

Minutes of Meeting

Ivychurch Speed Watch 15th December 2016

Present: Rick Bailey (RB), Julie Bailey (JB), Andy Daburn (AD), John Goldsmith(JG), Chris Jones(CJ), Julie Devenish(Jools), Jan Robertson(JR), Mike Bartlett (MB), Margaret Waite(MW), Celia Heritage(CH)

Residents had been invited to this meeting who had previously expressed an interest in being kept informed of traffic speed issues for the village. Before handing over to Chris Jones, Rick explained that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss proposals for obtaining an illuminated vehicle speed indicator for the village and setting up a new dedicated Speed Watch Group in Ivychurch.

Chris handed out details of Kent County Council's offer to provide grant funding of 50% (excl VAT) towards the cost of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) supplied by their chosen supplier, CA Traffic Ltd, costing £2,000 +VAT. In addition to supplementing shared equipment or replacing defective equipment for existing schemes, this grant is available to new start-up groups.

The device described by KCC is a mobile unit which can be pole-mounted or free-standing, powered by rechargeable batteries. It displays speed, with "smiley" or "grumpy" face, and collects speed data during operation. It is covered by a two year warranty. A member of the public asked how much a fixed SID unit would cost – this would be around £5,000-£6,000 and does not attract the current funding grant offer.

The meeting agreed the following:

- A Speed Watch Group will be set up – a short training session is provided by Kent Community Speed Watch. The members of public attending, along with members of the Parish Council, were willing to form the initial group, and once the equipment has been obtained, an invitation to join the group will be issued to Ivychurch residents. **Action Jools**
- The Parish Council will purchase the unit recommended by KCC, and will apply to them for the offered grant of 50% towards its cost, but even if this was not forthcoming it would nevertheless make the purchase.
- Chris agreed to facilitate the purchase and grant application for the equipment. **Action: CJ**
- Mike suggested an approach might be made to Burden Bros to sponsor some of the cost of the new equipment, but that the purchase and grant application should not be delayed by this. If they subsequently agree to sponsor the acquisition of a fixed sign, this could be used in conjunction with the mobile one. **Action: MB**
- Other traffic calming measures were discussed, such as a 20mph limit through the village – it was felt data captured by the SID may support this at some future date.
- The fencing and gates recently installed at the Northern approach had been well received, and Chris thanked Martin Killick for sponsoring these. Quotes will be requested for installing similar at the other two village approaches, along with land permissions where needed.
Action: MB, RB

Meeting closed at 8.05pm