

**Notes of Informal Meeting Road Safety Meeting  
Hosted on Teams by Tattenhall Park Primary School.  
9<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**PRESENT**

Park Primary School: Jo Hawkins (Head Teacher), Yvonne Morgan, (School Business Manager).

CW&C: Stuart Bateman (Highways), Gemma Rhodes (Road Safety Education & Training Team)

Tattenhall & District Parish Council: Georgina Blackhurst, Iain Keeping, Ann Wright (Clerk).

Mrs Hawkins explained that a number of weeks ago a gentleman came to the school very distressed as when he had been driving along Tattenhall Road 3 children had crossed in front of the Heber Bus in front of his vehicle, none of the children were hurt but both he and the children had been scared. These were children from years 5 and 6.

Since then a year 3 pupil has entered the road in front of a vehicle on a bike resulting in 4 near misses in the past month. These have not been reported formally to the police but are very concerning as the school is growing.

It was noted that currently the school has staggered start and finish times due to Covid which is reducing the number of vehicles and children on the road at these times. However, it is extending the drop off and pick up periods.

It was noted that the families were contacted about the incident and all parents have been asked to remind their children about road safety as have the children themselves, noting the older years are currently undertaking Bikeability training.

It was noted that parents park along one side of Tattenhall Road to drop off and pick up children, and it is difficult for families and children to find a safe place to cross the road, and that a large number of pupils are now coming from the far side of Tattenhall Road and the housing estates that have been built there.

Year 5 and 6 pupils tend to walk to school on their own and benefit from developing that level of independence.

*Georgina Blackhurst joined the meeting.*

It was asked what possible solutions were available.

It was noted that the school did not meet the criteria for CW&C to install a zebra crossing as such it would not be funded by CW&C and the cost would be approximately £30k per crossing.

It was suggested there were a number of possible ways forward including:

Increased education of the children on road safety.

Making vehicles and pedestrians more aware of crossing points by increasing visibility of the crossing points. This could include installing dropped kerbs on both sides of the road and installing textured paving stones.

Crossing Patrol

It was asked if the School would qualify for a crossing patrol. Gemma Rhodes agreed she would

look into this and if the school was not eligible provide information about the cost of providing a crossing patrol and whether they could be funded by another body including the Parish Council. It was noted the school did have a crossing patrol some years ago, but this was removed around 20 to 25 years ago as there were not enough children.

It was noted the number of children at the school is increasing and with children attending from outside the village there is an increase in the number of people driving to the school.

Stuart Bateman confirmed highways would review Tattenhall Road including looking at the position of road markings and crossing points. He confirmed he would also look at mean speeds on Chester Road and see if any additional action is required to reduce speeds.

It was noted that a scheme was drawn up which introduced additional restrictions on Tattenhall Road a number of years ago but that these had been rejected by the Parish Council. It was recognised that removing all parking would increase the speed of vehicles on the road.

It was agreed that Gemma Rhodes would work with the school to provide additional support and road safety training including 'Lets Walk 'training where 10 pupils at a time are taken out to learn how and where to cross roads safely.

#### Next Steps

It was agreed the school would work with Gemma Rhodes on training and information.

Gemma Rhodes would provide information about School Patrols including their costs.

Stuart Bateman would review Tattenhall Road markings, crossing points and vehicle speeds.

Clerk would contact CW&C Planning and localities regarding Chester Road planning application for 30 houses and provision of money for safer crossing point on Chester Road.

Once all information has been gathered the group would meet again to discuss this information.

Mrs Hawkins thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Ann Wright 09/11/2020