Report of the Saltash Area Road Safety Committee for the AGM Saltash Town Council March 2021

No meetings were held in the period from March to December 2020. Issues as they arose have been dealt with by the chairman and secretary in consultation with Saltash Town Councillors from the ward concerned or with parish councillors as appropriate.

In Saltash the issues were chiefly about Gilston Road. The chairman has continued to put pressure upon Cornwall Council highways to produce a plan to alleviate the queueing problems. A site meeting was held with Councillor Lennox-Boyd, the police and traffic wardens because of the growing concern for the sustainability of businesses on the road. This information including the fact that four businesses were extremely concerned and one had decided to move to Plymouth and another was considering it was relayed to Cornwall Council.

The chairman visited Belle View Road on three occasions because residents were very concerned about the state of the tarmac surface of the road. The chairman on each occasion contacted the highways department seeking insurance that the road would be resurfaced. The works are scheduled to be completed very shortly.

The Chairman has also been pressing for Fore Street resurfacing to be completed on time and he thanks the town council ward members for their support. This also is likely to be soon.

The dangerous situation on Broad Walk continued until schools closed in March but the Covid situation lessened the impact for much of the year. For a while the road will be closed during the school exiting period. Fortunately, there now may be new funding for more permanent improvements.

Continuing gas works throughout the town continue to pose a road safety hazard chiefly because most works include the junctions of roads. The Chairman has visited works and has been in contact with Wales and West Utilities on one occasion when works had stalled. This will be ongoing for about one more year.

The highways scheme which is being carried out through the CNA is on track. One part of it which the road safety committee and Saltash Town Council were keen on was not included and that is the pedestrian crossing of some sort of Church Road at the bottom of the hill from the fire station. It is hoped that the town council will also pursue this next year.

The chairman visited Landrake to look at speeding problems within the village.

A Zoom meeting was held on February 2nd and the above issues were discussed. Also raised by Botus Fleming Parish Council was the issue of a safe cycle route between Hatt and Saltash. The committee would like it put on record their appreciation and thanks for the long service by Mr Adrian Foss as Speedwatch coordinator. Mr Foss sadly died recently and will be greatly missed.

The sector police inspector has halted Speedwatch until Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

Derek Holley, Chair.