**Notes of a meeting re: traffic/road safety in Ettington 21/07/2018**

**Present :** Rt. Hon. Nadhim Zahawi, MP; Michelle Beaty (Pre-school); Mr Johnson (School Headmaster); Ian (original complainant); Ian Prosser (Speedwatch); Jenny Henry ( P.C.); David Hughes (P.C.); Penny-Anne O’Donnell (District Councillor); Ms Jo Edwards (Warks. Cty. Ccil. Highways Dept. Road Safety Officer); Mr Zahawi’s PA.

NZ chaired the meeting and asked JE to run through the list of issues presented from the Parish Meeting taking relevant comments on each from those present with a particular interest. She prefaced her remarks by stating that there are 120 fatal accident sites in the county and an annual budget of £350K for new safety measures. This equates to improvement measures on about 3 sites a year. Statistics for Ettington amount to one recorded accident with significant injuries in the last 5 years.

There was lengthy discussion on the safety of the schoolchildren. A second pedestrian crossing as requested would not satisfy the necessary criteria and they cost £25K to install. There is a “safer route to school” initiative from which the village might benefit. This is organised by one Carolyn Burrows at the Cty Ccil. The notion of a “lollipop person” should be pursued and we should ask Izzie Seccombe to put Ettington forward for monitoring to determine our eligibility.

The CC has access to sat-nav data and from this it can be deduced that the average speeds starting after the A429 roundabout and at points going East through the village are : 35.. 16.. 18.. 20.. 34. So there is not significant evidence that the County should be investing in traffic calming measures. Traffic, particularly heavy vehicles, often appears to be speeding when in reality it isn’t. A second chicane at the Western end would cost £15K - £20K. There is a budget of £35K p.a. for such – consider applying for next year. An A road is not deemed suitable for speed cushions. Declassification is not an option, neither is a speed limit reduction to 20mph.

The County has a “freight officer” (Emma James) who has the authority to deter haulage companies from using certain routes and there is a form online which can be used to communicate with her.

For all the basic maintenance issues (obscured signs, encroaching vegetation, dirty signs, non-functioning signs, wrong signage, etc. the “Local Maintenance Officer” for our area is Michael Rogers. Suggest a list of problems and and invitation to visit be conveyed to him.

Yellow lines tend not to improve matters because of lack of resources for enforcement.