

E mail Sent to Resident (SP) from Parish Council – 11th March 2019 @ 11:02

Thank you for your email.

With regard to the 20mph speed limit; it is North Yorkshire County Council, as the Highways Authority, who are responsible for speed limits. When this matter was raised the school did not support the application, which meant it went no further.

There was also some difficulty as to whether it would apply to Main Street or Church Street.

With regard to speed bumps and rumble strips; the NYCC Highways Authority are responsible for these and due to the noise generated, their current policy is not to place them near to residential properties.

Your email will be raised under "CORRESPONDENCE" at the Parish Council Meeting and will be included in the minutes of that meeting.

Email Sent from Resident (SP) to Parish Council – 11th March 10:51

Thanks for your reply. I understand that local Councils can set their own speed limits around schools to 20 MPH in built up areas I presume a village is classed as a built up area. Is the Parish Council deemed a Local Council? or is it Ryedale Council? This may have already happened ,has Ryedale Council been invited to Hovingham to witness first hand the problem with traffic? How do some villages manage to get speed bumps and reduced speed limits outside schools like Stockton on the Forest ,Malton ,Norton ?

Having just returned from Northamptonshire a high proportion of villages have restrictions outside schools. It must be very frustrating for the council if it has been 11 years of highlighting the problem !

Once again thanks for replying to my email. Would it be possible that the info you gave me be included in the next minutes that go up on the Village notice board?

Email Sent to Resident (SP) from Parish Council – 28th February 2019 @ 13:57

Thank you very much for your email to Susan; apologies for the delay in replying. I reply as Chair of the Parish Council. The Parish Council are well aware of the considerable problems created by speeding and heavy vehicles in the village. Since the 2008 village questionnaire we have repeatedly worked with all those responsible to improve the situation. We have investigated all those problems and solutions you raise, and will continue to do this.

The Parish Council are legally unable to spend any public money on this as precept is already raised by NY Police and County Council. We signed up for Community Speedwatch as soon as it was announced and the team of volunteers continue to improve the behaviour of drivers. They are currently not permitted to perform the Speedwatch in Park Street and have applied to do this.

We are also working with neighbouring villages, who all share the same problems and frustrations.

The recent village questionnaire asked residents about these problems and the results will be published around April this year. We are continuing to do everything we can, within our powers, to improve the situation. We will continue to work with the Community Action Group wherever we can.

Thank you very much for your email and we encourage you to get involved in any way you can and are able to do so.

Email Sent from Resident (SP) to Parish Council – 11th February 2019 @ 06:56

I would like to know what the Hovingham Council is doing to address the problem of speeding traffic through the village. I am aware of the Speedwatch initiative. I live on Park Street where many vehicles don't slow down until they reach The Park Cafe. There is the continual problem of heavy vehicles coming through between 5-6 am this morning there was 6 none of them slowed down until the last minute. Having speed bumps at the Park Gates in Park street would remedy this problem.

Outside the school it is increasingly difficult for the elderly to cross and dangerous for all. Do we have to wait for an accident or fatality to address the problem?

Why is it that Hovingham does not have any speed reducing obstacles outside the School? where the speed limit is also reduced to 20 miles an hour. Again speed bumps around this area would slow traffic down, which is effective in many villages and towns. Church street has become a rat run ,again another problem. I am sure the problems I have highlighted are well known to all members of the council.

Looking back at the last few Council Meeting the problem with traffic gets little mention. I look forward to your feedback and would welcome in your reply not what you cannot do but what you are going to do.