



SWAFIELD AND BRADFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

SPEEDING AND ROAD SAFETY MEETING 11TH APRIL 2024 NOTES

Present. Boris Konoshenko, Timothy Payne, Mick Starling, Mark Short
Peter Neatherway, North Norfolk District Council
Duncan Baker, MP
David Allfrey, Norfolk County Council
Trunch Parish Council

Note Taker : Denise Revell

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The meeting was introduced by Boris Konoshenko, Chairman of Swafield and Bradfield Parish Council.

After suggestions from the parishioners, implementations were being made by Norfolk County Council to improve road safety on the roads in and around Swafield. Boris thanked Duncan Baker MP, Norfolk County Council Highways and Peter Neatherway for their help in implementing the upcoming safety improvements.

Duncan Baker also thanked everyone involved and also thanked the members of the public. He said that the drive and inspiration behind the changes were because of the death of Alfie Brown.

The meeting had been called so that the members of the public could find out the outcome of the changes before the press were notified and that Alfie's parents had been notified earlier in the day.

David Allfrey, Norfolk County Council reported that the following changes would be implemented at no cost to the parishes.

1. The speed limit between Knapton and Swafield would be reduced to 40MPH
2. Pond Lane, Knapton would be reduced to 30MPH
3. Signage and warning signs would be upgraded and the existing signage would be reviewed
4. On Swafield Bridge, a priority traffic scheme would be introduced, giving priority to the vehicles leaving Swafield. Cars coming from the direction of North Walsham would need to give priority to traffic leaving Swafield. There would also be redefining of white lines across the bridge so that only one vehicle at a time could cross the bridge.
5. At the entrance to Swafield from the direction of North Walsham, gateways would be installed

6. Speed signs at the entrance to Swafield would be moved (Knapton direction) so that they were easier to see.
7. Increased signs to be installed warning motorists about pedestrians walking in the road

It is estimated that the changes to the speed limits would be finalised by the end of the year, but improvements to signage and other measures would be completed sooner.

Boris opened the meeting for public question time

Q. A member of the public asked why traffic lights could not be installed permanently on the bridge.

A. Installing traffic lights on the bridge may lead to queues of traffic causing a build up of pollution in the village

Q. Why is the section going through Knapton not reduced to 30MPH?

A. Norfolk County Council would look into this

Q. Will the changes impact cyclists and pedestrians on the bridge?

A. Cyclists will have the same rights as vehicles passing over the bridge.

Q. What additional signage will be put in place to warn about the changes to the speed limit

A. Norfolk County Council will discuss this with their team and Duncan Baker MP will request a significant police presence when the changes are made.

Q. Why can there not be a solid white line in the centre of the road, through the village?

A. There is not enough distance on the road through the village to be able to implement this

Q. What measures will be put in place regarding the increased traffic entering Swafield, when traffic leaves the village it splits into two, travelling either to Trunch or to Knapton.

A. Norfolk County Council said that they would monitor this

Q. Can more SAM II signs be installed

A. The Parish Council are looking into purchasing another SAM II sign

A representative from Trunch Parish Council said that they analyse the data from their SAM II sign and target the problem areas with their Speed watch scheme.

Q. Can better signs be installed on the road and the ones on the road be re-done?

A. Norfolk County Council said that they would look into this matter

Q. Can a speed camera be installed?

A. Speed cameras are only installed where there are high accident rates and are provided by the Safety Camera Group

Q. What can be done to stop the buses and lorries exceeding the 30MPH speed limit?

A. Duncan Baker MP would contact the bus company and get them to remind their drivers to adhere to the speed limits

Boris thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the meeting was closed at 8:45