

## **MEETING NOTES FROM 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022**

Both PCSOs were in attendance together with Stephen O'Connell (Safer Sussex Roads Partnership based in Shoreham) and Keith Robertson from Catsfield.

Parish Councils : as I was not attending with the normal group I didn't catch which the other councils were apart from Crowhurst but due to major connectivity issues most in this group were unable to log on anyway.

### **Speed Management Plan –**

There are new dedicated email addresses for reporting, the intention is to be clearer as to which to use for the user and make it much easier to collect data that is needed to move forward.

For Councillor and Clerk Workshops and Community Speed watch enquiries email [csw@sussex.police.uk](mailto:csw@sussex.police.uk)

For any speed related issues email [roads.communications@sussex.police.uk](mailto:roads.communications@sussex.police.uk)

If you wish to report a car for anti-social driving – such as using a mobile, driving without a seatbelt, speeding and also abandoned vehicles, report to [Operation Crackdown](#)  
If you suspect a driver is drink driving, is driving dangerously etc. call 999

The new monthly MS Teams workshop for councillors and clerks begin this month, the presentation will be on SIDs. I have signed up for this workshop.

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This unit has been specifically to investigate the '**why**' of hot spots for speeding.

There are three stages: Engineering – Education – Enforcement

There is a real effort and desire to move on from the 2 fatalities before action days. Obviously the more professional and detailed the data supplied in order to begin their process the better, this will require co-ordination – in Etchingam's case – between Speedwatch and the new The Etchingam Safety Action Group including the existing Engineering Survey commissioned by EPC prior to the Covid lockdown and subsequent 'slow start' following easing of the regulations.

### **Speedwatch –**

Body Worn Video Policy. This is being rolled out to Speedwatch groups. The equipment MUST be attached to the jacket. There can be NO covert recording. To report and provide evidence of incidents, audio and visual clips, date and time marked (not the recording of the entire session) are required. Currently juggling possibilities for funding assistance but may fall to the Parish Councils in some instances.

The Speedwatch Co-ordinators on-line meetings are going well. The last had 50 participants. The next meeting is on 25<sup>th</sup> February from 1 – 3pm.

**Daryl & Emma** – Continue to ask to be advised of Parish events which they might attend if available to 'meet and greet'.

The PCSOs are really keen to get the 'Priority' lists from the villages EXCEPT parking and speeding traffic. I suspect they're finding that (mercifully) peaceful villages such as ours do not really have other issues. Correct me if I'm wrong.

A number of relatively local villages are suffering increasing levels of graffiti, photographic evidence is needed by our PCSOs so they can track the 'tags' and establish whether these are new or existing gangs and where they come from. School interventions via presentations etc are often enough to dampen this down. Hard core, abusive and offensive graffiti is also on the rise and dealt with more heavily but has to be reported. Laurence supplies me with images from the playgrounds before he does his best to erase them but if anyone see it elsewhere, ideally send me images or if unable let me know the whereabouts and it can be documented.

**Crime Lists** – unfortunately this list continues to flag up Etchingham when the address is obviously actually Burwash (postal town issue). However, there was a burglary in Sheepstreet Lane on 18<sup>th</sup> January with no way of knowing if it was actually our end or not! Both Ticehurst and Hurst Green continue to have relatively minor incidents. BUT, the allotment and garden shed break in season is beginning.

Following thanks from the PCSOs to the guests and attendees the meeting closed. The date of the next meeting to be confirmed.

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