

September Parish News

This month's meeting was held in the Parish hall on Monday the 16th of September.

Island Roads have now completed the installation of signs to amend the speed limit through Newchurch and around the Whitely Bank roundabout but we were concerned that the recent installation of signs for the weight restriction and restriction of PSV's (Buses and Coaches) through Newchurch were not having the desired effect as their position was creating problems.

A meeting was arranged with a representative of the Highways department to explain the problems

The PSV restriction, which restricts those vehicles from Wacklands Lane to a point just over the bridge at Langbridge are signposted at those points but as the drivers, having little warning of the oncoming restriction, get to the zone but with no place to turn around, have to continue through. We suggested the zone be extended to Winford Cross at the Southern end and the entrance to the industrial estate at the north end. This would give places where large vehicles could turn around, find an alternative route and conform to the restriction.

With the Weight restriction the same problem applies so the solution would be the same but both zones would be the subject of a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) which would require County Council and Island Roads approval to amend. This is being sought.

The revised speed scheme at Whitley Bank has only just been implemented so we will review the effectiveness of that scheme in the future

It was felt there were not sufficient speed repeater notices (the small ones on the edge of the roads inside the zone). It was explained that the verges where they should be put were too narrow to get the sign back sufficiently to miss passing vehicles but a solution was to paint Roundels on the surface of the road which was an alternative. This will be done.