Asking for the provision of a mobile electronic speed indicator device, based on the Speedwatch data which shows many vehicles speeding.
- The possibility of improved lighting along Pixham Lane as with large housing developments in the area on the horizon, Pixham would no longer be a semi rural area and there would be increased footfall. It was felt Stonegate would support this, as a safety measure for the future residents.
- Whether white wood posts with interlinking chain bollards could be put up along Pixham Lane where there are grass verges, to stop parking on the verges. It was acknowledged that the County Council is short of funds (certainly until April 24) but we might be able to secure funds within the community if support for the project exists.
- A request to obtain double yellow lines along Pixham Lane from the Denbies Roundabout to the Old School and then from Chester Close to the A25 would be explored.
- A request to discuss the outcome of visits by the Highways Department, with the officers.

Debbie to draft an email covering the above points, to be agreed by David and Christian and then sent to Hazel.

3. An approach to Stonegate, the developers of the Pixham Mills site, for funds/assistance might be made at a later date, after a response is received from Hazel Watson.

4. **David Barrett agreed to inspect the Welcome to Pixham signage with a view to painting them white, subject to PRA agreement.**

5. **Sue Mill will forward the Speedwatch data to Debbie.**

6. The next meeting of this group to be held at 7.30pm on Monday 20th November at Sue Mill's house (50 Leslie Road), once feedback has been received from Hazel. We may then hold a further public meeting, once we know which of the proposals have a likelihood of succeeding.

7. Debbie/David/Christian to prepare an item for the next Pixham Post and forward to Brian - completed.