

Report to Shedfield Parish Council 14th August 2017 by Roger Bentote on behalf of Winchester City Councillors Vivian Achwal and Roger Bentote

In our last report we highlighted our efforts to get improvements to High Street, Shirrell Heath. Thus far little actual progress, although the resurfacing was scheduled for 11th and 12th August. I shall be asking questions about why this did not happen!

Speed and safety were the other issues regarding the High Street. My enquiries have elicited the fact that during the 7 day survey at the end of April 15% of traffic was travelling in excess of 38.2mph. This was seen to be a high figure by Hampshire Police and this will be passed on to higher levels although I was told action is probably unlikely because there were no reported accidents on this road over last three years.

One success relating to traffic on this road is the erection of a No HGV sign at the entrance to Twynhams Hill. Heavy lorries exiting this road on to Hospital Road have damaged property on at least three occasions.

At the Annual Parish Meeting in May we picked up the issue of overgrown, and hence very narrow, pavements across Shedfield. Vivian was quick to contact a Winchester City Council officer who was able to get Hampshire workforce into action to improve pedestrian movement.

Traffic using Church Road is often highlighted to us. It is not suitable for heavy traffic particularly with the danger caused by speeding traffic on the Botley Road when turning on to that road. We will continue to raise this matter and push for better signage, speed limits and junction realignment.

Users of the 69 bus service to Winchester will be aware of the changes being made to the Winchester Bus Station. Maintenance of this station is long overdue. However the future of the station is in doubt as proposals for the regeneration of Central Winchester are debated.

The future of River Park Leisure Centre and the building of a new leisure centre at Bar End are also matters on which Shedfield Parish Council might wish to comment.