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Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 11:43 AM
To: Clerk@menheniotparish.org.uk
Subject: Traffic parking and the school run

Hi John,

The Menheniot School Association have had concerns raised by parents regarding the volume of cars and parking in the village and following a near miss with a child is it increasingly a safety concern. I understand Olivia has spoken with Tony and advised we write to you to consider options.

Rachel McLean (a parent) has proposed the following:

' Safer crossing & parking proposals.

1. The parent parking bay needs to have dedicated spaces painted to maximise on space available. Sadly, many can't park sensibly without lines.
2. Opening the tennis court lane up to parent parking each day, providing a dozen much needed spaces for those who do not need to rush off / have little ones who would benefit from closer parking.
3. Parent & resident patrols at the gateway to the tennis courts from 8.15am - 9am and again from 2.30pm - 3.15pm. This can be done on a rota and will include local residents in a bid to get them involved with easing congestion on their roads.
4. Reduced speed limit flashing sign to 20mph during school hours.
5. Better signage to Hartmeade car parking area and a safer crossing from the lower gate as it goes straight onto the road. Not ideal for those with young children / toddlers.

The village hall has had works going on recently. My question would be, will there be an increase in people using the hall? At what times do they anticipate the increase? What parking measures have been implemented to accommodate more vehicles?

If something isn't done, I really feel we could be heading towards a fatality as it is absolute chaos with very little visibility when the roads are full.'

If you could feedback on the above we would appreciate it. Rachel has offered to volunteer some of her own time to patrol but asked if we can reach out to other parents and the community to assist.

Is it also possible to reach out to the 'parkside' cafe organisers and those that use the village hall at school pick up and drop off times? I understand that on the last event there were three cars parked diagonally in the parent pick up zone adding further congestion and we see there is another event planned on a Friday 2-4. This is a lovely idea but with congestion and parking issue at that time for the school pick up additional vehicles for the cafe add further concerns.

I have also seen a planning application outside the old chapel, any additional entrance to that property could remove on-road parking at that location also (which is used every day currently by parents).

Many thanks
Sam
(On behalf of the Menheniot School Association)

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