



PUBLIC MEETING 13TH SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC ISSUES

This meeting was very well attended with over 50 residents present and discussions were held regarding the parking issues on Brow of the Hill and speeding on Brow of the Hill and East Winch Road.

The meeting was also attended by the Parish Council, County Councillor Jim Moriarity, Andy Wallace from Highways and Borough Councillor Michael de Whalley.

1. The parking issues on Brow of the Hill have been caused by visitors and the extension of the Clearway on the B1145 was discussed in detail. The clearway would give no parking for any vehicles and the enforcement team from the Borough Council could issue parking tickets for offenders. It was agreed to go for the Clearway as it is flexible and can offer implementation for certain times of the year.

The process for this would be:

- a. Support for the clearway from the Parish Council and residents – over 85% of residents present supported at the meeting.
- b. Then a consultation process would follow.
- c. The legal process would then take place.
- d. The costs for implementing this Clearway would be between £20,000 to £25,000 to be paid by the Parish Council. There would be some funding to apply for including a 50:50 scheme and a community fund.

This could take up to six months and need to move quickly now.

Parking / vehicle issues were also raised along Holthouse Lane and HGV's on Church Road.

2. The speeding on both Brow of the Hill and East Winch Road were discussed in detail with comments including both roads now being used as "rat runs" to avoid the traffic on the major routes. There has been a notable increase in HGV's and the speed limit was discussed, especially around the school which is currently very dangerous.

It was decided to go with the Speed study at a cost of £5,000 to £6,000 as a start which will include weight restrictions and traffic calming. Local businesses to be contacted regarding donations.

Andy Wallace stressed that as much data as possible is required and the SAM reports would be taken into consideration along with the new Speedwatch team data.