

## **Traffic group report for March 2019**

The traffic group met on Thursday 1 March.

Mrs Hassett briefed the group about a radio programme that she had recently been involved with. The programme, BBC Wiltshire Radio's "Crossing Divides", has two people with opposing views sit and have a conversation to discuss their different opinions about a subject, in this instance whether or not the A303 Stonehenge tunnel should be built, Mrs Hassett speaking in favour of the tunnel. The programme was broadcast on Tuesday 5 March.

The Parish Council recently received a request from a resident living alongside the A360 for 'No Parking' restrictions to be applied. This request was discussed, it was felt that there would be no advantage gained from such restrictions; enforcement would be a problem, also other residents would not be able to park outside their houses.

A 'Metrocount' was recently undertaken to try and establish how many HGVs transited the High Street. Unfortunately the results were somewhat ambiguous; the device uses two rubber tubes across the road to measure the passing traffic, however if two cars travelling in opposite directions arrive at the same time it can give the impression a multi-axle truck has passed. On routes where there is a wide variety of vehicles the errors thus caused are a small percentage of the total, however in our case the number of 'HGVs' recorded seemed particularly high. However, the overall traffic count was in general agreement with the data from the SID in the London Road.

A picture of a large army truck in the High Street had been sent to the MoD. A response had been received advising that the driver had been reminded that the rules of where army vehicles were prohibited must be obeyed. There has been discussions with the MoD locally about signage to assist drivers in not breaching traffic restrictions, some thought were put forward on possible changes to existing signage - further details will follow later once these have been put on paper.

### **Update from CATG.**

We have asked for the 'Except for Access' to the 7.5T weight limit on the B3083 Salisbury Road to be amended to 'Except for Loading'. This is work in progress; the traffic engineer said she will chase up the team dealing with this.

Missing 50MPH speed limit sign on A360. This is being actioned by the Highways Dept. of Wiltshire Council, the order has been placed for a replacement sign.

This concludes the Traffic Group report.