

# **SOUTH PETHERWIN PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

## **12/8/26**

### **APPENDIX 1 NOTES FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

#### **Main issues and concerns with traffic calming measures:**

- All have witnessed and experienced near misses & bad driving/driver error.
- You have to come out into the middle of the road as you drive up the hill to the top build-out to ensure that traffic coming down see you in time.
- Turning out of Tregaller Lane onto the B3254 is difficult because of the build-out. Traffic coming down the hill around the build-out are in the opposite lane then centre of the road in a blind spot.
- Resident who lives next to the upper build-out hears horns blaring, foul language, screeching of brakes, cars have driven into their wall, van bumper left there, bollards taken off again recently by family in camper; very dangerous when walking dogs.
- Drivers tend to accelerate when coming up to the bottom build-out to get past it before vehicles coming down the road.
- Drivers don't pay attention to speed restrictions.
- We have been told numerous times by CC to 'trust the process', but this depends upon having the confidence in the evidence on which that process is based. Data taken from speed monitors not trustworthy due to time of day data was taken, questionable data leads to questionable decisions.
- No longer a parishioner but amongst those 8 or 9 years ago who launched the petition for speed reduction measures as concerned about safety of children (who have to use the road and cross it due to the school bus) and dogs. Felt that speed monitor tests were not reflective of reality as taken at quieter times of day. Felt that residents and the situation were not taken seriously and the solution was foisted upon the parish. It hasn't achieved the objective of reducing speed as it is more dangerous.
- Parish Council need to hold CC accountable if more speed testing is done – that it's carried out at correct times when the road is busiest.
- Seems to be a normalisation of deviance by CC, not managing risk correctly.
- Road is not designed for amount of traffic that now uses it. Exacerbated by A30 closures/roadworks/Plusha Junction.
- Drivers coming through parish often frustrated due to delays when turned off A30 and drive faster.
- Residents find it hard to pull out of their drives onto the road. Traffic calming has created an acceleration zone. Treated like a race track with chicanes.
- Lived in Daws House for 42 years and always had problems with speed and road conditions down in the dip (Petherwin Water). Cars have gone over the hedge on both sides of the road and even a lorry has mounted the wall above the bungalow at Petherwin Water.
- No drainage put in at lower build-out, so water runs down into Petherwin Water and freezes in the winter causing ice hazard. When it was being built, they questioned this and were told that drainage was 'not on the plan.'

- Overgrown trees and hedges on many locations on the B3254 cause visibility issues.
- How much has this cost the council in time & money? Even the small adjustments, such as replacing the knocked down bollards.
- Concerns that lack of budget will be used as an excuse for no action.
- Seems worse since white lines in middle of road removed.
- Speeding early in morning (5-6) is very bad (drivers on shift work).
- Auto Speed Watch, trialled in Dorset. Resident been in contact with Police Officer there, who is coming to Daws House on 7/9 at 9am to meet with residents.
- Representative from Ben Maguire's office was present. He is fully aware of the situation and meeting with police.
- Resident who lives at bottom of hill opposite the lower build-out – very hard to come out of the drive, dangerous for daughter walking up the hill to the bus stop for school, impossible to safely cut their grass bank outside despite numerous queries for help; no drainage so problem with water in winter; noises from horns and tyres as at top.
- A303 each village has 30mph limit and speed cameras.
- Other parish road concerns:
  - o Speeding from industrial traffic in particular on Tregaller Lane as well.
  - o Two cars have recently driven into the field on left hand side of B3254 on way out of Daws House towards Pennygillam.

Note: many comments that the upper flashing light is not working (at top of Daws House). This was checked after the meeting and found to be currently working.

#### **Requests and suggestions for changes:**

- Average speed cameras, like St Mellion. Hit drivers monetarily as they do not seem to heed speed warnings.
- Move the build-out further towards Launceston, or further into Daws House
- Remove the build-out but not until an adequate system is in place to replace it/remove immediately but find solution quickly.
- More signage to encourage people to slow down on hill up from Pennygillam to Daws House. 60mph on that stretch is too fast.
- Flashing speed sign to say how many drivers have been fined due to speeding.
- More general police presence.
- Trees and hedges need regular cutting back.
- Speed bumps.