

Sparsholt Parish Council Meeting on Highways 21 August 2014

What is the Problem?

1. Volume of traffic through village – rat run.
2. Speed of traffic through the village.
3. Lack of courtesy of drivers. Lack of respect for pedestrians.
4. Congestion in the village at peak times.
5. HGV transiting and in Crab Wood.
6. Condition of the roads.
7. Need to dig out ditches.
8. Growth of Sparsholt College and consequential increase in vehicle traffic.
9. New housing developments in and around Winchester.
 - Danger points in the village:
 - Moor Court Lane/Woodman Lane
 - Dean lane/Woodman Lane
 - Plough/Watley Lane/Home Lane
 - Woodman Lane/Moor Court Lane
 - Woodman lane/Stockbridge Road (accident spot)
 - Northwood Park/Stockbridge Road
 - School drop off (am and pm)
10. 50 mph limit on Stockbridge Road is not enforced.

What do we want as an outcome?

1. HCC to deal with traffic in villages as expeditiously as city traffic.
2. To preserve and protect the nature of the village.
3. To improve, protect and strengthen the safety of residents including riders and horses.
4. Delivery of improvements promised by HCC at previous meetings.

What can we do about it?

1. Traffic survey to be carried out. We need evidence.
2. Priority islands – give way to oncoming traffic.
3. Remove Woodman Lane/Watley Lane island.
4. Lollipop person at school drop off and collect times.
5. Replace “Not suitable for HGV” signs with HGV weight limit signs.
6. Any solution must accommodate needs of the agricultural community in a rural village.
7. 20 mph speed limit in village.
8. Fixed speed camera.