

I did indeed meet with them and two CMBC Members.

My notes of the meeting (and updates) are below:

The meaning and definition of "an accident" was discussed and how they are recorded. A short discussion then took place which noted that because of police reporting procedure, generally only personal injury accidents appear on the statistics. It was suggested that there have been a number of near misses and damage only accidents in the vicinity of the playground but as they are not included in the statistical record their root cause (and actual existence) can be difficult to verify. **Actions** Town Cllrs top ask residents to keep a log and SL to check on the latest statistical record. **Update** statistical record shows no PIA's in the vicinity over the last five years.

The speed limit coming down from Burnley was highlighted as potential issue and SL undertook to consider further. **Action** SL to talk to Lancs CC engineers. **Update** SL notes the speed limit varies from 40mph to national speed limit (60mph) to 30mph as the Lancs / CMB boundary is reached. Given the relatively short length of national speed limit I'll ask Lancs if they will consider reducing it to 40mph (although it should be noted that there are a number of similar areas where they look to be increasing speed limits). I still await a response from Lancs but will raise again.

The use of Vehicle Activated Signs was raised and discussed as was the potential for average speed cameras. **Action** SL to confirm the latest criteria. Update current criteria for speed cameras still involves the number of killed and seriously injured accidents but DfT have recently issue fresh guidance which (I understand) has been universally condemned so they're revisiting and will reissue.

Given the siting of the playground it was also noted that we need to ensure that we don't just make the road feel safer as that could lead to

an accident via
within the minds of children in particular.

hazard reallocation

Also noted that there are some overgrown privets in the vicinity of Vale Baptist Church which may be interfering with sight lines. **Action** SL to raise with enforcement. **Update** complete.

Hope this is helpful.

Assistant Director