

Safety for the Residents of Bradenstoke

We are certain that all residents in the village would like to be assured that the Parish Council would consider their safety and needs first and foremost above all else, before entering into any discussion about any changes that may be necessary.

Clearly after the closing of the B4069 by “Force Majeure” almost 4 weeks ago - much has changed in the village and we understand the scale of the problem that Wiltshire Council faces both practically and financially.

However the increase in volume of traffic is untenable - private cctv - the road surface deterioration in days for example, comprehensively confirms this. Bradenstoke is still a village akin to horse and carts (as can be witnessed regularly) and certainly not B road classification.

Safety for those living in the village must not be compromised because of problems elsewhere.

The following are some “first hand” observations from the centre of the village during the past 18 days

During this period there have been a significant number of occasions when the centre of the village has been “Gridlocked” primarily Monday through Friday - periods during the morning - mid day - early evening.

Some observations of these two “pinch points” Centre of Village and Narrowed Section prior to MOD

- A There are periods when traffic can be waiting 15 minutes or more trying to traverse the centre of the village, should an emergency vehicle require access there is likely to be a considerable delay.
- B Motorists going East attempt to drive as quickly as they can on the wrong side of the road in the centre of the village to avoid being held up by another vehicle traveling West
- C Remonstrating with other motorists and then driving off at “break neck speeds”

To help identify the separate problems Hollow Way effectively runs East to West along the entire length of the village and can be broken down into 3 distinct areas

Area 1 East	Starting from Lillybrook to Boundary Close	circa 200 plus residents
Area 2 Centre	Boundary Close to just beyond the top of Clack Hill	circa 125 plus residents
Area 3 West	West beyond the top of Clack Hill	circa 200 plus residents

Each area has been affected to some degree or another, but perhaps not all in the same way or magnitude

Let's remember that probably over three quarters of the population are either retired or working from home and their need to traverse the village in safety (or have others be able to assist them) is paramount without having to encounter traffic (probably unfamiliar to the area) using the village as a short cut

Each, as we are sure, you will hear during the course of the debate, has a view - thought, opinion, or problem BUT the common aspect is that they all have the right to carry out their life in realistic safety

To conclude our view is now simple, in the light of the last 18 days' experience, “Doing Nothing”, one of the four options put to the residents, must be rejected.