

Calveley Community Plan – Progress Report

August 2015

Steady progress is being made in delivering improvements and acting on the concerns you have raised. As you may be aware, dealing with official bodies can be time consuming and at times frustrating, but be assured that members of the CCWG are working hard to effect changes. Please remember that our Action Plan is a ‘live’ document and as such, we would be pleased to hear about any additional concerns which you feel could be added to the Plan, so please let us know. Contact details can be found below.

The following is a summary of current developments; the updated Action Plan can be found on the website - <http://calveleycommunitynoticeboard.btck.co.uk>

No doubt you will have heard the recent rumours regarding a Calveley and Alpraham Bypass. This is a matter that has been talked about for decades, but more recently two factors have added to the need for a bypass; the railway bridge will need replacing as it is too low to allow electrification of the railway line and for many years it has struggled to cope with the weight of traffic using the road; in addition, the A51 from Calveley through to Wardle is slowly slipping into the canal and will require extensive repair. Unfortunately since plans for electrification of the railway by Network Rail have recently been postponed, progress towards a bypass has also been put on hold. However, Cllr Jones had already commissioned a feasibility study to look at the issues involved and to identify potential routes. The results of the study should be available in September.

A Road Safety Group has been established to address both concerns raised in the report and ongoing issues on our roads. We have managed to secure a SID device for a month which will allow us to monitor speed on the A51, and hope to receive speed gun training from our police in the coming months. We are also trying to organise “Stop Kids” near the school as it is now 40 mph. Volunteers are needed. If anyone has the time to assist with this growing task please contact: jo_kenwright@yahoo.co.uk

We have experienced significant difficulties in obtaining useful information regarding the progress of the roll out programme for High Speed broadband in our area and have sought the help of our MP Antoinette Sandbach. She is preparing a survey to support a petition to government to complain about the lack of pace of the roll out and the number of households in rural areas that may not be connected and demand improvements. It is hoped that this survey will be available next month and it will be publicised in the local press and via PCs and the Working Group. Please respond to this survey so that Antoinette can fight effectively on our behalf.

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Residents in our community continue to experience very slow broadband speeds. If your speed is less than 2 MBps then you are not receiving an acceptable service and you should bring this to the attention of your provider and Antoinette Sandbach. To check your speed - Google "broadband speed check" and select one of the popular sites. If the download speed is less than 2 MBps, photograph the readout and email it to your provider demanding action. Also email this information to antoinette.sandbach.mp@parliament.uk.

Other developments include:

Weight limits put in place on the back lanes around Calveley.

Identification and some replacement of the surface water gullies on the back lanes

Completion of the planned installation of the infrastructure for superfast broadband

Further repairs to potholes and improvements to the passing places (and we are continuing to chase CEC re resurfacing.)

The option of completing a Neighbourhood Plan has been raised within the Group and has been referred to the parish council for their decision.

There is now access from the towpath at Calveley to Bailey's shop and cafe during opening hours, with the new gate being a useable facility for much of the community with safe walking access to the tow path.

More details can be found in the updated Action Plan which is on the Calveley Community Plan website: <http://calveleycommunitynoticeboard.btck.co.uk>.

If you wish to get in touch please use the following email address:

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