

Binham Parish Council Chair's Report 7th May 2021

Agenda

7.3: SAMS

The data demonstrates variation in the volume of traffic through the village depending on farming activity, weather and also the effects of COVID restrictions. The SAMS has been repositioned eight times this past 12 months and positioned twice at each location except Cockthorpe. SAMS was not in action November until the end of January 2021 as being serviced and reset.

In the region of 120,000 Vehicles travelled through Binham between May – November 2020, during September 2020, and so far this year 32,000 (Jan-April) , 10,836 vehicles travelled through Cockthorpe in September. Basically there is a fair volume of traffic passing through the villages on a daily basis, exacerbated by farming activity and holiday makers these last twelve months and reduced COVID restrictions and National Lockdowns.

On the whole the perception of speeding the data does not demonstrate this. The average speed limits along all our roads is below the limit of 30mph. If speeding is occurring, this is generally in the evening and early morning, the most notable records of high speed (69 and 93 mph) along Front street. The calculations have been adjusted to the speed limit at 30mph and not 35mph as previously set, but this has not made a huge amount of difference other than the calculation of the 85% percentile whereby more vehicles fall into the category of speeding, but the average speed remains the same!

7.4: COVID

We are approaching Step 3 on May 17th as the government eases the National Lockdown. The R value in the England and East of England is 0.8-1.1, the number of positive cases and deaths in North Norfolk is zero. Although 19 positive Covid test were registered during the week 24th - 30th April. In general traffic has increased, the towns seem to be busier and visitors to the village. The pub appears to be busy despite the inclement weather which is excellent.

It therefore looks as though we are on track for Step 3 and this will mean a change in socialising and daily lives with continuing limitations on how many can gather in and outdoors. I expect there will still be an expectation that one continues to be mindful of social distancing



. We are not out of the woods yet and must continue to take responsibility for remaining COVID free. A further letter and hopefully penultimate letter will be circulated this week.

Update on other issues:

SAMS report for BINHAM PC demonstrating vehicle volume, average speeds, and speeder details at three locations, Hindringham Road, Langham Road, Warham Road, Cockthorpe and Front Street since May 2020.

Site	Total	Ave speed mph	85% percentile speed mph	Max speed mph	Peak times	Speeder details	
						Ave speed mph	% speeding
2020							
Hindringham¹ Gate entry	10017	31.9	39.1	72 ²	11 - 12noon 14 - 15.00	37.00 - 55.00	34 - 52%
19.05-21.06 5 weeks	~2000/wk 326/dy						
Langham Road³ facing Langham	11417	27.4	33.0	54	10 - 12noon 15 - 16.00	38.5 - 39.00	5.1 - 9%
21.06 - 20.07 4 weeks	~2900/wk 371/dy						
Warham Road⁴ old phone box	20827	24.8	32.0	57	11 - 12noon 16 - 17.00	35.00 - 37.00	2 - 14%
20.07 - 17.08 4 weeks	~5200/wk 649/dy						
Cockthorpe⁵ Central repeater facing East	10836	26.8	33.7	57	16-18.00	39.6-40.1	7 - 9.3%
02.09-20.09 3 weeks	~3612/wk 609/dy						

¹ COVID- Lockdown changes return to some sort of normality normal 8May 'Stay alert, Control the virus, save lives', schools reopen 1st June, Opening shops/meeting family etc
^{15th} June, support bubbles /social distancing relaxed 23 June.
 Entry gates to village erected 19/20 May.

² 48-72% vehicles travelling at >50mph

³ COVID - Start of school holidays and second homers returning to village being able to travel away from their main home

⁴ COVID - Holidays etc, meeting/socialising inside and outside + indoor sports facilities open + face masks 25th July

⁵ Asked as perceived speeding and considered to be dangerous

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Bus Shelter Front Street⁶ South facing 21.09-22.10 3 weeks	73197	22.3	29.9	69 (@13.00)	10-11.00 15-16.00	39.2-40.5	1.7 - 3.8%
Hindringham West facing south 2/11-20/11	Issues with recoding and accuracy of data. SAMS returned to WESTCOT for servicing and reset. Returned and installed mid January 2021 on Langham Road ⁸						
2021							
Langham Road⁹ First repeater facing east 21/01- 20/.02 4.5 weeks	6526	23.2	33.5	57	08-09.00 15-16.00	38.7-39.6	4-10%
SPEEDING calculations based on > 30mph							
Warham Road Coal Man Facing East 20/02 -23.03 4.2 weeks	9460	29.5	36.5	63	08-09.00 14-15.00	34.6-35.0	48.6-53.5%

⁶ ESB's perception is that in recent weeks considerable increase in farm traffic – harvesting maize, potatoes and sugar beet from surrounding fields (especially along Hindringham Road) as well as ploughing and drilling.

⁷ There may be a problem with the count in terms of the heavy rain we have had – the SAMS is sensitive in that it picks up rain as if traffic at night.

⁸ Westcot service completed – recording and timing adjusted and accurate to time of day etc

⁹ Weeks beginning 08/02 snow and 15/02 melt and aftermath very wet roads etc.

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Front Street Bus Shelter facing East¹⁰ 22/03-26/04 5 weeks	15574	22.8	28.7	93	11-12.00 15-16.00	33.1-33.5	6.6-9.7%
	3114.8/wk 487/dy						

Elizabeth S Brady, 6th May 2021

¹⁰ Ease of Lockdown change in traffic demonstrated – comparative graphs
 Step 1 8th March 2021 (stay at home - exercise outdoors with household and one other, schools back) and 29th March (minimise travel - rule of 6 /2 households outside)
 Step 2 12 April 2021 (+ retail and pubs open, leisure activities open)