

WEST LANCASHIRE THREE TIER FORUM – 15th April 2014.

At the last West Lancashire Area Committee meeting there was a general agreement that parishes would like the issue of rural roads (MOSS ROADS) putting on the next 3TF meeting (15th April 2014) agenda.

- There was a consensus that the MOSS ROADS are increasingly coming under pressure due to the increasing size and weight of farming machinery and from HGV'S needing to use the roads to access the farms and the obvious deterioration of the moss road which causes grave concern.
- The size of farm machinery is also becoming a problem on narrow rural roads where they can take up almost the entire road.
- It was also reported that weight restrictions on rural roads are ineffective as they are not 'policed' despite complaints being made to the Police.

In response to the above message sent by email, 27th January 2014, to West Lancashire parishes on behalf of Cllr Margaret Sumner (3TF Parish Representative) regarding MOSS ROADS please see below a collated summary of the 3TF agenda items received:

Parish Council	What is the agenda item you would like to bring to the next meeting of the 3TF?	What are the specific issues that you would like to discuss with members of the forum?	What outcomes would you like to see coming from these discussions?
WRIGHTINGTON	Footway maintenance in the parish (the Parish Council are happy for this matter to be dealt with outside of the 3TF meeting)	The Parish Council would like to request the support of the 3TF with their request for slurry sealing of the footways on Mossy Lea Road. Similar work has either just been completed or is planned for many areas in Chorley Borough, including the neighbouring parish of Heskin however, nothing in the parish of Wrightington	A request to LCC Highways Department for this work to be undertaken in the parish of Wrightington.
LATHOM	Lathom Parish Council wish to support the agenda item on problems with MOSS ROADS and the problems associated with the traffic and HGV's using unsuitable roads	These roads were meant for use by horses and horse drawn farm machinery and are not suitable for today's tractors, for example, due to width and weight of these vehicles. Most of today's tractors for instance are well over the weight limit on most bridges without any trailers or other equipment attached. Many of the machines such as combine harvesters are too wide for the roads and are damaging the verges. HGV's also DO NOT obey the speed limits on these roads. Lathom has many such narrow MOSS ROADS such as Meadow Lane, Sutch Lane and Wood Lane and these also have the added danger of Level Crossings over the rail line. There are other roads that have the extra problems of blocked gullies and pot holes and even Primary Schools such as Hall Lane.	Along with other Parish Councils we would like to see some ideas on how to solve these problems from both the County and Borough Councils and the Police

DOWNHOLLAND	We would like to comment that we are extremely concerned about the state of MOSS ROADS in our parish – in their current state a serious accident is a real possibility.		
BICKERSTAFFE	1)Deterioration of MOSS ROADS. 2)Country roads with speed and weight restrictions being misused by large and heavy prohibited vehicles	1)New Way in Bickerstaffe is a MOSS ROAD which has suffered from acute subsidence and has fallen away in places and become dangerous. 2)Road safety issues caused by vehicles ignoring and therefore exceeding the weight and speed limits specifically around Church Road, Hall Lane, Barrow Nook and Simonswood Lane areas of Bickerstaffe.	1)Repair and restoration of New Way by LCC. 2)For LCC to put strips across roads to register the speed of vehicles and for the Police to work with volunteers from the Parish to carry out some community speed checks.
HALSALL	Deterioration of MOSS ROADS across Halsall	MOSS ROADS are increasingly coming under pressure due to the increasing size and weight of farming machinery and from HGV's need to use the roads to access the farms and the obvious deterioration of the MOSS ROAD which causes grave concern. The size of farm machinery is also becoming a problem on narrow rural roads where they can take almost all the road and farmers are not meeting their obligations to clear the roads of dirt left by their machinery and residents are suffering from noise pollution. Weight restrictions on rural roads are ineffective as they are not 'policed' despite complaints being made to the Police. The affected roads in Halsall are as follows: Carr Moss Lane into Segars	Farmers to meet their obligations to clear the roads of any dirt left by their machinery – Halsall Parish Council have written to local farmers about this. Solutions sought to dampen the excessive noise created by heavy and old machinery. All these matters should also be raised with the National Farmers Union. Weight restrictions policed and enforced by the Police. Roads repaired promptly and efficiently by LCC.

		Lane, Plex Moss Lane, Renacres Lane, Segars Lane, Moss Road, Morris Lane, Heathey Road and New Cut Lane	
HALSALL (sent from Aughton Parish Cllr & 3TF Deputy Parish Representative Dr David Gallagher)	Deterioration of Narrow Lane/Clieves Hills Road in Halsall. Please refer to photographs on pages 5 – 11.	Road in need of repair and the roads signs are all over the place.	Resurfacing work required urgently and would like to know when this work can be carried out.
DALTON	1) HGV's on country roads; travelling from Up Holland brickworks to Dalton Quarry. 2) Increasing number of cyclists on country roads – provision of suitable, safe cycleway 3) New speed limits are not being enforced	1) LCC recently agreed to an increase in size of vehicle to travel along our roads with ancient roadside cottages vulnerable to the heavy weight of traffic. 2) Lancashire Cycleway goes through the village and there are an increasing number of cyclists along Beacon Lane, which is also used by the quarry lorries, horse riders and is a route to school and church. A cycleway/pathway created in Beacon Country Park on the inside on the hedging would provide a safe route for cyclists and pedestrians. 3) Issue has been raised with Police who claim low resources and shape of roads make detection difficult.	1) Current weight limits to be policed, lorries be restricted in size 2) Land owners, WLBC create a footpath inside the Country Park that runs the whole length of the park from Dalton Church and School, down to Mill Lane. 3) LCC Highways to put temporary SPID along Higher Lane occasionally.
PARBOLD	1) Traffic – speeding through the 20mph village 2) Lancaster Lane – inconsiderate parking around schools 3) Mill Lane – parking on double yellow lines not being policed 4) Dog fouling on playing fields	1) Traffic – speeding through the 20mph village 2) Lancaster Lane – inconsiderate parking around schools 3) Mill Lane – parking on double yellow lines not being policed 4) Dog fouling on playing fields	1 – 3) More involvement from Highways and Police to tackle dangerous situations. 4) Dog Orders to cover WLBC owned land at Alder Lane Playing Fields, to restrict dogs from playing fields and Dog Warden resources to police this.











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