




Barton-under-Needwood Parish Council

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Statement on Traffic Calming Measures 18-05-18

We wish to reiterate that the work on the traffic calming measures were started six weeks early without the knowledge of the Parish Council or indeed the County Council for which we have received an apology. This meant that there was no opportunity for us to garner the views of the wider population or to make any appropriate representations back to County Highways.

We had a very productive meeting with Ian and Emma on the 17th May who were representing a group of concerned parishioners who had been communicating with one another mainly via Facebook particularly in relation to the mini roundabout at the top of Efflinch Lane. We had a wide-ranging discussion which we are sure they will have shared with their group.

We thank Ian and Emma for their time and they have indicated they would be interested in helping the Parish Council review all methods of communication with the wider community.

We agreed two things with Emma and Ian which may be of interest to all parishioners:

1. We will ask County Highways to come to a meeting to take anybody who wishes to attend through their thinking behind the roundabout. That request has gone in.
2. We will monitor the roundabout once complete and will make representations back to County Highways if it is not doing a suitable job of calming traffic or safety issues are identified.

The exhibition will remain in the village hall until the 30th May. We have seen good attendance so far across all generations and positive responses to the total solution.

Finally, as a Parish Council, our use of Facebook is purely as an information channel, we are not able to use it as a debating platform as any Parish Council message must be agreed by the majority. Whilst we have no issue with criticism, and we are happy to receive correspondence on any topic (via email, 'snail mail', electronic messaging, or notes delivered to Parish Council Office at the Village Hall) we will block anybody who uses our Social Media channels to abuse the Council, the Councillors or our employees.