

## Clayton North Area Forum

### Meeting held at Clayton Brook Village Hall, Clayton-Le-Woods on

**Wednesday, 21 June 2006**

The questions and issues raised by members of the public on question cards after the meeting, together with responses given, are set out below:

<b>“Question “You said”</b>	<b>Summary of Response “We did”</b>
<p><u>Raised at the meeting</u> Some of the chicanes have been damaged; in some cases the bollards are no longer there.</p>	<p>Response from Lancashire Highways Partnership: 14 of the 16 bollards are still in place. An order was placed to replace the 2 missing bollards and work will commence shortly.</p>
<p><u>Raised at the meeting</u> Buses have been known to go through stop signs. There was nearly was an accident this weekend.</p>	<p>Response from Stagecoach Northwest: Please take a note of the bus number, time and direction and report the matter to: Stagecoach North West, 2nd Floor, Broadacre House, 16-20 Lowther Street, Carlisle, CA3 8DA. Telephone: 01257 267728.</p>
<p><u>Raised at the meeting</u> I have heard that the 126 bus route will be changing so the bus does not come to the village. Is this correct?</p>	<p>Response from Head of Passenger Transport: The department would look at the areas no longer served and then take a decision what to do if the route was cut. When any details are confirmed the individual who raised the question will be notified.</p>
<p><u>Raised at the meeting</u> Does the free bus passes scheme include all of Lancashire?</p>	<p>Response from Head of Passenger Transport: The new scheme came into effect on 1 April and means that within the district borders travel is free. When the journey crosses the border there is a 50p flat fare that is currently under review. From April 08 the scheme is expected to be extended throughout the county.</p>
<p><u>Question card</u> Would it be possible to have recycling bins at the Clayton Youth and Community Centre at Manor Road? Currently the young people do not have the facility to recycle – although they want to.</p>	<p>Response from Waste Management: Officers have been in contact with the Community Centre and facilities will be in place as soon as possible.</p>
<p><u>Question card and raised at the meeting</u> There is concern over the maintenance of the Clayton Brook play area. It has recently been repainted but the yellow paint is coming off onto clothes and footwear. Can this be looked into?</p>	<p>Response from Clayton-Le-Woods Parish Council: The play area has now been repainted.</p>

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<p><u>Raised at the meeting</u>  On Clayton Brook Road between Carr Barn Brow and Croft Meadow the stock fence to keep people off the motorway has twice been broken in recent months by cars crashing – when will it be repaired and can we have 30mph sign?</p>	<p>Response from the Highways Agency:  The fence has been repaired. (Information Line 08457 504030).</p> <p>Response from Lancashire Highways Partnership:  Lancashire County Council are considering the speed limit issue. Any decisions will be reported to the individual.</p>
<p><u>Raised at the meeting</u>  I understand in recent years Astley Hall at Chorley has had limited opening times. This is a valuable historical resource both for residents and schools alike. Is there likely to be a review of this to bring it into use more fully?</p>	<p>Response from Leisure and Cultural Services:  The opening times are reviewed twice a year. Opening times depend on volunteers. Further information about Astley Hall is available on the Council’s website: <a href="http://www.chorley.gov.uk">www.chorley.gov.uk</a></p>
<p><u>Question card</u>  In light of the recent change in the control of the Borough Council, are we likely to see a change in the Council’s stance over the funding of CCTV. CCTV cover has had a huge impact on making people feel safer. Local businesses and agencies are covering the cost albeit over and above local taxes.</p>	<p>The Executive Member for Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment is currently considering this issue. There is no change of policy at the moment. It is important that the Council pays a proportion, not the entirety, of the cost. If there is a change of policy the individual who raised the question will be notified.</p>
<p><u>Question card and raised at the meeting</u>  In relation to the safety meeting due to be held tomorrow. We understand that the request from local residents to consider the traffic calming possibilities in relation to the recent tragic fatal accident on Chorley Old Road. How will the decisions be communicated to us all?</p> <p>In relation to funding, residents, family and friends are willing to help meet costs should all costs not be able to be met. We do not want to have negative feedback purely due to cost. We are meeting Lindsay Hoyle at the scene of the accident on Friday.</p>	<p>Lancashire County Council have sent full details to those involved.</p>
<p><u>Raised at meeting</u>  In Clayton Brook trees obscure some of signs relating to the traffic calming chicane. Some of chicanes and their light reflective covering have been damaged.</p>	<p>Response from Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment:  The trees have been cut back.</p> <p>Response from Lancashire Highways Partnership:  Work will commence as soon as possible on the bollards.</p>

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<p><u>Raised at the meeting</u> The bus stop for the 126 is hindered by the chicane. Would it be possible to relocate the bus stop? Also, the stop signs are too close to the chicane and this causes a problem when buses are coming the other way.</p>	<p>Response from Head of Passenger Transport: When any details are confirmed the individual who raised the question will be notified.</p>
<p><u>Question card and raised at the meeting</u> Back Lane, off Sheep Hill Brow - could the speed limit be reduced to 20mph towards and past the school?</p>	<p>Response from Lancashire Highways Partnership: Lancashire County Council are presently holding trials with regard to having an advisory 20 in school areas at school times, and we await the results of this. We would also encourage schools such as this, to develop and adopt a ‘School Travel Plan’.</p>
<p><u>Raised at the meeting</u> Is the speed camera on Back Lane working?</p>	<p>Response from Lancashire Constabulary: The individual has been updated as to the status of the camera.</p>
<p><u>Raised at the meeting</u> Could there be additional signs on Back Lane to indicate the speed limit?</p>	<p>Response from Lancashire Highways Partnership: This has been superseded given that Sheephill Lane has now been reduced to 30mph. The old 30/40 signs have been removed. We cannot legally provide 30mph repeater signs given these developments.</p>
<p><u>Raised at the meeting</u> There is erosion of the footpath on the beginning of Back Lane, the hawthorn hedges all well overgrown and need vast cutting back. The Shady Lane entrance to Town Brow is in a very bad state of repair.</p>	<p>Response from Lancashire Highways Partnership: The work has been completed.</p>
<p><u>Question card and raised at the meeting</u> How much did the skate board facility alongside the leisure complex cost? Are you aware the good idea was misplaced as it has attracted the rabble and caused problems to warrant police involvement?</p>	<p>Response from the Parish Council: The total investment was £50k. There was a great deal of consultation on this. There were one or two teething problems that have now been resolved. The park has attracted lots of youths playing that could have been causing a nuisance elsewhere. The facility is well lit as advised by Police and there are two 2 lengths men to keep the facility tidy on a regular basis. The police do patrol regularly. It is very well used which in itself is a measure of its success.</p>

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<p><u>Question card and raised at the meeting</u>  When ASDA redeveloped and moved back towards Cuerden park the bus terminus became defunct. After years of neglect and the mandatory signs became illegible I approached highways to ask if the restrictions could be lifted. They agreed and advised an amendment was already to go through, not to remove the restrictions but to extend the stay time from 30 minutes to 2 hours. Why any restrictions, five miles from town centre and surrounded by car parks? Numerous motorists going to the gym have been booked.</p>	<p>Response from Lancashire Highways Partnership:  The limited waiting has been extended to accommodate visitors to the gym, library, and adjacent offices. They are particularly useful for visitors with young children, the elderly and for picking up and dropping off.  If there were no restrictions it would probably be used as a park and ride for commuters or as an overspill car park for the offices.</p>
<p><u>Question card and raised at the meeting</u>  I have heard a figure of £7000 was spent re-lining the yellow lines and re-establishing the bus lane - why? Parking on the crescent is restricted subject to a fine but you can park on the main road without restriction.</p>	<p>Response from Lancashire Highways Partnership:  The bus bay is still used as a pick up point by school buses. There are double yellows on the junction of Clayton Green Road and Library Road.</p>
<p><u>Question card and raised at the meeting</u>  After the introduction of the pedestrian islands on the A6 no one has checked the workmanship on the re-instatement of the road surface after the electrics were installed. Pothole ridges at every island from St Bede’s church to the cracked-up roundabout at Clayton Brook Road - Preston end. There does not appear to be any quality control follow-up when roads and paths are dug up.</p>	<p>Response from Lancashire Highways Partnership:  This work will now be rectified out of the ordinary maintenance process.</p>
<p><u>Raised at the meeting</u>  At end of Chorley Old Road, the Nelson pub there is a give way sign, but it should be a stop sign.</p>	<p>Response from Lancashire Highways Partnership:  Stop Signs require a Department for Transport Order and need to be used sparingly. They are generally used where there is poor visibility and/or at a crossroads where there is a risk of overshooting and indeed a history of accidents.</p>
<p><u>Raised at the meeting</u>  There are some issues with the timetabling of the 298 bus service. The last bus is in the afternoon rather than the evening.</p>	<p>Response from Head of Passenger Transport:  When any details are confirmed the individual who raised the question will be notified.</p>