

- ii. It was agreed to present the award to all three nominees for their work on the bypass campaign and for maintaining the safety of the village.
- iii. The planned date for giving the awards was 17 May 2021.

10 Any Other Business

- i. Cllr Wordsworth pointed out that 8 May was VE Day and that the PC had been offered a choice of "Tommy" memorabilia to place in the village. It was, however, felt that there was insufficient time to organise.
- ii. Cllr Wordsworth reported on a series of questions put to the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones, on the subjects of traffic, pollution, safety at the crossroads, etc. This had been shared with a Director of DMBC and a series of meetings arranged to discuss the issues with the Bypass Group and PC. From this meeting, it was learned that the outline business case for a relief road had managed to achieve the ratio required for economic purposes. A meeting of the Sheffield Region was imminent to allocate monies available and they confident that they would be successful in obtaining the funds required to be able to complete the business case to then be presented to Transport for the North. As the scheme would cost many millions of pounds, approval would be needed and this was not thought likely in the next five years. In the interim, the question of a roundabout at the crossroads had been put. Assuming the land could be purchased and the question of utilities solved, the estimate for this was £3 million and this was thought unfeasible as a roundabout would be made redundant by a new road or irrelevant if HS2 should go ahead, along with their plans to close off Redhill Lane. A staggered junction was discussed but Cllr Wordsworth had suggested rumble strips which are to be investigated along with a comprehensive look at the state of the A635 through the village. There are 15 schemes to be considered for complete resurfacing competing for funding but it was considered probable that the A635 would be receive that funding. With regard to a request for signs to signify the crossroads as an accident blackspot, DMBC stated that they would have to put signs at every such blackspot in the Borough. Cllr Wordsworth had asked for a costing for signs to see if they could be purchased by the village by the PC.
- iii. In the meeting with DMBC, the state of the pavements in the village had been discussed and it had been agreed that at such time that road resurfacing took place, the pavements could be done also. Richard Clarke was to meet with a DMBC officer to view the state of the pavements.
- iv. Speeding figures had been requested but were not available. There was a feeling that slowing down HGVs could be contributing to increased levels of pollution.
- v. It was pointed out that Hickleton are one of the few villages having a regular meeting with a Director of DMBC. The Council accept that a bypass is the ultimate solution and Cllr Wordsworth will continue to update the PC on progress at the meetings.
- vi. Villagers have asked about the fencing in Lady Mary Walk which is in a poor state. The land is owned by DMBC and the fence comes under the jurisdiction of either the Golf Club or DMBC. Cllr Elliott will contact the Golf Club to make enquiries.
- vii. With regard positioning of the 30 mph sign on Lidget Lane, Cllr Wordsworth will raise the matter of moving it further down the road to make the bend safer but pointed out that this had been raised before and the cost would have to be justified, i.e. in the prevention of accidents.

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 20 May 2021 at 8.15 pm in the Club.