

# Residents Meeting – Monday 17th December St. Mary's North & South / St Andrews Wards

**Disclaimer: These observations are not the 'official' minutes of the meeting, these will be supplied by Whittlesey Town Council, and can be viewed on their website at some time in the future.**

Follow up meeting (Previous 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017) – Resident(s) concerns about Speeding, Parking and HGV's along Ramsey Road & Church Street Whittlesey.

Members of the public present:- 68 (registered to attend)  
Councillors present :- County Councillors David Connor & Chris Boden.  
FDC Councillor David Mason  
WTC Councillors Julie Windle & Roy Gerstner

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Mason and was held at St Andrews Hall Whittlesey @ 7pm



- 1/ Chairman's opening remarks.
- 2/ Review of residents meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017
- 3/ Local Highways Improvements Schemes.
- 4/ Traffic calming outside the Letter B Public House/St Andrews Church
- 5/ Speed indicator Camera.
- 6/ Any other business.

Although I was unable to attend the previous meeting (I was not an elected Councillor at that time), I did have several 'friends' who did attend on my behalf and I wrote a letter to the then Council with various possible small solutions to the issues. It was reported on this Web-Blog at the time.



Highways/Paths are the primary responsibility of the County Council, and the CC for the area is Cllr Connor who took the lead on questions and answers, along with CC Cllr Boden.

A vast array of both robust questions and concerns from many residents was tabled.

Some answered and some to be taken away and will be answered when the correct information is obtained.

One of the 'popular' questions was that of either banning or restricting HGV's.....It was the view of the Councillors that this was probably not achievable – however Cllr Boden is to find out the actual facts and report back.

When I researched this previously, the then MP (Malcolm Moss) contacted the Chief Constable – who would not support a blanket ban of HGV's using the

road. That was some years ago and the situation may have changed (although I doubt).

Slowing traffic down by installing further chicanes was suggested.

A 20 mph speed limit was suggested.

Altering the width of the 'cut' at the Letter B/St Andrews was suggested.

A variety of questions/concerns about parking was suggested.

When this road was built (1800's) and Tarmac (patented in 1901) there were hardly any vehicles on Church Street/Ramsey Road. The road can not be made wider and those who live along the stretch in general have to use 'on-road' parking.

For every argument made at the meeting by a resident – there appeared to be a counter argument by another resident ie. Some want double yellow lines, some do not.....and that was more or less for all the concerns and some of the possible solutions.

I spoke on a couple of occasions to correct some 'facts' – and personally found it quite 'funny' when 'some' of the 'public' thought my living off the road(s) concerned for 43 years did not make me qualified to make an informed argument – so be it – It is a fact.

### **I am Roy Gerstner.**

The Independent Councillor for St Mary's Ward South - Whittlesey Town Council.



Primarily I report on Council meetings & business to keep the electorate informed on both what I am actively involved with and in part other interests that I believe the electorate within Whittlesey & District may also wish to be informed.

My Web-Blog is community based and I report and comment on many other subjects.

I occasionally make a mistake and am more than happy to correct this if it pointed out to me.

If you have any issues or concerns outside of the St Mary's Ward South, please contact your own local Councillor. If you contact me – I am more than happy to forward onto them.