Cllr Kate Parkinson

Report/Pickmere Parish Council - 05.09.23

PSPO – IROS/Pickmere Lake

I have made enquiries into securing a PSPO on the IROS after the recent troubles surrounding anti-social behaviour at Pickmere Lake. Having spoken to PCC John Dwyer over the matter, with both of us agreeing that a PSPO would be a step in the right direction to tackling the issues, it seems CEC have not supported the proposal, which I feel is very remiss of them. Please see response below. I am speaking to John over this matter to see if we can find a way to push the matter. There is a public meeting with John in Wincham on the 5th of October, but it is unlikely I can make this now due to prior work commitments that can’t be changed. I will be submitting my response to John for him to read if necessary.

'Dear Cllr Parkinson,

Apologies for the delay in my response to you, I have been on a period of Annual Leave.

The Council at this stage are not able to consider implementing any new Public Spaces Protection Orders. We are currently consulting on the extension and variation of 3 orders we already have in place which are available to view on our website. Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO's) can be considered and implemented by Local Authorities, but it is important to ensure that there is resource to instigate the process and have available resource to enforce any breaches of the orders, which ultimately, are criminal offences. Alongside this there are certain legislative thresholds that need to be met to consider a PSPO, the process involves public consultation and several decision-making processes before an order can be implemented.

Before a PSPO can be considered, the lead agent requesting the order must submit a nomination to the Councils Multi-Agency Action Group (MAAG). If the PCC has suggested a PSPO to you, the approach we would expect is that police colleagues submit a nomination to our MAAG highlighting the incident levels and concerns so as consideration can be given to what has been done already to tackle the problem and whether a PSPO or other interventions would be more appropriate.

I will forward your request below onto the local Police Inspector for this area for their consideration as to whether they would like to submit a nomination to the MAAG in relation to this matter.

Broken SID

 I have made enquiries about the broken SID on Pickmere Lane. It seems the previous PC took over responsibility for these, therefore it falls to the current PC to have these repaired. Please see email below.

Morning Cllr Parkinson

We have been advised that the SID’s were given over to the parish councils for them to install/maintain etc, and so this would need to be passed to the Parish Council for them to deal with.

Broken bus bench

I have made enquiries whether CEC can repair both of these. I am still awaiting a final update.

Morning Cllr Parkinson

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Speed reduction – Pickmere Lane

I have submitted a request to investigate potentially lowering the speed limit, when coming off the A556 by the Windmill Pub. Please see response so far

Dear Cllr Kate Parkinson

Thank you for your request for Speed Management Measures on Pickmere Lane, off A556.  The Council will consider your request against the Speed Management Strategy that was approved by the Highways and Transport Committee in 2022, the next steps are:

* Your request will be logged and checked against other requests.
* Cheshire East Highway's Road Safety Team will consider and review the site, the first step in the review process is a desk top evaluation of the location to develop a priority score. Where possible, for high scoring sites, a high-level indicative cost for the suspected solution will be developed to help prioritisation. Resources permitting, this is expected to be undertaken within 1 month of receipt of the enquiry (currently delayed till October 2023).
* In reviewing your request, the team will work with partner organisations to assess any issues in the locality.
* If the location/s would benefit from educational or enforcement measure/s, one of the team will contact you.
* You will be notified of the outcome of the assessment including if it is being considered for future funding.
* Requests for speed management measures are prioritised for funding across the Borough annually for development.
* Upon prioritisation, further investigations will be undertaken to understand the measures to be introduced and revise the likely costs.
* The measures that may be introduced could range from signing and lining to amendments to the road layout.  This wide range of solutions will dictate the feasibility and affordability of any proposals within the available budgets.
* If sites are then identified as feasible and selected for funding, they will be included in the following year's annual works programme and key stakeholders will be kept informed throughout the process, this may include any statutory consultation that is required to implement.

Yours Sincerely,

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