

## **COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL – APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> 2021**

### **Item 12 - Further Consideration of the need for a Roundabout at Bartley Crossroads**

#### **Review and Update on Progress**

Following the paper that I wrote for the January 2021 Council meeting and the subsequent response from HCC Highways reported by the Clerk at our February 2021 meeting, it was agreed that I should prepare an update for the April meeting. This paper should be read in conjunction with the previous one.

Firstly, just to review the recommendations agreed at the January 2021 meeting, they were:

- Agree that there is a case to be made to have a proper look at what's involved in installing a roundabout at the Bartley Crossroads
- Ask the Clerk to ask if a representative of HCC Highways can attend our next council meeting to get them to explain why Highways don't think a roundabout is necessary
- Ask the Clerk to write to Highways and ask them to monitor the traffic numbers at the crossroads
- Ask the Clerk to chase up the re-marking of the present Bartley Junction

I am very pleased that Council endorsed the proposal to have “proper look at what's involved installing a roundabout at the Bartley Crossroads”. I do however recognise that in spite of popular local resident support, it will be an uphill struggle to get the Senior Authorities to agree to the funding and the building of a roundabout. This was the reason for asking that our Clerk write to HCC Highways about sending someone to speak to us about a roundabout, monitoring the vehicle numbers and re-marking the existing Bartley Junction.

With regard to someone coming to see us, we have had a reply from HCC Highways (reproduced below). An officer from their Safer Roads and Parking Team wrote, saying that they will not be sending anybody to see us, nor undertaking a feasibility study for a new roundabout at the present time. He said that at the moment it is considered to be a non-starter. It's too expensive, there are not enough serious accidents to justify the need, it's difficult to build because of the existing junction layout and of course ultimately no funding. See Appendix A (e-mail 5<sup>th</sup> February 21 12:20).

Looking at traffic monitoring, HCC Highways will consider traffic monitoring post Covid-19. So at least some good news. It will of course be dependent on funding and equipment availability, See Appendix A (e-mail 5<sup>th</sup> February 21 12:20).

Our Clerk chased up Highways about re-marking the existing layout of the Bartley Junction and has received a reply advising that an order for repainting the road markings will be issued to their contractor to be undertaken in the new programme year commencing April 2021

## Next steps

I never expected getting a roundabout at Bartley Crossroads was going to be easy. In the current climate, I'm not at all surprised to hear that at the moment HCC Highways, are not willing to give consideration to any further road improvements at Bartley Crossroads.

No HCC Highways money, not enough serious accidents, serious problems to overcome with the existing junction layout and the complexity of construction, are superficially all perfectly valid reasons for not undertaking a feasibility study into the provision of a roundabout at Bartley Crossroads.

As you know from my previous report, I have gathered a significant amount of data on damage to people, to vehicles, street furniture etc. Unfortunately, none of which taken separately or as a whole, would seem to be sufficient to justify the expense of a new roundabout. By way of illustration of the sort of data I've gathered see the HCC Highways data spreadsheet at Appendix C

But what if other significant reasons to undertake a feasibility study were added to the list? If a case could be made, then central government funding might become available.

A couple of things are mentioned by the HCC Highways Safer Roads and Parking Team in the e-mail response at Appendix A.

Firstly, *"provision of a full junction improvement is only likely to be achieved if major development was planned for the area"*.

Secondly, *"we as a local authority, can access government funding for larger scale improvement works where it will assist strategic traffic demands on the major road network"*.

Regarding the first point, as we know, they are currently planning on building approximately 1300 new houses just across our parish boundary at Calmore. This even at a conservative estimate will add at least another 2500 cars to local roads. Some of which when travelling west towards the National Park may well come down Winsor Road towards Bartley Crossroads.

Looking at the second point, we are becoming increasingly aware of the likely effect of the thousands of new homes that are going to be built at Waterside in Marchwood and Fawley. Some of the extra traffic from those new houses will have to come up the A326 and some will turn left at the Netley Marsh roundabout, join the A336 and head straight for Bartley Crossroads.

It seems to me that on both counts, a case could reasonably be made to undertake a feasibility study and put in a bid for funding for a roundabout at Bartley Crossroads. With sufficient lobbying at County and Government level, funding might thus be forthcoming. In my opinion a new roundabout at Bartley is no less meritorious than the new Stubbington Bypass.

I'd like to see the traffic monitoring set up asap, so we can get a figure for the traffic using the Crossroads now. Then at the very least we should be able to ask for a study to be undertaken into the effect all the potential extra traffic coming from the south and the east may have on Bartley Crossroads.

Can I suggest that we initially seek support from our District and County Councillors and then having got them on side, maybe approach Dr Julian Lewis our local MP?

I mentioned earlier there appears to be significant support from local residents. It's already being suggested that a petition should be raised. Please see below at Appendix B, a sketch given to Cllr. Wiggins by a local Bartley resident of a small roundabout and 20mph speed limit at Bartley Crossroads. It looks perfectly OK to me!

### **Proposal**

1. Publish an article in our Parish Newsletter outlining the idea of improving safety at Bartley Crossroads by installing a roundabout
2. Agree with my idea of approaching our District and County Councillors and asking for their support
3. Conduct a bit of research into gaining an understanding of how difficult it might be to obtain central government funding.
4. Consider ways of gauging how much local support there is for a roundabout at Bartley Crossroads. Nothing complicated or involved, simply by using things like a show of hands at the APM, and/or parish councillors canvassing a representative sample of local residents.

Cllr. Graham Chillcott  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## **Appendix A**

### **Text of e-mail exchange between Parish Clerk and HCC Highways**

#### **Parish Clerk to HCC Highways – Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021**

At the Parish Council meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2021, the following resolutions were approved:-

1. Agree that there is a case to be made to have a proper look at what's involved in installing a roundabout at the Bartley Crossroads.
2. Get the Clerk to ask if a representative of HCC Highways can attend our next council meeting to get them to explain why Highways don't think a roundabout is necessary.
3. Ask the Clerk to write to Highways and ask them to – post lockdown - monitor the traffic numbers at the crossroads.

Please can you let me know who I would be best contacting to progress resolutions 2 and 3 and provide me with their contact details?

#### **HCC Highways to Parish Clerk – FEB 5<sup>th</sup> 2021**

"The current safety record at the crossroads would not justify a feasibility study being undertaken to consider replacing the crossroads with a roundabout. Roundabouts usually involve a large expenditure and our casualty reduction budget is retained for locations where we are having continued collision problems that we cannot resolve with lower cost measures alone such as the planned road realignment scheme at the Ipley crossroads in the New Forest which you may have heard about.

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/19037605.plan-iple-y-crossroads-staggered-junction-approved/>

"Owing to the complexity of constructing roundabouts, a roundabout or any other significant junction improvement would certainly be a longer term aspiration for Bartley crossroads. It would also be reliant on external funding as the County Council does not currently have sufficient funding for such improvement schemes at present. In the current climate provision of a full junction improvement is only likely to be achieved if major development was planned for the area. Although we, as an local authority, can access government funding for larger scale improvement works these are limited to those locations where it will assist strategic traffic demands on the major road network such as the Stubbington Bypass and Southampton M27 jct 8 Windhover Roundabout improvements. In the current circumstances there is not a great deal I could add to this response by attending a future council meeting.

I will certainly explore opportunities to monitor traffic numbers post lockdown, which will be largely dependent on funding being available for the necessary traffic survey equipment to be deployed and we will of course continue to monitor the safety data for the crossroads."

## Appendix B

Please see below a sketch sent in by a local Bartley resident of a small roundabout at Bartley Crossroads.



## Appendix C

### Reports made to HCC Highways regarding issues near to Bartley Crossroads (March 2014 to October 2020)

Enquiry	Enquiry Date	Site Name	Asset ID	Enquiry location	Enquiry description	Log Text
21083875	19/03/2014 10:39	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 05	Southampton road junction with new inn road	Police dealing with RTA this morning and there is coolant spilled on the road ref 156	Coolant only, no further action
21120525	08/10/2014 15:06	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 05	near cadnam garden centre	please see email attached re VAS which customer is reporting as faulty	Planned fault raised.
21123119	23/10/2014 09:55	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 05	School Crossing. A336 Southampton Road near Haywain	Customer called in to report that school crossing warning lights are not working and asked if they can be fixed please	Planned fault raised.
21196535	13/01/2016 09:48	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 07	where winsor road meets southampton road, on the slip road that goes between the two. outside the mace shop.	Pothole Size: Medium: No larger than a car tyre (up to 60cm/24inches);Depth: Deeper than a tennis ball;customer reporting a pothole at this location that he says is quite large. he said this has been reported and fixed in the past but now needs a more permanent repair as it has broken down again.	Job 19051233 - X Job Closed
21217809	14/04/2016 15:21	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 05	Southampton Road	Speed indicator device on Southampton Road at Bartley is not functioning as it should in that it does not go off at 30mph	
21231175	21/06/2016 11:35	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 05	On the left hand side of Cadnam Garage, towards Windsor road.	Customer called to report the flashing speed sign here is not working. It is meant to flash up, but is not working at all. Can this be looked into please? thank you.	
21260278	29/11/2016 16:33	NEW INN ROAD	77C107 AP 05	Southampton Rd, Bartley, Southampton SO40 2NA	Huge sign outside of pub which is causing visibility to be an issue at the junction – difficult to see oncoming traffic – customer believes it is very dangerous	Unfortunately the sign in question is not on highway land so resident would need to pursue the planners who agreed placement of the sign .Presumably the Public House owners.
7036432	30/11/2017 19:08	WINSOR ROAD	77C107 AN 05	Near the Haywain pub	Engine coolant spilled on the carriageway.	Job 19071745 - C Contractor Completed

21331755	10/01/2018 09:17	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 05	Potholes and uneven surface on road outside Haywain Pub by drop kerb where School Crossing Lady works which causes a trip hazard for her and the children.	Size: Medium: No larger than a car tyre (up to 60cm/24inches);Depth: No deeper than a tennis ball (up to 6.5cm/2.5inches)	Already repaired
21336188	26/01/2018 15:23	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 05	south side Southampton Road, Cadnam just west of the junction with New Inn	Brambles overhanging footway	Job 19070549 - X Job Closed
21357248	11/04/2018 13:15	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 05	the Crossroads	Customer called today as the crossroad signs have been knocked down/ are missing, he says this is a very busy junction.	Job 19076484
21358929	17/04/2018 07:54	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 05	The signage on the centre island at the crossroads on Southampton Road by the Haywain have been hit and knocked down.	No information provided	job 19076484
21387639	09/09/2018 15:59	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 05	The flashing school warning sign on the northern side of Southampton Road is obscured by a tree.		A site inspection has been undertaken and action to cut back the encroaching vegetation is required. Action will now be sought through a formal hedge cutting process.
21402307	10/12/2018 14:18	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 07	Reduce speed sign near entrance of Barney Hayes lane rusted through and now laying on grass verge	No information provided	Job 19083545 - X Job Closed
21405554	05/01/2019 09:51	WINSOR ROAD	77C107 AN 05	at the junction of Widsor road and Southampton road (A336)	I witnessed a car demolishing various road signs and bits of other street furniture as it drove over the traffic island at the junction leaving these spread around the junction as they drove off without stopping. It is likely oil is on the road too as it covered my car	Passed to SSE as emergency due to exposed cables.

14011395	07/01/2019 13:32	WINSOR ROAD	77C107 AN 05	Winsor Road, Cadnam.	RTC - centre island with two flectra plates and a high level keep left.	Job 19084512 - X Job Closed
19016771	07/01/2019 16:03	WINSOR ROAD	77C107 AN 05	Winsor Road junction with A336	2 x blue/ white keep left bollards required in centre island (and return temp. Signs and toughspot plate at deployed under Emergency No 19084479) (SSE should be replacing high level signs and post) - rechargable reported to 101 on Saturday by member of public and number plate handed to Police)	Job 19084512 - X Job Closed
21414248	18/02/2019 15:45	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 05	Adjacent to the entrance to Barney Hayes Lane on Southampton Road.	The second " Reduce speed Now" sign looks very wobbly in the wind, and may fall over onto oncoming traffic. ( The first Sign fell over weeks ago due to the uprights rusting away and is still laying on the grass verge!- I suspect this second sign could fail in the same manner.	See 19083545 job
21427795	09/05/2019 16:43	NEW INN ROAD	77C107 AP 05	New Inn Rd, by 'Haywain' Pub.	Generally poor road surface with 'pothole', but no specific details. road has not been resurfaced for at least 6 years.	No safety defects here
21434247	17/06/2019 16:16	NEW INN ROAD	77C107 AP 05	Sign is on a post at Bartley Crossroads which is the junction of New Inn Rd, Southampton Rd & Winsor Rd	The "Bartley" directional sign at the top of New Inn Road is loose on its pole and changes direction in the wind.	SSE attended site and repaired sign. 21.01.20 DS
21454773	09/10/2019 19:04	NEW INN ROAD	77C107 AP 05	Top of New Inn Rd at crossroads with Southampton Rd & Winsor Rd	The yellow (Keep Left) bollard at the top of New Inn Road, Bartley is broken, probably run over by a vehicle.	Job 22214345 - X Job Closed
21481025	09/02/2020 16:02	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 05	Situated on the Southampton Road, at the entrance to Barney Hayes Lane.	Repaired within the last 6 months, this " Reduce speed" sign is about to fall over again as its foundations are not adequate. Already at an angle of approx 60 Degrees.	Job 22227867 - X Job Closed
21490888	06/03/2020 21:44	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 05	just after the red markings on the left side	Pothole Size: Medium: No larger than a car tyre (up to 60cm/24inches);Depth: No deeper than a tennis ball (up to 6.5cm/2.5inches);on the tyre line	Job 22225130 - X Job Closed
21494034	17/03/2020 18:47	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 07	very bad deep potholes reported to Parish Council Chairman. Two on eastbound carriageway, one westbound carriageway	No information provided	Job 22227431 - X Job Closed

21494619	22/03/2020 18:08	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 07	On verge at corner of Southampton Road and Barney Hayes Lane	The road sign showing that a junction is approaching has fallen over and is lying on the grass verge.	Job 22227867 - X Job Closed
21505975	07/07/2020 16:05	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 07	A keep left sign is on the island in the middle of the road. It is bent back at about 45 degrees	It is a blue keep left sign on the island in the middle of the road. It also has a small 30 mph circular sign on the post	Site inspected. New signs recently repaired.
21506920	14/07/2020 14:09	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 07	Pavement around corner of New Inn Road/Southampton Road	footpath situated across the corner of Southampton Road /New Inn Road is described as very busy footpath as extremely uneven, patches covering potholes and sloping in all directions.	Nothing found that meets investigatory level at location given
21507501	17/07/2020 22:37	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AA 07	Road condition deteriorating, depression and crack across road which appears to be over a service (water, electric, gas etc), exacerbated by the continuous HGV use on the road short cutting to and from the M27	Road cracked  Road surface uneven  Tarmac in poor condition causing water to pool when it rains affecting efficient drainage  Potential damage to subsurface utilities if this continues unfixed	Nothing found that meets investigatory level at location given
21511412	14/08/2020 04:50	NEW INN ROAD	77C107 AP 05	Directly outside of Haywain pub	This is NOT a pothole but 30 Mtrs of very dangerous recent repair work	Job 22240503 - X Job Committed
21524590	27/10/2020 15:08	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AB 05	Road markings faded along A336 Southampton road in general	No information provided	This will be reviewed in line with HCC policy
24207974	28/10/2020 12:51	SOUTHAMPTON ROAD	77A336 AB 05	Bartley Crossroads, Copythorne	faded white lines at crossing	Job 22242083 - X Job Raised