

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Note that the Coed-y-Go speed reduction scheme may start in this financial year, and that staged payments will align Council budgets with progress on the scheme. Schemes for Morton and Nantmawr to be followed up as a priority with staged payments as they proceed.
  2. Write to Shropshire Council to again ask for discretionary speed limit at Weston and signage in respect of Aston to direct HGV traffic to the Oswestry Industrial Estate.
  3. Write to the PCC asking for details of grant funding for small scale road safety schemes.
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**Speed Reduction Schemes**

Members will be aware that the Council has allocated funding for three schemes; Coed-y-Go, Morton and Nantmawr.

I contacted Ffion Horton Service Development Programme Manager [8/2/23] requesting information on the schemes and received the following response same day:

*Apologies for the lack of progression on this project; I have arranged for a meeting with my team tomorrow to talk through this and the plan for delivery. I will get a response and some detail back to you after the meeting.*

The clerk has been in contact with Ms Horton and work may indeed begin on the Coed-y-Go scheme before the end of March, continuing into the new Financial Year. The clerk is negotiating stage payments rather than a single large payment from the Parish Council, to enable the scheme to proceed, and to ensure that the budgeting can be aligned with progress.

There has to date been no further word on the Morton/Nantmawr schemes, but these will be followed up as a matter of priority with Ms Horton following negotiations on the Coed-y-Go scheme. Staged payments will also be negotiated as these are put into place by Shropshire Council.

**Flood Markings**

The Clerk wrote to Cllr Marshall in the following terms:

*..... the flood depth marker at Coed y Rae Lane is no longer in situ. The Parish Council is aware that several vehicles were damaged due to an ingress of water having driven through. The Parish Council requests that this is replaced as a matter of urgency. Should any owners forward details of repair costs to the Parish Council these will be forwarded to Shropshire Council for reimbursement.*

Cllr Marshall has responded:

**FLOOD MARKER**

*Please report this defect in the usual manner on either the council website or the App Fix My Street, if it is not dealt with in a timely manner then please feel free to contact me again and I will chase it up.*

This has been done.

#### *VEHICLE DAMAGE*

*As with any claims of damage to vehicles, this would need to be reported by the owner of the vehicle and not the parish council, any such claims would be dealt with via the Councils standard Insurance procedures.*

#### **Speed Reduction Weston Road.**

As there has been no response from Shropshire Council regarding ORPC request for a discretionary speed limit in September, it would seem necessary to reiterate this request.

#### **HGV's Aston**

There has been no further response from Shropshire Council to ORPC or the residents who have been asking for signage and were advised that engineering works could not be carried out.

The council is requested to restate this.

#### **Police Funding**

I attended the meeting organised by Oswestry Town Council with the Police and Crime Commissioner and Helen Morgan.

During the meeting the PCC mentioned that there was police funding for small scale road safety projects, (including VAS). The Council should explore the opportunities for accessing these funds.

#### **Costs of Schemes**

The cost of schemes for road safety was drawn to the attention of Helen Morgan, who has responded and also referred the matter to SALC. This was discussed at the last SALC/Shropshire Joint meeting, but the matter was deferred pending further legal advice on road safety issues.

Of NOTE from the meeting was the admission from Shropshire Council that their Policy [2013] is not only out of date but that a key section that community concerns can be a valid trigger for action, cannot be implemented due to a budget cut in 2017.

I have suggested to SALC and Shropshire that a joint working group look to revise the policy.

Cllr M Bennett

13/2/23