

Monday, 13 May 2024

Kirtlington Annual Parish Council Meeting

Traffic Calming Sub-Committee

- Traffic through the village continues to be a problem with reports of the barrier outside the school being struck, planters hit and pushed across the pavement and reports of a child being pulled from the path of an approaching lorry on the pavement
- The traffic calming committee took the decision to prioritise the centre of the village in front of the school and are in the process of developing some ideas which will be considered by KPC
- We have been pursuing OCC with regard to damage to the verges especially on the southerly approach from Bletchingdon just before the 20mph limit sign. No response yet.
- Latest data indicates that the 20mph speed limit reduced average speed by just under 3 mph which is in line with OCC's experience elsewhere. However about three quarters of all traffic exceeds the 20mph limit. It would obviously be helpful if we all set a good example and kept within the limit
- OCC Highways have formed an 'Engagement Team' to help villages address the issue and KPC has asked for assistance
- Budget is inevitably an issue but we have no further information on S106 money of which we would hope to receive a share although Dorchester Living, the main developer at Heyford Park, have stated that they have paid money to OCC
- Thames Valley Police have recently re-launched their Speedwatch initiative and KPC need to look at how we revive our Speedwatch team
- We are aware that several villagers have written to OCC individually about their concerns and we are attempting to coordinate requests and have asked OCC Highways for their assistance
- There is understandable concern throughout the community about volume and speed of traffic and if anyone is interested in joining the traffic calming group then please contact Joanne, the clerk.