

Due to the ongoing issues with Crouchland BioGas and recent elections there has been a bit of a slowdown in Neighbourhood Plan activities but, please note, not a standstill.

**1. CDC Emerging Local Plan:** This has not yet been adopted by CDC. It's important we all keep abreast of the changes in this plan. It's likely Ifold will no longer have an SPA and countryside regulations will come to the fore.

**2. Transportation / Traffic:**

**Speed Zone Changes:** There are 3 areas in the Parish where the Parish Council would like to lower the speed limit to 30MPH for safety reasons. The Parish Council contacted WSCC Local Highways Authority, who sent Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) forms to complete. TRO's are specific legal documents under the Road Traffic Acts, which relate to the operation of the public highway and control speed limits (amongst other things). A section on the form asks for demonstration that the proposal has the support of the local population, therefore the Clerk has suggested a petition.

There three particular areas concerned where the speed limit is requested to be lowered and will each have its own TRO, but there will one petition to cover all three areas:

**2.1 Ifold:**

- Most bus stops along Plaistow Road, Ifold do not have safe waiting areas by way of footpaths or in some cases even a verge. Bus passengers cannot wait safely out of the line of traffic (including children waiting for morning school buses or dropped off from afternoon school buses). With the high movements of HGVs from Crouchland Biogas combined with the usual fast moving traffic (becoming steadily more frequent), this is an increasingly dangerous situation.
- There are a significant number of properties adjacent to Plaistow Road, Ifold which must enter and exit said properties (many with poor sight lines due to being located on or near to road bends) directly onto Plaistow Road into fast moving traffic.
- There are only 3 entry/exit points to Ifold (a settlement of approximately 470 houses) and all form T-junctions to Plaistow Road. At peak times, school bus dropoff or pickup these junctions have bottlenecks to enter/exit with Plaistow Road.
- Currently this section through Ifold is 40MPH.

**2.2 Plaistow Area 1:**

- The petition proposes extending the 30mph in Rickmans Lane heading south up to the Plaistow village sign.
- School children and bus passengers walk down Rickmans Lane to join or leave school buses and there is no footpath.
- Currently this section is 60MPH.

**2.3 Plaistow Area 2:**

- The 30MPH speed zone in the section of Dunsfold Road, Plaistow village will be extended up to the Junction with Shillinglee Road. Currently from Nell Ball to that T-junction the speed zone is 60MPH.
- Children walk from homes on Shillinglee Road to the Plaistow & Kirdford Primary School as they live too near for the school bus service and that section of road does not have any footpaths.
- Many cars traverse from the A283 via Shillinglee Road through Plaistow and Ifold to the B2133.
- Currently the speed zone is 60MPH.

### 3. Surface Water and Foul Water Drainage

- 3.1 Much has been done by Malcolm Frost on the Surface Water and Foul Water Drainage NP section. Foul Water Drainage and Surface Water Drainage maps for Ifold have been sourced, scanned in and forwarded to the Parish Clerk to be recorded in the evidence base. Could the Clerk please confirm receipt (They were large file sizes).
- 3.2 Malcolm Frost has identified a consulting firm who can conduct a desk top study on the Ifold drainage capacities (per house). He is drafting a proposal to present to the Parish Council for approval for funding to engage that consultancy firm. A final decision as to whether this should go ahead can be taken post the Flood Forum (see next point).
- 3.2 There is a Flood Forum on Wednesday, 20th May with Southern Water, the Environment Agency, WSCC, Loxwood Parish Council and Plaistow & Ifold Parish Council. Andrew Tyrie MP has been invited. This forum was setup following a similar Flood Forum held for Alfold. Both Alfold and Loxwood had quite severe flooding of properties in 2013 (18 in Loxwood). This meeting is for both surface water and foul drainage issues. Sara Burrell and Malcolm Frost are attending with Parish Clerk, Beverly Weddell (Malcolm to email Sara or Beverly as to the location and time).

It's important for the Parishes to find a resolution to these issues before further housing development takes place as the emerging Local Plan (not yet adopted by CDC) indicates a Parish Housing Number for Alfold set to 350 homes; Loxwood 90 homes; and Plaistow & Ifold 10 homes. Note that these numbers do not take into account the set average of 47 homes per Parish classified as Windfall housing. All 3 Parishes send their sewage through to the Loxwood pumping station, which cannot cope with current capacity. There are also known excessive surface water drainage issues for these areas in times of heavy rainfall.

### 4. 16th May - Ifold Day @ Kelsey Hall, Chalk Road, Ifold (11am-4pm): The Parish Council has reserved a table at this event.

- 4.1 We would like to use this opportunity to conduct a survey of Ifold residents and list any problems with drainage they've had in the past 1-2 years. This information will be collated to submit to the flood forum. If Malcolm Frost is available to assist with this data collection it would be helpful. Property address is required with detailed description and date of occurrence.
- 4.2 The Parish Council needs to collect signatures on the petition to set a 30MPH speed limit in the 3 zones as previously mentioned. The Parish Clerk has hardcopy forms for people to sign and will also be submitting a copy in the school for parents to sign.
- 4.3 If any of you are available to sign up for 30 minutes or an hour on the Parish Council table (from 11am to 4pm): could you please email me [REDACTED] and indicate your time.
- If you can attend could you please familiarize yourselves with the information regarding the speed zone areas proposed for speed limit change, to be able to answer questions from residents.