

Swanbourne Parish Council Meeting

11 September 2023

Traffic calming - Agenda Item 9.2

This paper reviews the existing measures and puts forward options for additional interventions that could help reduce the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit in the village.

Current traffic calming

- Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) are electronic signs which only become visible when approaching motor vehicles are exceeding a certain speed. The signs normally display the speed limit; however, they can also display the actual speed on the sign and these are called Speed Indicating Devices (SID). Swanbourne has 2 MVAS and one SID on the Mursley road and one MVAs on Cemetery Hill.
- Following representations by Swanbourne Parish Council (SPC) we have police speed camera vans visiting the village (unannounced).
- Dragon teeth and other road markings, white gates and warning signs at the entrances to the village

Updates

An oral report on conversations regarding speeding will be given at the meeting: Buckinghamshire Council and Winslow Community Board, Greg Smith MP, Thames Valley Police, speed device suppliers and other parish councils. Cllr Phil Gomm is sending in time for the SPC meeting a written report on measures being taken by Buckinghamshire Council.

Options to enhance current traffic calming

To consider each of the following – each will be introduced for councillors' consideration and agree next steps:

- Purchase a new device to replace the existing MVAS on Cemetery Hill which is 20 years old and cannot be given a maintenance contract as spares if needed are no longer available. Cost in the region of £4K with the possibility of getting a grant from Winslow and Villages Community Board for matched funding. We can also look to relocate existing devices.
- Community Speed Watch – bring back speed watch which was previously in the village.
- 20mph speed limit in the village
- Chicanes – the feasibility of temporary moveable chicanes
- More warning signs
- Continue to engage with Buckinghamshire Highways to get dragons teeth and other white road markings repainted
- Other options?

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