

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**Title:** Update on Village Traffic Issues

**By:** Cllr Paul Seeley

**Purpose:** To provide an update on the Village Traffic Issues

**Recommendation:** To approve expenditure of £4663.17p +vat and £519.89p for the purchase and installation of a radar sign and all associated licencing fees. (Total £5,183.06)

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A paper was brought to April 2021 PC meeting providing a traffic management update and seeking financial approval for three strands of expenditure.

- Speedwatch £500
- Speed and Traffic Monitoring £1,900
- Purchase and siting of a radar speed sign £4,814+vat

Total budget approved was £7,214 of which £515 has been spent and a further £500 allocated. This leaves £6,199 still to be allocated.

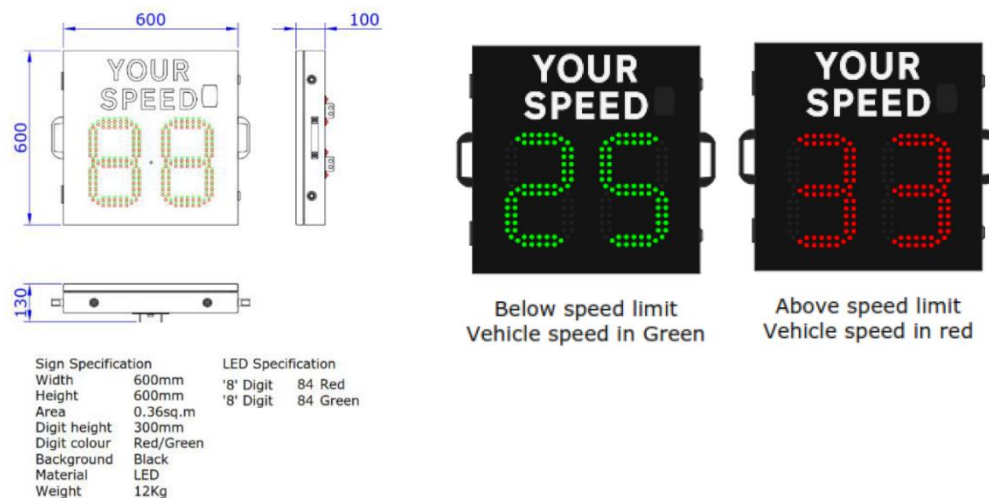
Speedwatch has now been set up in the village under the guidance of Community Speedwatch Officer Steve O'Connell and we have taken delivery of the hand-held radar device, high viz clothing and various literature. Training has commenced and we have held our first speed monitoring session. We will, in due course, be asked to make a payment towards the cost of the equipment of £500.

As reported at the last PC meeting the PC has now received data from ESCC for surveys carried out over the week including the Bank Holiday at the end of May. The data supports the position that there is a volume / traffic density issue, particularly around Birling Gap at weekends, but not one of excessive speeding. To date the PC has spent £515 +vat on this initiative and it is recommended that we do not expend any further finance or resource.

The PC has now received a quote from ESCC for the supply and installation of a radar speed sign for use on Gilberts Drive. Several manufacturers were approached and only two quotations received – one other than ESCC. The alternative quotation was for the supply only and did not include for installation. The sign was not of similar quality or size as that quoted for by ESCC.

The quotation received from ESCC is set out below.

Description	Quantity	Rate £	Total £
89mm retention socket – non illuminated	2	244.08	488.16+vat
Carriage charge	1	20.00	20.00 +vat
89mm dia post	1	123.01	123.01 +vat
Swarco Moveable sign including solar arrangement and battery	1	3132.00	3132.00 + vat
Labour, plant, traffic and pedestrian management	1	900.00	900.00 +vat
Licences incl S171 and Structures	1	519.89	519.89



The total cost of this work is £4663.17 + vat for the supply and installation of the sign and £519.89 for the licences and road notices. Provided the PC agrees to stop further expenditure on traffic monitoring then the sums above will fall within the approved budget.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the report be noted and expenditure be approved of £5,183.06 for the purchase and installation of the speed radar sign with ESCC Highways.