

Date: 1st April 2021

Title: Report 7 - Update on Village Traffic Issues

By: Cllr Paul Seeley

Purpose: To provide an update on the Village Traffic Issues and to seek approval for expenditure in 2021/22

Recommendations: To approve expenditure to assist in addressing Village Traffic Issues: £500 (Speedwatch); £1,900 (Data collection); radar speed sign (£4,814 max); all excl. VAT

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1. A paper was brought to October 2020 PC meeting providing a traffic management update. With the lockdown starting to ease and Covid restrictions coming to an end this paper sets out the next steps on a number of fronts:
 - Speedwatch
 - Speed and Traffic Monitoring
 - Purchase and siting of a radar speed sign
 2. A Speedwatch group has been created in the village under the guidance of Community Speedwatch Officer Steve O'Connell. CSO Steve O'Connell has been instrumental in virtual training of volunteers and assisting in setting up the group. Debbie Picknell has agreed to assist in the operation of this group with Cllrs Hill and Seeley. It is now proposed that once the village hall is reopened the PC invite CSO Steve O'Connell to provide the hands on training of the speed radar equipment to village volunteers. The group will commence physical speed watch checks in the village at agreed locations in the summer of 2020. The PC will need to make a donation of £500 for the purchase of the equipment upon completion of training.
 3. Speed and Traffic Monitoring is required for the longer term collection of data on the Beachy Head Road / Gilberts Drive and the A259. This will help the PC and ESCC / SDNP / Eastbourne Highways with their strategic direction regarding the future of these key highway links that affect the village. The costs associated with the installation of four monitoring points by ESCC is £1,300 of which the PC would have to make a 50% contribution. It is proposed that two periods are used to collect data – the Bank Holiday at the end of May and then a period in July prior to schools breaking up. The PC will have to fund the second set of data collection in full but we should approach Eastbourne to join with us. Total cost is £650 + £1300 = £1900.

4. It is proposed that the PC buy a radar speed sign for use on the A259 and Gilberts Drive. This will be used in 30 and 40 mph zones and will show approaching drivers whether they are travelling within the agreed limit or not. It will work as a timely reminder to all motorists to respect the speed limit for the road they are travelling on. If approved it is the intention to purchase a solar powered unit and install during the summer of 2021 subject to all highway and planning approvals being agreed and finalised. The costs associated with this work are:
- Cost of equipment £2,200 + vat. Three quotations will be required.
 - Cost of Section 115 licences from ESCC Highways to erect equipment £120 at two locations.

Possible additional costs from ESCC

- Cost of socket and post in highway verge £220 / post
- Cost of traffic management to erect posts £1654
- Cost of highway licences to undertake work £400

Total cost ranging from £2,320 + vat to £4814 + vat

Recommendation

5. It is recommended that the report be noted and the three areas of expenditure be approved at a cost of £500 (Speedwatch), £1,900 (Data collection) and radar speed sign (£4,814max). All figures subject to vat where applicable. The PC will take steps to minimise costs and where possible share these with other authorities.

Note by the clerk: the total revenue budget for capital projects in 2021/22 is set at £14,225 which includes expenditure on the Neighbourhood Plan.