

Pedestrian safety and traffic and transport issues in the parish

Poll

Subject to available funds, resources, professional advice and feasibility, which of the following is your priority for addressing pedestrian safety and traffic and transport issues in the parish.

Added by you Tanyard Corner - improvements to ease congestion (if action is not taken local bus service provision will be affected)	78 votes
Added by I crossing on new road near chemist	32 votes
Added by . Get rid of the Hounster Hill speed limiting island. It massively contributes to congestion	23 votes
Added by L New road parking/widening of road	17 votes
Added by I Make St. Andrews street one way heading out of the village	11 votes
Added by I Marked parking spaces in West Street	9 votes
Added by you Blindwell Hill Lollipop patrol	7 votes
Added by you Hounster Hill / West Street - removal of the double yellow lines and reinstating the virtual pavement	7 votes
Added by you St Johns Road - pedestrian safety measures	6 votes
Added by you Hounster Hill (Lower End) / West Street Narrows - speed tables. (subject to consideration of noise & vibration impact and drainage issues)	5 votes
Added by you West Street - yellow box markets outside numbers 53 -55 West Street	5 votes

Comments

- Stop using the road as a car park along the red path by Quay Garage
 - Response: Agreed. And those that park next to the charity shop. You come round the corner and then have to swerve around them hoping nothing is coming the other way.
- What does 'improvements' mean please? Does it mean bulldozing the Tanyard (which wouldn't be an improvement) or something on the highway.
 - Response from a Councillor: no it wouldn't mean 'bulldozing the tanyard! But it does mean its an area of concern that needs addressing, and that will mean consulting highways to come up with a solution.
- Can it be explained please what 'improvements' are suggested for the Tanyard. This is unclear.
- 47 people voted for what exactly.
 - Very good point raised, I personally would like to look at further options of stopping cars parking on the corner. The massive banner obviously doesn't work and I have witnessed many buses struggling, including a collision as a result of cars parking there.
 - Response from a Councillor: as it has been discussed at every step of the investigation process for the last four years at Millbrook Parish Council. I am surprised that some don't know the issues, or the discussions around solutions. The Clerk puts up the polls.
As I understand it, this is to garner an idea if what areas cause people the most concern. If anyone thinks that this page will have the full scheme consultation and scope of works, you will be disappointed. Full consultation and plans will obviously come if the Parish Council take forward the areas identified on here as being issues requiring solutions.
- Car parking on the corner is the issue for me! I love the Tanyard and feel that it is a really useful space for entertainment and as a general meeting place.... Love all the planting too.
- That is why I ask for a little more detailing of the poll. If the votes were used as justification for removing the outer wall, including the Tanyard size and creating more parking there, I don't feel it's what people would have voted for with clarity.
 - Parish Councillor response: No, they are to gauge what issues people want addressing, the detail you want will be presented, I'm assuming, when the professionals have been consulted and their recommendations for solutions are put forward.
 - Yes, exactly... the question mentions the Tanyard corner, no the actual Tanyard. I too would take my vote off if I felt that any alterations were to be made to the Tanyard.
 - No parking there at all times would make it very difficult for disabled folk.
 - Issue of parking of the Tanyard Corner can be easily solved via chevron square marked area containing planters or mayer smaller recycling bins / banks. The area can be minimal enough to allow the buses to get through but maximising the effect ot stop parking.
 - If you stop the parking altogether it will make it very difficult for disabled people who need to be able to park close to the shops.
 - I did not suggest stopping the parking altogether...just that corner that has been the bug bearer for sometime. I totally agree that the areas that are marked still need to stay.

- I know it has and something has to change. People still park right on the corner next to the sign that clearly says no parking on the corner.
 - yes, it's same with chevrons in roads outside schools....parents will still park on them to drop off. People will ignore signage whether on roads, walls, etc....they cannot ignore a lovely set of planters filled with colourful flowers or some bins that will damage their vehicle. A camera on the position too would help with evidence of any damage if incurred. I just feel it's a better option than losing an inch of the historic Tanyard that has now been brought back to life with modern usage for all the community and moreso for people in these trialling times. Once any inch of that is lost it opens it up for further reduction in size.
 - Of course the tan yard should be left alone, it's a great space to have in the village. As to the school congestion, walking is always an option!!
 - There's a thought, or at least some of them, there aren't any disabled parking spaces in the village.
- It could be set back a bit to allow a better flow of traffic.
 - Leave the tan yard alone!!!
 - I am not saying get rid of it, its a lovely space but it would be better to loose a little bit rather than the whole lot.
 - Better not to loose any of it, just need to stop inconsiderate drivers parking on the corner, perhaps they could grow a pair of legs and walk from the car park in west street.
 - To stop cars Van's etc parking on the corner just put some bollards in about two feet off the kerb all around the bend
- Leave the tanyard alone it's a great open space for people . We need hopper buses to come in and out of our village . Cornwall county council subsidizes the buses they should insist on smaller buses to enter our villages . I feel sometimes it would be cheaper if they subsidized a local taxi firm for the amount of people who travel on them . Stop huge vehicles coming into our villages. This would sort out the congestion on our roads . This is the problem .
 - agree with [REDACTED] although not sure about the school bus as the kids that use that are many
 - school buses? not sure you will get that many taxi's to do that
 - Guys school buses were always smaller and always seemed to manage perfectly well on our roads we had two that catered for the pottery Southdown area and the anderton area .
 - totally agree...the double dockers are ridiculous. Reduce school buses to coaches as in the past. That way the public won't be mixing with the children too, which I understand can cause issues.
 - and it would help with commuters trying to get to work by not blocking the roads . It's not very cost effective all round . It wouldn't happen in Japan the infrastructure there is spot on . Perhaps we should lobby for more efficient school and public transport for our small rural roads .
 - Parish Councillor response: Unfortunately plymouth city bus use the double deckers over here, because their route carries on over the ferries and they need the capacity over there. There have been long discussions with city bus about using hopper buses, that they simply refuse to bring in (apparently they don't have any in the company) and they won't run smaller busses this

side, allowing people to transfer at the ferries onto double deckers on the plymouth side. Unless citybus want to work with the community and make changes, changes won't happen.

- Perhaps the council should reinstate the parking on the corner then to force there hand and buy some for there fleet
 - That wouldn't work, unfortunately. City bus have already said that if a solution can't be found to alleviate the problem causing busses to be held up, they would alter their bus provisions to the village, and not for the better. Worse case would be that the village centre would lose the bus service, and that would adversely affect those most in need in Millbrook
 - Can't lose the bus service or redirect it because so many elderly people rely on that bus where it stops it might be the only place they are able to walk to and from to get out of the village only other way if to ask the local taxi companies if they have a hopper bus or large mini bus to do school runs and normal day to day trips even if it's to the ferry to swap over then you don't need city bus here
- Just a thought but what about putting the pavement inside the wall at the tankard and remove outside giving a lot more room on the road for parking
 - The Tanyard is a really important space for the people of Millbrook, and surrounding area....lets leave it as it is. It is the only proper meeting space we have....dont spoil it.
 - yes it is and people can walk inside instead of next to the road
 - There is a perfectly good pavement outside, and sometimes it is nice to hold concerts, and have gatherings in the Tanyard. Having a pavement area inside would mean a lack of space for tables, chairs, etc for some of the small functions that have occured over the years, and it would be nice to think that we could do these things again. There is enough space for cars, around outside the Tanyard....we should be thinking of less priority for cars not more around the Tanyard area. I totally agree with Angela about parking for the disabled.
 - Look for funding to provide traffic wardens in the centre of Millbrook. If people had to pay £60 to park for a few minutes on the tanyard corner or double yellow lines, they would soon stop doing it. Leave the tanyard alone!
 - I've never parked on that corner or on double yellows. I've seen the chaos it causes frequently so don't want to be labelled as one of 'those'. I've even seen people mount the pavement and lean out their cars to use the cash machine at the co op causing the road to back up. Worst part is they live a few minutes walk away and are able bodied... some people are just too lazy and do daft things. Sadly unless measures are enforced, people will just continue no matter how many signs, banners or road markings are put in place.
 - The problem is the bigger the vehicle coming into our village the bigger the problem will become . The same problem will happen even if we take away pavements next it will be by the top pub in west street ,and bank corner at the bottom of knill cross hill . We need to address the vehicles coming into our village .
 - The buses are bigger than the old ones . As per norm . The village is growing but the infrastructure is not changing
 - It isn't just about buses not getting through, if cars are parked on that corner there is barely room for two cars heading in opposite directions to pass. That is why the ones coming down from Millpool head 'sit back' and let the oncoming traffic through.

- Can we add parking at Fournalenesend as an issue please? Awful trying to manoeuvre when so many are parked irresponsibly
 - Fournalenesend is not in Millbrook parish.
- Just to say few words about my suggestion above to improve the crossing at bottom of Blindwell. My kids no longer at Millbrook school but for years I had to be extra vigilant walking with them and delayed letting kids walk by themselves for a couple of years because I was worried about this crossing point. It just takes one kid to run out at the wrong moment to have potentially awful consequences. Sorting this would mean fewer parents would driver kids to Millbrook school so reducing traffic for everyone. The pavement can be very simply widened on the south side. Cormac have done a preliminary design for this already.
 - how often do you drive a car in and out of the village ? As for blindwell hill we always had a lollipop man there many years ago perhaps that would be a start there ?
- Average speed cameras on new road would be perfect
- There's also that one on the way into Torpoint as you go passed the school that flashes 30mph at you until you slow down to 30 or less. They are reasonable affective & work too !!

West Street / Hounster Hill Pedestrian Safety

Poll



Millbrook Parish Council - Cornwall created a poll.

22 November at 21:20 · 🗳️

Following the recent presentation from the residents in West Street and their follow up consultation.

priority in respect of addressing pedestrian safety and traffic congestion issues in Hounster / Hill / top of West Street (The Narrows)..

Under their Highways Revenue budget, Cormac Solutions Ltd have committed to provide a new village gateway sign and additional 'caution pedestrians in the road sign'. They have also stated they will:

- look into getting funding to apply red antiskid material to cover over the yellow lines at the rear of the virtual footway in Hounster Hill
- relay the yellow lines in front, as they were before the resurfacing two years ago.
- Subject to costs, consider new 'pedestrian symbols' on the red antiskid footway and a new yellow box marking.

If your priority is not listed please add to the poll.

Added by [redacted]
addition of a mirror at the top of dodbrook
beside the bar tusker to assist driver visibility
around the blind corner

50 votes

Added by [redacted]
Bypass the narrows/village with another
route for through traffic/busses/HGVs

22 votes

Added by you
The installation of yellow yellow box marking
outside of numbers 53-55 West Street

19 votes

Added by you
The installation of speed tables (this would
be subject to professional advise on noise
and drainage

14 votes

Added by you
Remove the Hounster Hill speed limit island
(a suggestion raised by a member of this
group)

10 votes

Added by [redacted]
Implement a maximum vehicle length to
negate issues on the corner in front of Bar
Tusker

6 votes

Added by [redacted]
Average speed cameras set at 20mph to
cover existing 20mph zone

6 votes

Added by [redacted]
prioritise other more pressing issues in the
parish first.

5 votes

Added by [redacted]
Enhance pedestrian safety through the
narrows with heighten signage and shared
road surface

2 votes

Comments

- I would like the red pavement to pass by my house, 56 and join the raised pavement outside 55. I would feel safer.
- A definite no to any speed humps or speed tables . There was a recent survey that suggested that vehicles have less damage caused to them if they don't reduce speed . Also think of blue light ambulances with patients in them . Why not put 20mph flashing... See more
 - I like the one on Dartmoor that says thank you if you're under the speed limit
 - It indeed works at Polbathic, but I wonder if that's because the mobile speed van is often there. There's more through traffic at Crafhole than Millbrook and the speed humps work very well.
 - How about just enforcing the 20mph limit?
- Would be great traffic lights would sort that out if people are speeding the lights go red and they have to wait . Like they do in parts of Spain .
- the road bumps just wreck our vehicles
- Road humps can be designed to be far more gentle than some of the older ones are. Although then they are not quite as effective at slowing traffic...its a balance
- some of the older ones, that were poorly designed and installed, and poorly marked, certainly did wreck axles but, if you drive over the flat speed tables in Crafhole at the correct speed, they are effective enough to slow you while being gentle enough to protect your vehicle IMO.
- Those cameras on the tall yellow polls on the way to Callington work well. Everyone slows right down for them & drive at the correct speed limit through that section. I know that they are unsightly but let's be honest, they definitely work at slowing drivers down to the recommended appropriate speed. Just a thought !!
- Definite no to speed bumps . Need to take out the ones down back street
 - the speed bumps in St Andrews Street work well and have been there for years. They are the rounded type and if you drive over them slowly, they do absolutely no harm to our vehicles. I think they are good to stay & left alone because they work in the back street.
 - Speed humps only work with sensible drivers the idiots who rag their cars around don't care about them have seen that sort of driver take off over them, I'm sure that the gentle smooth curved humps are fine & I'm certain that they are far less damaging to a vehicle than going over a nasty pot hole or banking up onto a curb. It's all about how you drive over them. If you drive slowly at the recommended slow speed, they are absolutely fine, unless you really are driving a complete banger of a vehicle in which case your banger of a vehicle probably shouldn't be on the road anyway if it's not road worthy. If your tyres & suspension are good and you drive slowly over them, then there is absolutely nothing to worry about & you will not damage your vehicle in any way what so ever. If you really are feeling it when you drive over a bump as carefully as you can, then check your tyre pressures. Vehicles are designed, tested and manufactured to handle & cope with driving over a bump at a reasonable steady slow speed.
 - Just to add another point of view, the noise of heavy vehicles and tractors to the residents of the houses they sit outside would be awful. And there is the added vibration through the fabric of these homes.
- The issue here is one of pedestrian safety. There are 43 households that live in the affected area and all the occupants are pedestrians due to either walking to the village shops or walking to the car park. People who live at [REDACTED], walk down their short cut path and via the narrows to the shops also. People living or holidaying on the cliffs walk through. People walking their dogs who live in the village walk through. I live in the area affected and witness the volume of pedestrians. I also witness the speed at which people drive past. Speed tables are gentle on traffic and reduce speed to between 13 and 15 mph. Tables are not bumps they are different. Several people have been hit by cars in recent years and so the residents of this area have raised the issue of driver speed on pedestrian safety

grounds. We would like speed to be reduced to a safe level before a pedestrian is more seriously damaged. Thank you for reading this.

- Speed tables are a bad idea through the narrows in my opinion. - Imagine a big articulated lorry on bouncy air suspension squeezing around the corner through the narrows. One or two wheels bounce off a table causing the vehicle to fall into a wall, window, gutter, plant pot or person! Then the noise. We are woken and disturbed regularly as it is. - On top of the current horns, reverse beeping, shouting etc, there will now be accelerating and braking, scraping, noise of wheels hitting tables etc etc. If the tables are further up the hill, there will be accelerating out of the narrows then braking towards the tables. (It's how people generally drive). Then there's drainage. In heavy rain, the water coming off Hounster Hill already causes serious flooding problems for us all living in the area. Raising the road level will only exasperate the issue. Although Speed is most definitely a pedestrian safety issue and should definitely be addressed. (Average speed cameras at 20mph would solve all the speed, drainage and noise issues). The issue is also the volume and type of traffic using the narrows we need to address speed as well as flooding, building damage and noise.
- The speed tables are not proposed for the narrows but higher up to reduce speed before people enter the narrows I believe. Because of the curve in the road people driving down hill at speed cannot see pedestrians until it is too late to slow down. A wing mirror clipping an elbow at 20 mph hurts. But I agree with you. If people could be persuaded to drive more slowly then there would be no need for speed tables. Let's hope for a reasonable solution. I'm sure there is one.
- I can see that from all this here. The cameras on yellow poles would be the most affective way to control and reduce traffic speed up & down Hounster Hill. Stick one at the top just past the turning into St Andrews St, and stick the other one down near the cemetery before the narrow bit past Dodbrook.
- Re: A mirror to "...see around the blind bend." It's my understanding that the highways authority doesn't allow the erection of roadside mirrors except in very specific circumstances. The West St/Dodbrook corner almost certainly does not meet the criteria. Cornwall hasn't published criteria that I've found, but countrywide those that I know of are that the site must be one of frequent reported accidents (it's not) and "all other possible solutions" need to have been tried first. * by frequent reported accidents - we're looking at police involvement and "threat to life" being recorded.
- The topics on the above poll relate to Hounster Hill and Dodbrook. Are we and visitors aware that there's a 20 mph speed limit. As someone whose garden backs onto the road I'm intrigued to find out if anyone has observed vehicles travelling at that sensible speed. Constant acceleration and speed seems to be the norm. PS. Have the police ever conducted speed checks in the area?
- I don't think the police are responsible for '20mph' areas - it is down to community teams to police it.

Community speed watch

Poll



Millbrook Parish Council - Cornwall created a poll.

26 November at 21:44 · 🌐



Do you think a Community Speed Watch team would be a good idea in Millbrook?

Would you be interested in being part of a team?

<https://www.communityspeedwatch.org/FRONT-AboutUs.php>

Added by you

No I don't think it is necessary

43 votes

Added by you

Yes it is a good idea

35 votes

Added by you

Yes I would like to see a Community Speedwatch and would be interested in being a co-ordinator or part of the team

13 votes

- If there was such a thing they should check speed of cars going up / down the hill to Fourlanesend.
- The speed at which some people drive along South Down Road is getting rediculour. Would very much welcome a speed watch team in the village.

Posted by the Clerk: <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org/FRONT-Main.php>

- They did this along the New Road some years ago. I don't know how affective it was.
- Most vehicles go too fast both ways. Or so it seems.
- The quay normal has some fast drivers passing through. 2 days ago someone nearly rear ended a lorry on bank corner driving like a maniac.
- I would be happy to help
- Would the community watch be trained and equipped with accurate speed cameras or would this be in their opinion. Often actual speed can be easily mis guessed by size and noise of vehicle and maybe bleddy youngster on a motorbike.
- The link posted above shows you can only "help" once you've been through the training.
- Communiting times on New Rd would be a prime place to start.
- I would like to look at the speed of traffic coming into the village. A 30mph speed restriction would improve the traffic problems considerably in the narrows from the top of St. Andrews street to the Cornish pod. More and more pedestrians are walking... See more
 - Thats actually a really good idea. if the traffic slowed down from the pod onwards, they would already be conditioned to slower speeds, maybe reinforce it with a sign that lights up when your speeding?. Maybe we could then get rid of that s... See more
 - I agree that that stretch of road is very dangerous for pedestrians & cyclists. It always worries me when I see people walking up or down there.
- We have 20mph sign just down by the road at Higher Anderton but people don't seem to care and drive so fast up the hill and down the hill especially the delivery vans I can even say from which companies. I almost got hit once walking out the house. They seem to be so unaware 😞😞
- I put no but not that I don't think there is a problem, there is. I just feel resources should go into traffic control not volunteers--in this case.

- If we are talking specifics I would add the poor ducks keep getting run over most likely due to people going too fast by the lake. One had to be dispatched one the other day due to half its guts being spilled into the road after being hit and the driver didn't stop! Also on St Andrews Street the delivery drivers go so fast my windows rattle in their frames. If with the dogs I have to be super careful as they won't slow if you are on a bit where there is hardly any path and zoom past often with you squashed up against the road. Some cars are just as bad also.

Illegal / Irresponsible parking

Poll

█ has commented that cars park irresponsibility by the red path near the Quay. Another area which often causes issues, such as business and delivery vehicles getting stuck, is the corner of the Millbrook Tanyard. What areas of irresponsible parking concern you the most. Please respond to the poll or add your comments.

Added by you The a corner of Millbrook Tanyard	47 votes
Added by you The red path near Quay Garage	24 votes
Added by █ Create a row of parking bays along the New Road. Removing grass section next to pavement so both lanes are free for traffic.	13 votes
St Andrews Street	1 vote

Comments

- St Andrews Street . Several times ambulances have been unable to get through because of inconsiderate parking.
- The parking problem near the quay has been heightened by the badly planned layout of the red road surface. Because the red section is edged with flush kerbstones, it gives the appearance that the road ends at that point, and so people treat it as a cul-de-sac and park nose on to the offending kerb stones. Just dig em up!
 - I've seen cars parked two abreast there so there's no way into New St unless cars go the wrong way round the island there - as long as there aren't two more cars parked that side as well!

Additional parking in West Street Car Park

Poll



Millbrook Parish Council - Cornwall created a poll.

17 November at 22:45 · 🌐

Subject to the ownership of the land, Millbrook Parish Council - Cornwall may consider recreating additional parking spaces on the green space between the West Street Car Park and West Street Play area. Would you be in support of this proposal?

Added by you

No I wouldn't be in support of loosing the green space

73 votes

Added by you

Yes - the additional parking spaces are needed

12 votes

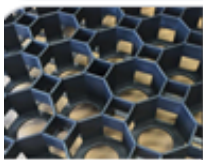
Added by you

I don't mind

11 votes

Comments

- Is there any sort of needs analysis that accompanies this suggestion? Thanks.
- Maybe think about putting some charging points in
- There are times when the car park is full, mainly in the summer, more spaces are needed and people do park on the grass. As long as it is safe for children using the play area seems a good idea.
- I feel that there is very little green space at this end of the village, and it provides an additional space for our children and grand children (and their adults!) to enjoy.
- Millbrook Parish Council – Cornwall: The reason for the poll was at times the West Street car park has been at full capacity and we have received correspondnce regarding lack of parking facilities
- Commented on by
- Millbrook Parish Council - Cornwall In 10 years time most of Millbrook will require extra parking spaces and charging points for there cars. Just trying to think ahead
- Response from a Councillor: The possible new parking spaces at present total 6, on the flat area between the current edge of the car park and the playpark fence, leaving a grassed gap of about 17 feet, there are no proposals for any more spaces, the current grassed area leading d... See more
- Response from a Parish Councillor: The Parish Council are considering installing two charging points in the village hall car park. The electricity supply is not suitable for the West Street car park.
- If additional parking is really necessary, might there be an option for a temporary, environmentally friendly surface... Maybe something that could be rolled out on the grass without long term negative impact when needed in the summer, or a permanent dual-use green surface with planned seasonal use - just a thought.
- Something like this? Let's the floodwater drain away too <https://www.groundtrax.com/cellpave-40-porous-plastic.../CellPave 40 – Cellular Paving Grid – Groundtrax> -



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