

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL (TPC)

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Tutbury Village Hall, Monk Street, Tutbury, Monday 1st April 2019. Those present were Cllrs, K England (Vice Chair), P Steadman, W Crossley, M Guest, G Raybould, F Crossley, R Lock, L Evans, in attendance, Karen Duffill (Clerk)
8 Parishioners.

H/04/19/1.0 APOLOGIES

Parish Councillors, C Smedley (Chairperson), T Spencer Smith

Late Arrival, Cllr D Morris,
Late Arrival due to attendance at Hanbury Parish Council Meeting,
County Councillor P White

H/04/19/2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

Standing orders were suspended to allow public participation.

Cllr K England welcomed the public and explained that public participation was not on the agenda due to the meeting being called for the parish council to review the highways proposals with a view to holding a public meeting in the near future.

Considering the recent accident reported in the Burton Mail he suspended the meeting so the parishioners could comment. These comments would be noted for a future agenda. The following points were raised:

A parishioner described the car accident that occurred outside the Post Office, the parishioner claimed that the incident was recorded on her CCTV. A car was thought to be speeding down Burton Street and failed to stop at the mini roundabout. A car was crossing the mini roundabout from High Street to Ludgate Street and was hit, resulting in a collision into the Post Office. The car coming down Burton Street carried on into Duke Street. The post office wall and window are damaged. The parishioner asked the Parish Council to support the traffic calming measures proposed in Burton Street.

A resident who was the fiancé of the car driver that was hit commented, as he worked for Leics highways stating that the mini roundabout was not well signposted. The driver coming down Burton Street was not local and not familiar with the road layout. The parishioner suggested the roundabout needs relining as the give way lines are worn away in places and the roundabout is not raised.

The Postmaster has run the post office for nearly 23 years and in the last 2 and half years his post office has been hit twice. Indicating that there is a shift in driver behaviour. He was also in favour of the traffic calming measures. There are a lot of pedestrians crossing towards his shop and if the accident had been an hour later the school children waiting for his De Ferrers bus would have also been at risk. The

postmaster requested that a thin metal barrier or metal railing should be erected on the pavement edge to protect the pedestrians if this happening again.

Concern was raised that the pavement was narrow in that area and barriers might impede disabled access. The pavement would need to be widened.

A resident suggested rumble strips to alert drivers that they were approaching a roundabout.

It was noted that drivers do not always stop at the roundabout and a suggestion to change the sign to a STOP sign might be better like in Horninglow on the junction near the Red Lion pub that was once there.

Parishioners noted that speed humps were in the neighbouring villages of Rolleston, Stretton and Hilton and that Tutbury could benefit from them, especially where there is a steep hill causing more speeding up and down the hill.

Parishioners questioned if a mini roundabout was the best solution for that area and that other options such as hatched lines could be considered.

The chair closed the public session and invited councillors to proceed with the meeting but would invite the County Councillor to respond to the comments on his arrival after his prior engagement.

H/04/19/3.0 TO REVIEW AND FORMULATE A RESPONSE OF THE PARKING AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS RAISED IN RECENT HIGHWAYS REPORT

See Appendix A

3.1 PROPOSAL 1 To remove waiting restrictions in Bridge Street.

The highways response to remove waiting restriction outside 8 to 11 was met with concerns on the impact of the bus pulling out of the bay near a bend. Cllrs proposed, seconded and voted in favour to leave the existing restrictions in place.

3.2 PROPOSAL 2 To remove the restrictions in Burton Street.

Cllrs previously agreed to this proposal

3.3 PROPOSAL 3. To remove waiting restrictions at the bottom end of Monk Street near the Leopard but to implement restrictions outside the Doctor Surgery.

Councillors already agreed to reject this proposal.

Cllr P White had met with residents regarding the removal of waiting restrictions at the end of Monk Street that meets Bridge Street and residents agreed that this was a preferred option rather than implementing a resident only parking bays with permits. If permit parking was implemented, then these spaces would only be available to residents and visitors to Tutbury and the vets would not be able to park. Parish Councillors supported the residents' decision.

3.4 PROPOSAL 4 To implement waiting restrictions on the junction of Wakefield Avenue to allow easier access for the buses,

The clerk has contacted the bus company and there has only been one incident when the bus was not able to access the normal bus route. The problem parking from one residence seems to have been resolved and although it is sometimes tricky for the bus drivers to access the route it was said to be manageable. The bus company would have contacted the Parish Council with concerns if the bus company were thinking of withdrawing the service.

Cllr P White has visited the junction and supports the one set of restrictions outside number 61 previously suggested by the parish council.

A member suggested that as Highways had indicated that it was illegal to park on this junction in the areas outlined, therefore the waiting restrictions should be implemented. If another family moved into the one of the nearby houses with multiple vehicles, then the previous problem would endanger the bus service and therefore implementing the restrictions would prevent this.

A member suggested that the objective to create more parking would not be achieved by implementing restrictions.

Members proposed and seconded that if the one set of restrictions outside house 61 could not be implemented, then no restrictions should be implemented. The majority of councillors voted in favour with one abstention and one rejection of this proposal.

3.5 PROPOSAL 5 and 6 To install speed humps on Burton Street.

A member distributed his proposals to the Cllrs and clerk rejecting the speed humps based on speaking to some of the residents on Burton Street. He suggested that speed humps would reduce parking by 2/3 spaces by being in front of off-road parking for one of the houses on Burton Street. He raised concern of pollution and wear and tear to vehicles. Some of the proposals were supported by other members,

However, some members disagreed with the proposal and did not believe that parking spaces would be lost, and pollution caused. A reiteration of the accident that occurred should be considered when considering safety measures.

The chair requested that the speed on Burton Street is monitored and Cllr P White agreed to request this. Cllrs also requested a speed indicator flashing sign, Cllr White stated that they are moved around the county as evidence suggests that they are not as effective after a period of time. The clerk stated that some Parish Councils are purchasing their own speed indicator signs.

A member suggested that the speed limit is reduced to 20. There are 20 is plenty signs near the school but are not very visible, it would be better if these signs were larger. However, this will not address speed at the lower end of the street.

A member suggested an amendment to the proposal to reject the humps and to request a safety review of the whole stretch of road from the island to Ironwalls Lane, however a member disagreed that this was a valid proposal as that was two issues and he wanted to vote for each issue separately.

A proposal was made and seconded to reject the current speed hump until further information has been received. Five members voted to reject the speed hump until further information received four were in favour. Of the current proposal.

The majority of councillors voted in favour to review the safety on Burton Street and one abstained,

Cllr P White reminded parish Cllrs that this project had been in discussion for a long time and a delay for a few weeks would be acceptable to the current proposals, but a delay for several months would not be advisable as the County Council are keen to complete this work.

In summary

Concerns have been raised including

Public suggestions not necessarily representative of the council

- To reline the existing roundabout.
- To consider the roundabout being raised
- To consider STOP signs rather than give way
- To consider improving the signage approaching the island.
- To consider an alternative to a roundabout like hatched lines
- To consider rumble lines approaching the mini roundabout .
- To install a metal barrier or railings near the post office
- Widen the pavement in front of the post office

Council request

- To monitor the speed on Burton Street
- To investigate alternative safety measure for speed such as speed traffic indicator sign.
- To consider changes to the existing roundabout in line with relining the roundabout and considering signage improvements.
- To consider a speed limit reduction to 20 and improve 20 is plenty signage.

Summary

Cllrs voted to reject the speed hump proposal until further information was received to enable the parish council to evaluate the options more thoroughly based on further information received.

The Parish Council have commented on the proposal but would like to invite residents to a meeting and advertise the formal public consultation of the proposals.

The Parish Council would like a timely response to the Highways requests to allow them to advertise a public meeting.

The parish council would like more details of how the formal public consultation will be carried out.

H/04/19/4.0 TO DEVELOP A PUBLIC CONSULTATION PLAN TO REVIEW THE HIGHWAYS PROPOSALS

A member proposed that the parish council's response to the Highways proposals should be publicised to the parishioners with a slide show presentation at a public

meeting. A leaflet drop should be carried out to invite parishioners to the meeting and to make them aware and encourage the public to respond to the public consultation.

A member suggested waiting for the feedback from Highways with the additional information before raising awareness of the public consultation period.

All Cllrs voted in favour to accept the proposal for a public meeting and wait for a response from the Highways.

APPENDIX A

Response from Staffordshire County Council on Parking restrictions changes

March 12th, 2019

Dear Councillor White, Tutbury Parish Council

Please find my recommendations which refer to the representation received on 19-Feb-19; forwarded to me from Tutbury Parish Council.

Proposal 1

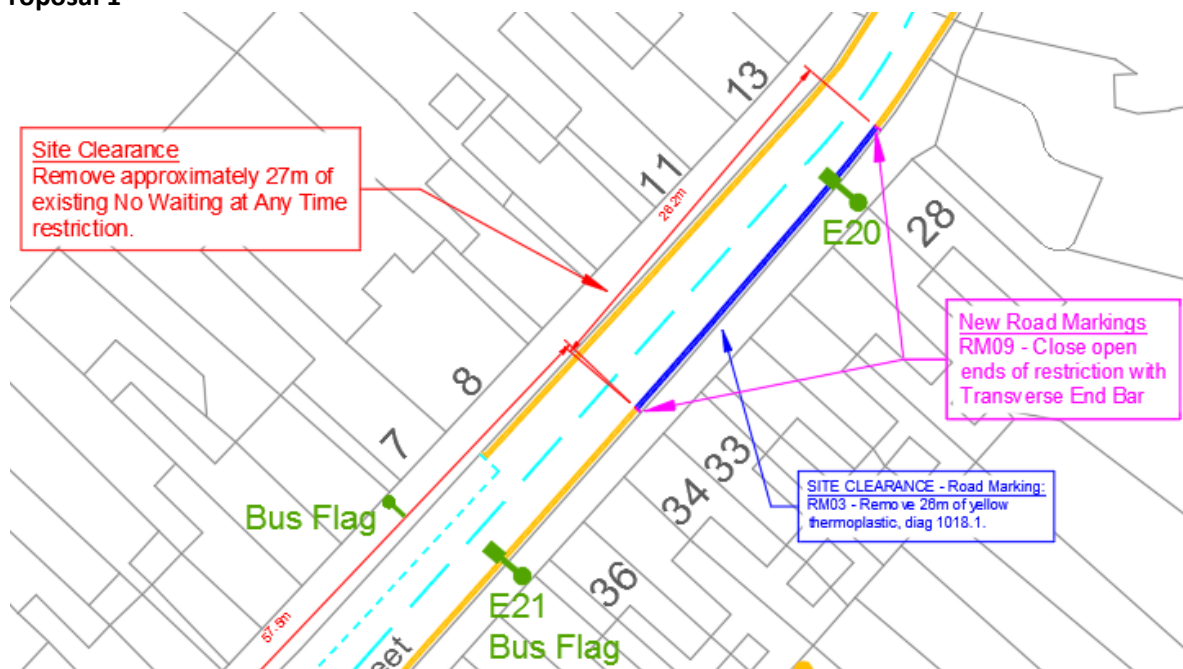


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Representation

.....by removing the restriction from that side of Bridge Street, this would reduce visibility when exiting the Little Bridge houses. It would reduce visibility of the tight bend on Lower High Street. It would make it difficult for the buses to get through and stop at the bus stop.



Tutbury Parish Council comments:

Cllrs voted to reject this proposal and requested that the waiting restriction should be removed opposite outside numbers 8-11

County Councillor White comments:

Would like further information regarding the practicality of Tutbury Parish Council's alternative proposals for Bridge Street and Lower High Street.

Andrew Cartlidge comments:

I agree permitting motorists to park outside of properties 28 – 33 could cause visibility issues for motorists joining Bridge Street, however, if the NWAAT restriction was removed from outside of properties 8 – 11, this would permit any motorist to park for unlimited periods, and if a bus pulled into the bay to allow passengers on / off they would have to turn sharply into the opposing lane to allow them to gain road position prior to driving ahead.

I would like to recommend the bus flag be resited outside of the parking bay. If visibility is the concern close to the bend of the carriageway, it would be advisable to leave all the restrictions in place, as north bound motorist could find themselves meeting south bound motorists at speed in a head on alignment.

Proposal 2

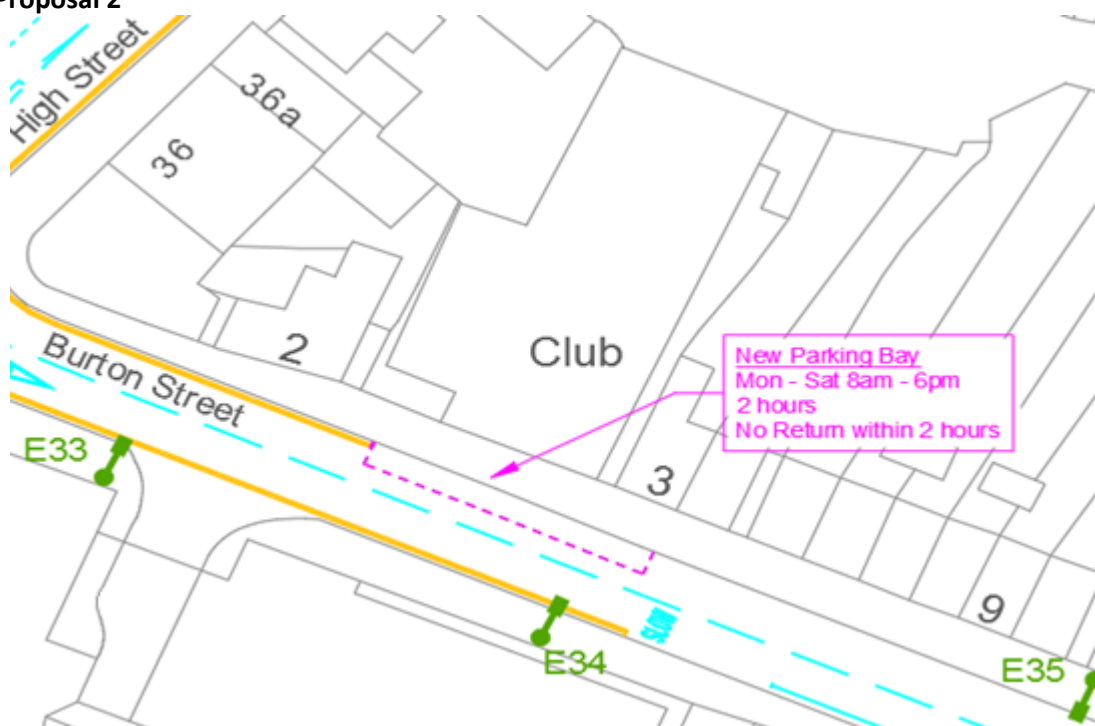


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Representation

*..... concern regarding
the unauthorised
parking on the
restrictions outside*

Crystal Court. This problem is prevalent in the evening. The unauthorised parking causes a problem for vehicles trying to access Burton Street as parking is on both sides of the road.



Tutbury Parish Council comments:

Cllrs voted to accept the proposal for the additional bays subject to enforcement of the existing restrictions during the day and evening.

County Councillor White comments:

Support the new parking bay arrangements for Burton Street.

Andrew Cartlidge comments:

Amendments will be made as above and the appropriate team informed of contravention issues.

Proposal 3



Image above is taken from the original proposal within consultation

Representation

To install a waiting restriction so near to the surgery would prevent

*elderly and infirm patients
from parking close to the
surgery.*



Tutbury Parish Council comments:

Cllrs voted to reject this proposal.

County Councillor White comments:

I met with Monk Street residents last night to agree a final position on the lifting of parking restrictions at the Bridge Street end of the road. We agreed that the current proposal to remove the restrictions is the best option and this is supported.

I note the feedback from Tutbury Parish Council regarding the other proposed changes and **am happy to support their position on not taking these proposals further.**

Andrew Cartlidge comments:

Amendments to the scheme will be made as above.

Proposal 4

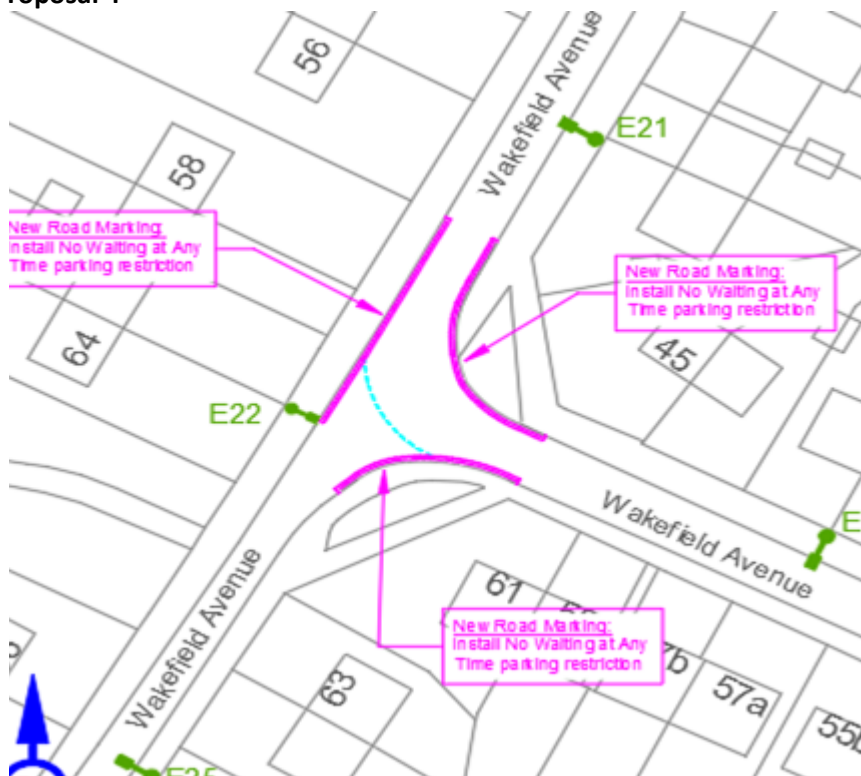


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Representation

It was felt that one set of restrictions would be enough to allow the bus to access the route.



Tutbury Parish Council comments:

Cllrs voted to accept the installation of the restrictions outside Number 61 Wakefield Avenue but reject the waiting restrictions outside Numbers 58 to 64 and also outside numbers 61 to 63

County Councillor White comments:

I note the comments from Tutbury Parish Council regarding the need to all of the restrictions proposed to allow for buses to traverse Wakefield Avenue efficiently.

I would like further information regarding their preferred solution of one set of restrictions outside no 61 only.

Andrew Cartlidge comments:

In my experience designing such schemes, it is better to restrict the whole junction (as proposed) or not at all. This is because, if restrictions are applied to one section only, motorists deem the sections not restricted as being approved for parking by the authority.

Leaving the junction unrestricted would require motorists to comply with the highway code and not park within the junction area.

As can be seen above, vehicles are parked not in accordance with the highway code which states:

Department for Transport, Highway Code, Updated 30 November 2018, Rule 243

DO NOT stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
- **opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space**
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities

except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

As it is suggested parked motor vehicles cause buses difficulty when manoeuvring through the junction; my recommendation would be to install the NWAAT restrictions as proposed or to not install any restriction and operate the junction in its current format.

Proposal 5 & 6

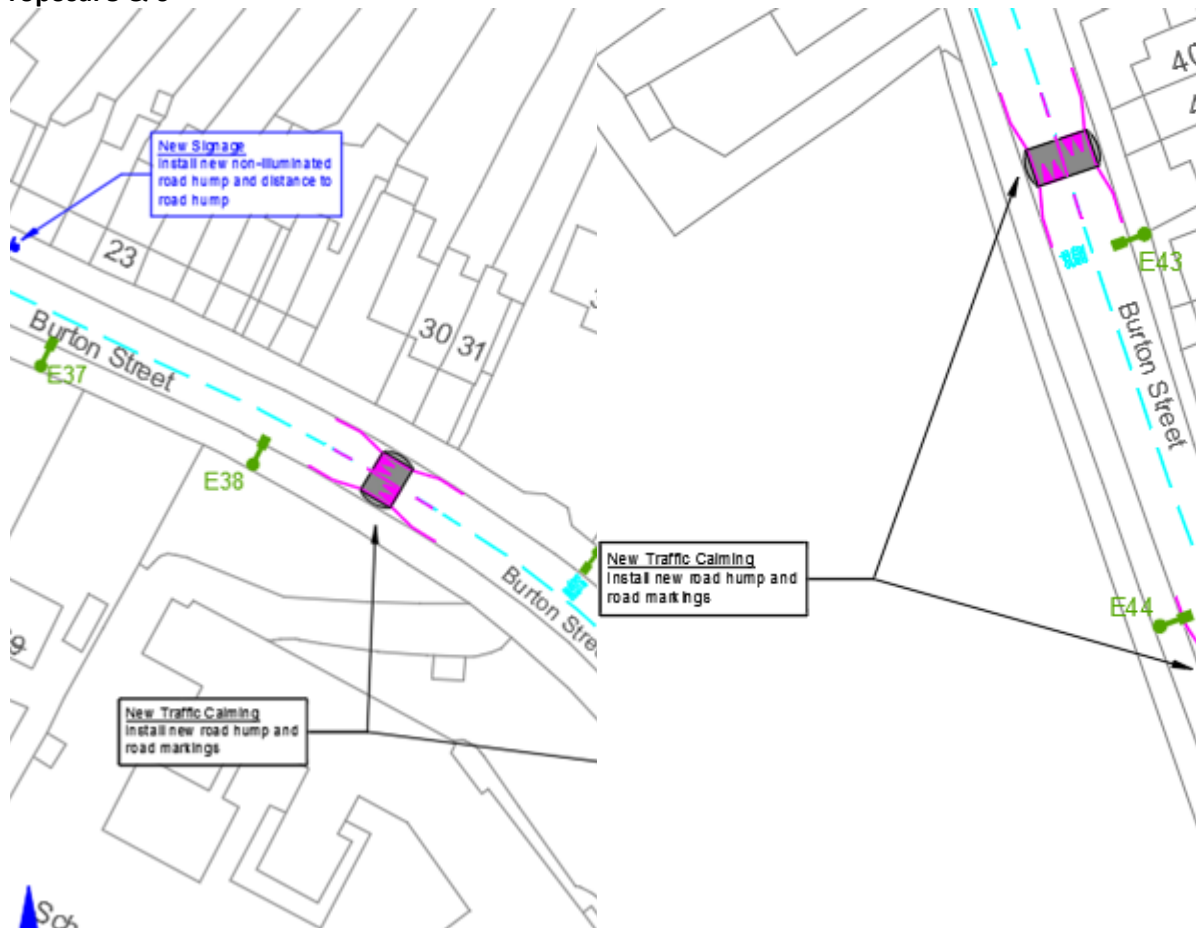


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Representation

..... Cllrs would like more information to consider the option. Information has been requested including details of;

- Road Markings
- Position of the speed humps which properties will this directly affect?
- The costing of this traffic calming



- *The costings of other traffic calming options available. Such as cameras and traffic speed indicators.*



Tutbury Parish Council comments:

Tutbury Parish Council have also requested to be informed of relevant traffic regulations that are applicable for residents to have permits in an area with existing waiting restrictions.

County Councillor White comments:

Supportive of the proposals for traffic calming on Burton Street in addition to the parking restrictions on this road.

Andrew Cartlidge comments:

No amendments will be made to the above traffic calming proposals, however, I will not progress any other parking features until instructed to do so.

Resident only parking

These bays are white dashed markings that enclose an area of carriageway and have non-illuminated signage erected to define the permitted parking code and timings. Residents have to opt into such a scheme and a percentage of the residents have to be attained to permit the restriction to proceed. An annual fee for the lifetime of the restriction is taken permitting those paying to have two permits and a onetime set up fee is applied. Costs are:

- Joining fee approximately = £50
- Annual permit approximately = £50

As the properties are mainly terraced and one vehicle takes approximately 1 ½ frontages, multiple vehicles belonging to one property will cause conflict issues for other properties as permit parking does not guarantee parking outside of a particular house but anywhere within the permitted code.

I will be able to fully progress the scheme when I have received your clear requirements in writing.

APPENDIX B

Parking meeting proposals meeting ,1st April 2019

Two Pinch Points with speed humps proposal for Burton Street.

Having looked at the site and the drawing supplied by Staffs CC I propose that the suggestion is not acceptable for the following reasons.

- 1 Residents of the side of the road going towards Burton will lose parking spaces near to their homes.
- 2 Parents taking children to school by car will lose parking spaces and be forced to park close to the bus stop at the end of Green Lane.
- 3 People dislike pinch points and road humps, they increase tyre wear and they can cause damage to cars.
- 4 Vehicles slow down for humps and/or for pinch points which increase vehicle exhausts and CO2 emissions in the locality of their installation.
- 5 Extra braking and acceleration contributes to air pollution.
- 6 Speed bumps do not necessarily make a road safer (AA report)
- 7 The removal of speed humps/bumps reduces pollution (AA report)
- 8 Traffic often transfers to alternative routes to avoid humps/bumps (AA report)
- 9 Emergency vehicles are slowed down.
- 10 The weight of traffic in Burton Street is too great and such installations are not recommended on bus routes.
- 11 Heavy vehicles travelling through Tutbury from Fauld must use Burton Street. Such traffic would negotiate the proposed restrictions with difficulty. The parish council objected to further industrial development at Fauld in an attempt to slow the increase of heavy vehicles and other traffic. (the Public Inquiry of the Local Plan)
- 12 There are other solution more suited to Tutbury streets. Speed indicator signs work very well at Scepton and the threat of being caught on camera slows traffic down.

In terms of safety Burton Street has four particular problems.

The first is that the road faces directly into the sun in the morning so traffic going uphill can be dazzled by it.

The second problem is that the road is steep and encourages excess speed even if unintended.

The third problem is that it joins High Street, Ludgate Street and Duke Street at a tight roundabout.

The fourth problem is that the Wakefield School is accessed from the top of Burton Street so children and parents are put at risk. Together, these four problems are formidable and have been made worse by a County Council decision not to replace the two crossing wardens.

It must also be recognised that terraced houses have no parking spaces. Burton Street is lined with terraced houses so traffic is already constrained and there is no solution on offer for that situation at the present time.

W.Crossley. Parish Councillor 01/04/2019