

Drinkstone Parish Council

Highways

Report to the Ordinary Meeting Dated 2nd September 2019

Agenda Item; Councillor portfolios

General

As of 14 Aug there are 5 open highways issues logged on the Suffolk Highways website; vis.

1. Condition of White Lines at the junction of The Street and Beyton Road. Suffolk CC status "Routine Inspection Ordered" and Suffolk CC have emailed me to confirm they are investigating.
2. Pot holes on Rattlesden Road, Suffolk CC status "Logged"
3. 2 items (assumed pot holes) on Park Road, Suffolk CC status "Routine Inspection Ordered"
4. 1 item (assumed pot holes) near Burts Cottages. Suffolk CC status "Routine Inspection Ordered"

Suffolk CC reporting can be found at www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk

SID (Speed Indication Display) Fact Finding Report.

I have completed sufficient fact finding to report back to the Council. Fact finding exercise falls within three headings.

1. Contact with and feedback from Beyton
2. Market and manufacturers; product options and prices.
3. Suffolk CC Highways requirements.

Beyton feedback.

Ian Marshall at Beyton has been very informative and has provided a few pointers. He speaks highly of the product/manufacture they chose (Westcotec Traffic Safety Systems).

Market and Products

SIDs are Speed Indication Displays. There are also Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) which tend to be cheaper as they are simpler in operation (for example illuminating a "30" in a red roundel).

SIDs measure the approaching traffic speed and display it, possibly with smiley face or other appropriate message/indication. Other optional features include

- i) identifying the vehicle registration number and displaying that as well
- ii) logging data (useful if petitioning for a bypass or additional police presence)
- iii) downloading the logged data variously via wifi, bluetooth or USB.
- iv) stealth mode; i.e. logging data whilst appearing not to function, (useful for comparison)

Ball park price, comparing models from three suppliers (Westcotec, Mallatite, SmartGroup) would suggest a sensible budget of £2800 to £3200. (although SmartGroup do appear to be considerably cheaper). I have email quotes from all three suppliers.

Suffolk CC Requirements

DPC will need to enter into an agreement with Suffolk. Many requirements are predictable such as

- i) Agreeing locations, distance from junctions/entrances and installation dimensions
- ii) Registered points of contact/volunteers
- iii) Health and Safety (yellow vests when attending to them, and off road parking, no use of steps etc.)
- iv) Written agreement from residents immediately affected.
- v) Frequency of use.

In return Suffolk CC Highways will install any necessary pole(s). Suffolk do not permit VAS, although some dialogue could probably be had here.

Suffolk CC requirements can be found at

https://www.suffolkroadsafe.com/uploads/Working_together_to_Reduce_Speed_-_13th_December_2018.pdf

Additionally Hilary (DPC Clerk) has established that the Chair of Wickhambrook Council is happy to provide DPC with advise, and/or also attend forthcoming Parish Council Meeting as a guest. I am in favour of this and my recommendation is that we share this report with Wickhambrook's Chair so he can assess our current knowledge level and provide advice accordingly.

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