

TRAFFIC CALMING

15/06/1998 'Thorntrees Drive traffic - letter and petition received from concerned residents asking for some form of traffic calming to make it safer for children to play out. Clerk to write to Highways Dept supporting this request. As there is govt. initiative for lower speed limits and restrictions in built up areas, what are they planning to do about Thornhill in general.'

27/07/1998 'Reply from Highways saying they could not justify treating this any different to rest of Thornhill, but they would mark it as a cul-de-sac. Had no plans for traffic calming on Thornhill. clerk to write back asking for 20mph limit on all of Thornhill and Beckermat. Clerk to write to Thorntrees residents.'

21/09/1998 'Cul-de-sac not yet marked. Acknowledgement only for our request for blanket 20mph limit. Clerk to remind.'

19/10/1998 'County Highways have no plans to introduce blanket 20mph limits in this area and felt they could not justify doing this in Thornhill or Beckermat as there were no records of accidents or speeding problems. Members felt this was not good enough and we should press for some action. Mr Hargreaves volunteered to draft a reply for clerk to send.'

16/11/1998 'Lengthy reply from County Highways culminating in offer of traffic counters and or meeting to discuss problems. Clerk to arrange meeting.'

21/12/1998 'County Highways had replied not possible to put lower limit as existing speed must average proposed limit so it can be enforced. Members amazed at this logic. They had offered to put speed counters on Thornhill. Members could see little point of making speed limit zone if present speed was already low. Mr Hargreaves to draft reply, copy to Mr Rex Toft.'

18/01/1999 'Nothing further from Highways. Mr Toft replied saying he would do what he could to help. Clerk to arrange further site meeting.

15/02/1999 'Mr Carson and Mr Brown had site meeting with County Council Highways. It was agreed to put counters at 26 Wodow road, 5 Ehen road and 1 High road. If traffic calming measures suggested then local survey to be carried out to judge public opinion.'

15/03/1999 'Speed/traffic counts at Thornhill now done. No results available.'

19/04/1999 'Clerk to ask for results of traffic counts.'

17/05/1999 'clerk had asked for results of counts but these still not available.'

21/06/1999 'Results of Thornhill survey received. Average speed 29mph county pointed out that not classed as a through route and only 1 injury accident reported so did not meet criteria for traffic calming measures. Clerk to reply that we didn't want these only 20mph speed restriction with signs at entrance to estate. This hopefully would bring average speed down to 19 mph and make it easier for police to monitor. Not and expensive option.'

16/08/1999 'Letter from county Highways saying that present speed was too high to be able to lower limit to 20mph without calming measures. Members disagreed with this theory and said any reduction would be an improvement. Members were not happy being put off with excuses every time.'

20/09/1999 'Highways still insisting that signs alone will not reduce traffic speed but they have prepared scheme for budget consideration. Clerk to ask for details of scheme.'

18/10/1999 'scheme still under discussion but details will be sent.'

15/11/1999 'still waiting for details of proposed scheme.'

17/01/2000 'still no reply, clerk to remind.'

21/02/2000 'clerk to ask for any progress of scheme for Thornhill as promised in letter dated 08/09/1999.'

20/03/2000 'Thornhill included in traffic calming bid for next 5 years but as funding is drastically cut, only more serious cases being done. PC will be notified if Thornhill is accepted.'

15/05/2000 'county Highways advised they were consulting Dept. of Transport re Thornhill traffic calming.'

19/06/2000 'county Highways would not give new data and said that figures quoted were standard ones used to compare like locations. Mr Hargreaves volunteered to ask if he could go into office and view data.'

21/08/2000 'Mr Hargreaves had been to see Mark Hankin and looked at survey figures for Thornhill. He was told that enforceable 20mph signs will be put on Thornhill this year. traffic advisory leaflet circulated.'

20/11/2000 'following last meeting letter received from county Highways proposing 20mph limit on Thornhill plus 3 speed humps on Thorntrees Drive(TTRA also received copy). They had held public meeting, residents preferred humps spread around village not 3 on one road. Thorntrees residents had signed petition asking for warning signs and had not expected humps. Clerk to reply to county Highways welcoming speed limit but preferring humps round estate where speed survey showed necessary. Also to ask Mark Hankin to come to next meeting.'

18/12/2000 'Our letter to county Highways not received by them -copy sent. Mr Hankin could not attend tonight but will try to come to next meeting. Now planning only 1 hump on Thorntrees and more round rest of Thornhill.'

15/01/2001 'Mr Hankin addressed the meeting on traffic calming measures for Thornhill and Beckermat. There was enough money in the budget to put 6 humps on Thornhill and he asked for suggested sites. Following suggested; 35 Thorntrees Drive, Ehen road (school entrance), Post Office, Below Park View Stores, Kersey road and Wodow road Hill. Not possible to put humps on bus route. He also hoped to put red tarmac on the access from the by pass plus large 20mph signs.'

19/02/2001 'Notice in local paper advertising speed limit and various sites for speed bumps on Thornhill.'

21/05/2001 'No action yet.'

18/06/2001 'Plans were agreed at the Area committee level and work is due to start in 6 weeks. Now suggested mini humps on Wodow Road and Thorny Road. Clerk to ask Mark Hankin to get in touch with Mr Carson.'

20/08/2001 'Plans agreed were the original of 5 mini humps, no funding for more this year. clerk to find out when work is to start.'

17/09/2001 'Roads now marked for mini humps and work should start by 25th September.'

15/10/2001 '20mph signs up and work on humps should start soon.'

19/11/2001 'clerk in receipt of letter from Thorntrees resident and notes about related events between resident and councillor. The outcome is speed bumps will be installed and monitored for problems.'

18/12/2001 'Mini humps now in place. Clerk to find out about road markings and signage.'

21/01/2002 'As Thornhill is a 20mph speed limit no signs are required for mini humps. Proper road markings are to come.'

18/02/2002 'No markings on mini humps as yet. Letter sent to Mouchel Amey regarding the entrance to Thornhill from A595, reply received stating the situation would be monitored but no plans to alter the junction as yet.'