

APPENDIX A – MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC QUESTION TIME ON 6TH APRIL 2009

A. Traffic Calming

1. Councillor J. Kirkbride would appreciate feedback on the operation of the 20mph zone.
2. Various comments were made about the road narrowing feature at the foot of Butts Hill. There is great concern about the safety issues arising from this feature. The garage is using the sections of road in front and beyond it to park vehicles, which obscure the reflecting bollards, and double yellow lines should be painted here to prevent this. A better method of warning motorists of the narrowed carriageway should be used.
3. The gate features at the top of Camp Hill now obscure visibility from the nearest house and from the football club, onto the highway, and should be moved further out of the village.
4. The Village of the Year sign has been removed from the Camp Hill end of the village and needs to be put back by the County.
5. A meeting with Helen Howard to discuss traffic calming in general might be useful.
6. Councillor Kent said that he had noticed that traffic entering the village is now driving more slowly as it passes his house. He will monitor the situation re traffic leaving the village, when the 20mph zone has been introduced.
7. Councillor Harries thought that there was going to be a change to the colour of the tarmac at the entrance to the 20mph zones.
8. Mr Smith said that the “no parking” zone outside the primary school should be enforced.

B. Churchyard Extension

1. Mr Boys referred the January minutes, and said that if it is correct that a churchyard extension does not have to be adjacent to the churchyard, then there should be no reason why it cannot be sited elsewhere in the village, such as on the Gayton Road. Councillor Kent pointed out that the churchyard at present is maintained by volunteers, with no funding from the diocese. If the churchyard extension were any further away than the proposed site, then the volunteers would be unable to continue to maintain it, and costs would rise considerably and would fall on the parish council and the precept.
2. Mrs Boys referred to a previous statutory minimum distance of 8 yards from houses for burials to take place (this statute was later repealed, but the parishioners’ concern still existed). If burials are to be allowed on the site at

West End, this would mean that they would be within that distance. Councillor Bignell stated that this would not be the case since a parking area would be sited at the West End part of the site. Burials would probably not take place within about 30 metres of the dwellings. Councillor Curtis is concerned that access would be taken from West End. Councillor Harries said that until a detailed report into all potential sites has been carried out by the working party, nothing has been finally decided. Councillor Bignell emphasised that the other sites had been carefully considered and discounted for valid reasons.

3. Mr Boys was doubtful that mourners would walk from the church to the site. He also thought that the West End site was more than just one candidate among several, and that the decision had been made to proceed with this site. Councillor Bignell confirmed that nothing had been finally decided.

C. **Children's Centre**

1. The owner of the nursery in Meadway was present, and asked how certain it was that this scheme would proceed. She has done some research into partnerships with parents by authorities, and would like to be a part of any such scheme in Bugbrooke if that is possible. Councillor Kirkbride said that the target date was March 2010, and that the centre would serve about 900 people from the area. In general, these centres are welcomed by the communities they serve.
2. Councillor Kent, as a school governor, confirmed that the school welcomes the development of this centre. There might be a delay in the provision of the new rooms owing to building repair works being needed to some of the existing rooms.
3. There will be four car parking spaces for staff associated with the centre. It would be basically an outreach centre, with not many people using cars to visit it.