

Parish Council meeting 18 November 2015

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Road Safety. Cheshire Highways have undertaken to provide Vehicle Operated speed signs on A537 Chelford Road, for both directions. There will be a visit and consultation on Andertons Lane, noting particularly the increasing traffic volume, the fleets of cyclists, and the imminent building activity on the former Barlows site.

Local Plan. In response to the Inspector's comments and requests to the Cheshire East Planners, a further investigation of sites that might become available for building was commissioned from Arup Associates. Their report, which has been submitted to the Inspector, included two sites in the Green Belt between Henbury and Macclesfield. Both are of great concern to the Parish Council and the Henbury Society. One, between Whirley Road and Chelford Road, is at the narrowest part of the Green Belt.

The Arup report pointed out that their assessment of the value and significance of these two sites depended on the status of Henbury as a separate urban entity; at present it is regarded as "washed over" by the Green Belt. If Henbury had a defined boundary, these sites would have a significant role in separating two communities. There has been no response to this from the planners.

The possible inclusion of these sites in the Local Plan will be the subject of a public consultation, probably starting in December. The Parish Council and the Henbury Society will continue their involvement in the discussions.

The Precept. The Parish Council intends to continue the precept unchanged, recognising that any unforeseen expenditure would be met from reserves.

Cheshire Railings. A stretch of railings on Pexhill Road, opposite Pexhill Farm, has been badly damaged, presumably by a road traffic accident. The Council would like to have any information on this, although it does not intend to fund any repairs.

Chairman, Henbury PC.