

To consider the next step for the Parish Council to take following the Burton Bradstock road safety tour with Chris Loder MP. (Head teacher Adam Gough invited to talk about his recent correspondence.) RH

There are four issues for the Agenda on this subject

1. **Does BBPC apply (again) for a Speed Indicator device.**
2. Adam Gough (Headmaster of BB Primary School) will speak about his letter, at the July 6th meeting, that he sent to Chris Loder - see attached. **Does BBPC support his initiative.**
3. Re further **progress on trying to reduce speed limits in the village environs** (and a SID for the village), I wrote to Jack Wiltshire & Tony Burden, and Mr Wiltshire wrote back. I'll forward his E-mail to you, and BBPC can discuss on the next steps.
4. Mark Roberts is having meetings with Chris Loder MP, and Dorset Council on this subject - we'll ask him to update on progress and action plans on July 6th. Note neither myself nor Lisanne are involved in these discussions.

Hi Jack,

Hope you're keeping well, and thanks for your input into the recent Road Safety Exercise for the B3157 Coast Road on Friday 13th May.

It was interesting to read your feedback on this in the Bridport News - see attached below - and it's really pleasing that the speed limit on the B3157 has been reduced - down to 50mph (from 60mph), a few years ago, and more recently in Chickerell, near Weymouth, down from 40mph to 30mph.

For Burton Bradstock village, there are two key issues on Road Safety in respect of the B3157 :-

- The fact that **the 50mph speed limit on the B3157 from the entrance to Freshwater Holiday Park going eastbound to the start of the our village at Barr Lane is too high** - particularly in the dip just east of the Freshwater turn-off, and also at the sharp bend with the Chevrons slightly further on. How you can have a 50mph speed sign over a load of chevrons, on a very tight bend, makes no sense to me from a Road Safety perspective. **We would like the speed limit on this stretch of road to be reduced from 50mph to 40mph.** Any assistance with this request, would be much appreciated.
- **The lack of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) for Barr Lane, on the West side of the Village.**

Tony Burden explained why Burton Bradstock did not qualify for this. Burton Bradstock Parish Council may well put in another application to Dorset Council for a SID for the village.

Can you please advise whether any actions from the B3157 Road Safety Exercise, will alter the issues raised above.

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Best regards Robert Hawes

The recent E-mail traffic refers.

Incidentally I don't accept Jack Wilshire's (Head of Highways, Dorset Council) response re speed limits :-

When we set speed limits, we do this within national guidance rather than a local protocol. It's important that the look and feel of England's roads is consistent from one county to the next. Here's a link to the guidance, which should hopefully take you to one of the main points for setting 40 and 50 limits <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/setting-local-speed-limits/setting-local-speed-limits#:~:text=Should%20be%20considered%20for%20lower%20quality%20A%20and%20B%20roads%20that%20may%20have%20a%20relatively%20high%20number%20of%20bends%2C%20junctions%20or%20accesses.%20Can%20also%20be%20considered%20where%20mean%20speeds%20are%20below%2050%20mph%2C%20so%20lower%20limit%20does%20not%20interfere%20with%20traffic%20flow>. We need to be careful not to read bits of the guidance in isolation, but this section is quite clear on the differences between rural 40's and 50's. I hope people driving the bend with the 50 sign on it would drive to the road conditions rather than seeing the speed limit as a target, this is how the guidance is intended. Tony will continue to review this section. However, for a change of speed limit we would need to be confident that it complies with the current national guidance.

For example - just travel to Yeovil from Burton Bradstock on the A3066 and the A30....

The speed limit in the Melplash area on the A3066 north of Bridport is stricter, as compared to areas around BB.

When you get into Somerset, a lot of the villages have 20mph zones, i.e. East Coker, Haselbury Plucknett, North Perrott, even though they are on "A" roads. So using national guidance Somerset is stricter than Dorset on speed limits...

In my view, one of the reasons the B3157 can be a biker's racetrack, is that the speed limits on some parts of the road are too high at 50mph outside some of the villages, and too high at 30mph, within some of the villages, including Burton Bradstock.

Please include on the Agenda for the 6th July Meeting.