



DRAFT Minutes of the Urchfont Parish Council (UPC) Meeting held on Wednesday 14th June 2017 in the Conference Room of Urchfont Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Mottram (DM - Chairman), Donald (BD), Thomas (RT), Hill (TH), Cowen (LC), Creasey (GC), Stevens (DS), Hawkins (RH)

Clerk to the Council: Lunn (BL)

Councillor for Urchfont & The Cannings: Whitehead (PW)

Members of the Public (for all or part of the meeting): Sandra Johnston (UPC Planning Administrator), Ian Johnston, Lynn Everson and Kathleen Pilling

- 1. Welcome by the Chairman** – the Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed the fact that Councillor John Chapman had unfortunately resigned due to evolving personal circumstances. He thanked John for his contribution to the Council and for his continuing lead on the Urchfont Best campaign.
- 2. Apologies:** Councillors Mitchell (NM) and Day (GD).
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10th May 2017**

DM requested that the results of the Vice Chairman and Leading Councillor for Planning election results be amended to read Elected – Unopposed as they were the only candidates nominated and a vote as such was not necessary.

Proposal	Proposer	Seconder	Decision
To approve the amendments to the minutes proposed by DM.	TH	RH	Unanimously agreed

Proposal	Proposer	Seconder	Decision
To approve and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting subject to the changes requested by DM	BD	RT	Unanimously agreed

- 5. Action List Status Review and Update Reports from the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2017** – The current action list had been reviewed and updated by DM/GD/BL last week, but further changes were agreed at the meeting as follows:

Action 77/15 - Welcome to Urchfont Leaflet – This action is to be closed and a new action set recognising that RH had offered to undertake production of a draft leaflet for Council approval in due course.

ACTION: FC/41/17 – RH

Action 94/16 – Bike incident on Salisbury Plain – it was agreed that this action should be closed on the understanding that this was a one off incident which could have been better controlled at the time by the regulatory authority; bikers are normally courteous and slow down when approaching pedestrians, dog walkers and horse riders.

Action 17/17 – Discussion on Large Duck Breeds – It was agreed that this action should be closed on the basis that geese are specifically banned by the UPC Pond Green Policy.

6. Finance

a. To receive a Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation as at 31st May 2017 (Circulated to all councillors with agenda) – BL confirmed that the bank reconciliation had been completed successfully and that, on the basis that no projects had been approved to date from the £14,300 budget available, the indicated reserve at 31st March 2018 currently remained high at £24,357.

b. Annual Audit Update – BL updated his Clerks report to confirm that the internal audit had been completed without issues being identified and that he had initiated the Limited Assurance Review (external audit) and Electors Rights Notice on the website facilitating inspection and comment by electors on the accounts during the 30 working day period commencing on 19th July 2017. The Annual Accounts and Governance Return together with associated analysis and variance reports had been sent to the external auditors today (14th June) to meet their stated deadlines.

c. Annual Clerk and Planning Administrator appraisals / salary review – DM reported that he and GD had conducted the Clerk appraisal last week. The conclusion being that yet again BL had provided excellent service and advice throughout the year, dealing with complex legal, procedural and councillor issues in a competent and even handed manner. He recommended that he be moved from Spine Point 22 to Spine Point 23 on the NALC Salary Scale and in addition be paid an increased hourly rate for hours in 2016/17 which have been subject to scale increases approved within the NALC National Salary Agreement 2016-2018. He gave details of the monetary increases involved for councillor information. RT agreed that BL continues to provide an excellent value for money service to UPC.

Proposal	Proposer	Seconded	Decision
To approve the proposal to move the Clerk from NALC Spine point 22 to 23 with effect 1 st April 2017 and back payments to cover increases in the hourly rate from 1 st April 2016 under the NALC 2016-2018 National Pay Agreement	DM	RT	Unanimously agreed

TH reported that he had conducted a review with the Planning Administrator who is a self-employed contractor undertaking the very demanding and complex planning task. He concluded that she continues to provide a very high level of service and recommended that her fee be increased in line with the percentages awarded to the Clerk above.

Proposal	Proposer	Seconded	Decision
To approve the proposal to increase the Planning Administrator hourly rate by the percentages awarded to the Clerk, including back payment for 2016/17.	TH	BD	Unanimously agreed

On behalf of the Council, DM thanked both the Clerk and Planning Administrator for their work and level of service over the last 12 months which it is hoped will continue into the future.

BL to provide pay increase authorisation letters for approval by the Chairman.

ACTION: FC/42/17 – BL

(Post meeting Note: Letters prepared on 14th/15th June 2017)

d. Project Proposals – Tree Survey – RT reported that a survey had been undertaken some 3 years ago by Astil Treecare Ltd. Recognising that the Council had in the meantime taken on additional land (Playing Field, Path to Oakfrith Wood etc) and associated tree responsibilities, Astil had now provided a quote of £850 to undertake a new survey of trees on Parish Council owned / managed land, plus the Village Hall, and make recommendations as to what action if any is necessary to maintain trees in a safe / healthy condition and in line with the 'Right Tree in the Right Place' concept. The quote had been circulated to councillors with the agenda for this meeting.

Proposal	Proposer	Seconded	Decision
To approve the Astil Treecare quote of £850. BL to place the order with Astil.	TH	RH	Unanimously agreed

ACTION: FC/43/17 – BL

(Post meeting note: Order placed by email on 15th June 2017)

7. Councillor Vacancy – BL reported that he had notified WC Electoral Services of the vacancy following the resignation of John Chapman, including a request as to whether the unsuccessful candidate with the most votes at the May 2017 election could be retrospectively elected in view of the very short period of elapsed time. Unfortunately this request was rejected in favour of pursuing the normal casual vacancy procedure of issuing a 'Notice of Vacancy' inviting electors to potentially request an election (at a significant cost to the Parish Council). If less than 10 electors respond to WC, then the Council will be given approval to co-opt a member of their choice. The Notice is awaited but it is hoped that the vacancy can still be filled before or at the July meeting.

8. Lead Councillor Roles – Having discussed the way forward with GD, DM proposed that interviews will be held with individual councillors shortly to establish their interests and strengths to fill particular lead councillor roles and to discuss the terms of reference for the posts. It is intended that proposals for all roles will be finalised for approval at the September meeting.

ACTION: FC/44/17 – DM/GD

9. Lead Councillor, Working Groups, Clerk & other written Reports (See Appendix on website only)

- a. Clerks Report – no clarification was sought, updates were given under other agenda items.
- b. Lead Councillor Report - Community Speed Watch – (Informed Item 10 below)
- c. Lead Councillors Report – Extending 30mph Speed Zone on B3098 – (Informed Item 11)

10. Speed Watch – see GD written report attached at Appendix Item C (attached on website only) which was circulated to all councillors with the meeting agenda. BL also stated that he had received an email from one of the Speed Watch team expressing the view that they perceived that the Council did not actively support their activity and that this was discouraging the Team. TH believed that the Speed Watch volunteers were not only discontent with perceived lack of UPC support but also with the level of support and information from the police, WC and the wider Speed Watch organisation. BD expressed the view that UPC continues to fully support Speed Watch through its proactive involvement in the introduction of measures to reduce speed limits. DM cited the recent results of metro counter measurements in the 20 mph zone which indicated that speeds have generally reduced in the Village – a success story. Views were expressed by a number of councillors that public perception of the way they do their job and communicate with the public is not good. Discussion concluded that UPC continues to fully support Speed Watch in principle and that volunteers must be applauded for the work they do, but there is a need for further discussion with GD on the potential for setting up a joint meeting with the Speed Watch Team to discuss issues and perceptions.

ACTION: FC/45/17 – DM/GD

11. Reducing Speed Limits (60mph) on B3098 east of Urchfont and Crooks Lane – see GD/RH written report attached at Appendix Item B (Attached on website only) which was circulated to all councillors with the meeting agenda together with an email from Mrs Lynn Everson on this issue. PW reminded councillors that the informal crossing between Crooks Lane and the 30mph sign had been deliberately introduced with the objective of trying to reduce traffic speed and potentially change the speed zone categorisation in due course. He stressed the desirability of introducing further measures to improve the visual warning to drivers that they are approaching a village, for example use of planters or brightly coloured bicycles on verges. BD asked whether we could consider moving the existing gateway signs beyond Crooks Lane as part of the visual scenario, PW advised that if the Council will consider this then he would seek advice from Highways on specific locations which would need to be on or bordering Snook farmland.

Proposal	Proposer	Seconded	Decision
To seek to move the village gateway signs on the B3098 beyond Crooks Lane	DM	BD	Unanimously agreed

ACTION: FC/46/17 – PW

PW also advised that approval had been given by CATG today (14th June) for the installation of metro-counters between the 30mph signs at the eastern end of the Village to just beyond Crooks Lane to determine whether speed had been reduced following the installation of the informal crossing. Results from these measurements will determine whether there is a justifiable case to reduce the speed zone below 60mph on the B3098 or maybe even to move the 30mph signs to the east beyond Crooks Lane. He stressed that it is important to dismiss the perception that the metro-counter data needs to show high average speeds, on the contrary the data needs to show that speeds are slower and that a reduced speed zone limit is feasible. It was agreed that the metro-counters should ideally not be installed until the Village gateway signs have been moved to gain maximum impact from increased and earlier visual signs of the approach to a Village.

If the speed limits on the B3098 do not change, BL asked whether consideration would be given to at least reviewing the 60mph stretch before Foxley Fields on Crooks Lane; an unlit narrow stretch of road with no pavements used by children to reach buses on the B3098? PW advised that current traffic regulations do not provide for lower speed limits to be introduced where no houses have entrances onto a road such as this part of Crooks Lane.

The Chairman closed the meeting for public participation

If speed zone limits cannot be reduced, Mrs Everson asked whether 'Beware Children Crossing' signs can be erected to help drive down speed? Mrs Pilling stressed the need to protect children.

PW responded that regulations only permit such signs close to schools, but there may be similar or other measures that can be considered.

The Chairman re-opened the Council meeting.

RT asked whether the informal crossing could itself be made more visible by using a brighter colour, PW responded that the colour used has been found to be more robust and long lasting than other colours.

12. UPC Planning Policy and Procedures – Proposed amendments to this policy had been circulated to councillors with the meeting agenda.

Proposal	Proposer	Seconded	Decision
To approve the proposed revisions to the Policy unchanged.	TH	LC	Unanimously agreed

(BL Post Meeting Note – the newly approved Policy has been published on the website on 15th June 2017)

13. Email Decision Procedure – DM commented that the procedure was initiated some 18 months ago, his view is that it does not satisfy the transparency requirements for issues to be openly discussed and voted on at meetings where the public can be present. If decisions are genuinely urgent then a meeting should be convened, if not urgent then the issue can wait until the next scheduled meeting. PW confirmed that email decisions are not appropriate for the reasons stated by DM.

Proposal	Proposer	Seconded	Decision
To scrap the email decision process with immediate effect. BL to remove from UPC Standing Orders	DM	BD	Unanimously agreed

ACTION: FC/47/17 - BL

14. UPC Grant Award Policy – BD was of the view that there is not enough money available to fund individual groups, UPC should be concentrating on projects for the benefit of the whole community. TH agreed; he was of the view that the Precept should not be used to fund individual organisations. DM expressed the view that any grant should be on the basis of capital provision not to fund operational / running costs. It was agreed that BD will review the existing Policy and propose changes to the next meeting which will bring it more into line with current thinking.

ACTION: FC/48/17 - BD

15. Urchfont Best – a report by John Chapman indicating that judges had been seen within the Village had been circulated to all councillors with the meeting agenda, judging in the first round of this competition ended on 11th June 2017. BL confirmed that no result information had been received to date from CPRE, if successful then further judging will take place in July. DM commented that a lot of people had been involved in this competition preparation which has resulted in an improved Village environment whether or not it is selected as a winner. Special thanks go especially to John Chapman for his leading role in this activity and to all who have contributed.

16. Update on Current Parish Issues not covered by above agenda items

a. Celebrating art in the garden of Urchfont Manor – mid 2018 – DM confirmed that an email from Leslie Andrews giving details of the return of this event to Urchfont Manor in 2018 had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. He proposed that the Council should nominate a councillor to liaise with the organisers. Applauding the return of the event, LC volunteered to take on this liaison role.

ACTION: FC/49/17 – LC

b. Public Right of Way through Urchfont School – DM expressed disappointment that the proposed presentation of the WC PROW report to the WC Regional Planning Committee had now been delayed further to the September 2017 meeting and asked whether the Council should take any action. Consensus indicated that no action should be taken now but that this decision should be reviewed if the report presentation date is again delayed past September. Council representation at the WC Regional Planning Meeting will be determined when the report is published and presentation date finally set.

RH stressed that the PROW is not just about now, it is about protection for the future when and if the school closes or develops. DM expressed the view that UPC and the School have opposing views on this issue, GC pointed out that the Diocese, Education Authority and co-opted previous School Governors were also involved and had strong views. BD was of the view that current safeguarding measures at the School were not ideal, he believed the pathway / fencing measures proposed for the introduction of the PROW would help in this respect. RT commented that history demonstrates the reluctance of the School / Governors to get involved with UPC in meaningful discussion on this and other matters.

Discussion broadened to suggest that a joint meeting should be set up with the school to discuss and share information on various current issues (e.g. the PROW, lack of interaction / consultation before placing a new grounds maintenance contract) with the objective of trying to foster further improvement in relationships between the School and the community. GC, also a School Governor, agreed to try and facilitate such a meeting in the near future.

ACTION: FC/50/17 - GC

c. Obstruction of Recycling Vehicles by overhanging trees in Friars Lane – WC operators had notified local residents that they would have to stop collections if trees are not cut back soon, PW confirmed that this action can be taken if vehicles are likely to be damaged. DM reported that efforts are being made to try and identify owners of the offending land which has been basically untended for a considerable number of years, if this cannot be achieved then alternative actions may have to be considered. The matter is complicated because the trees are in the conservation area and trimming may need planning approval.

d. Community Skips in Wedhampton – BD perceived that the skips provided to Wedhampton were smaller than those provided to Urchfont and filled up quickly, he asked why bigger skips could not be

provided. BL confirmed that this is not the case, Devizes Mini Skips only have one size of skip and that these are provided to UPC at a very advantageous rate. To provide larger skips would mean changing our contractor and experiencing substantially increased costs. Skips are provided to Urchfont in two locations for eleven months of the year whereas skips are only provided to Wedhampton every other month for 6 months as indicated on the published timetable. BL suggested that the Council could consider providing skips to Wedhampton for an additional five months if this would help, additional costs would apply. DM asked BL to provide a breakdown of costs and a comparison with larger skip suppliers to facilitate a decision at the next meeting.

ACTION: FC/51/17 – BL

17. External Meetings

a. Proposed re-build of Scout Hut at the Village Hall – BD indicated that the Scarecrow Committee are keen to explore re-building of the Scout Hut which is now perceived to be in poor condition and if re-built could provide additional storage and other facilities. The Committee had put aside £7-10k for this purpose and now needed to know who should be involved. It was suggested that the scouts, Village Hall and UPC should jointly be involved and that BD should set up and chair a working group to explore the way forward.

ACTION; FC/52/17 – BD

DM questioned ownership of the hut as there is no evidence in Village Hall paperwork. RH believed that it is owned by the Village Hall and leased to the scouts for a peppercorn rent. DM asked BL to seek any ownership details from the Council solicitor.

ACTION: FC/53/17 – BL

b. Area Board Meeting – DM reported two initiatives mentioned at the June meeting:

- i. **Tree planting** to celebrate the anniversary of the end of the 1st World War – grants will be available for one or more trees.
 - ii. **Concept of Railway Station at Lydeaway** – Devizes Planning Partnership (DPP) are looking into the possibility of opening a railway station at Lydeaway, earlier difficulties due to the track gradient are apparently overcome by new train stock. DPP have been asked to keep the UPC Clerk informed. PW commented that a number of potential sites are currently being explored by WC, the problem is not the gradient but provision of train services which can stop at new locations without negatively affecting overall journey times. The prime location currently being considered by WC is Corsham.
- c. Councillor Training Session** – TH reported that he along with LC and DS had attended a councillor training session given by WALC in Market Lavington, the session was very informative and he recommended attendance of other councillors if given the opportunity.

18. Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

a. Farmers Field – TH requested that this be put on the July agenda to discuss land maintenance/improvement and the status of the management plan which is being produced by WWT. DM requested BL to contact WWT regarding management plan progress.

ACTION: FC/54/17 - BL

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th July 2017 in Urchfont Village Hall Conference Room commencing at 7.00pm

Meeting Closed at 9.50pm

Draft minutes prepared by the Clerk to the Council 15th June 2017

APPENDIX TO JUNE UPC AGENDA

A. CLERKS REPORT – JUNE 2017

1 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM FC MEETING ON 10TH MAY 2017

- a. **LETTERS TO THOSE CANDIDATES UNSUCCESSFUL IN THE MAY ELECTIONS** – letters signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman have been sent (Action FC/24/17) to Maria Kemp, Philip Cottell, Marjorie Cox and Steven Hodges.
- b. **UPDATING OF UPC STANDING ORDERS** – Action FC/25/17 tasked me with updating Standing Orders to reflect the current Chair and Lead Councillor roles during the Planning element of UPC meetings. However, in reviewing Standing Orders I suggest that they require much wider amendment to reflect the current operational status of the Council including the removal of the committee structure. Further amendment could be determined as a result of discussion at the June meeting on various aspects of policy. I intend, therefore, to submit a draft revision of UPC Standing Orders for approval at the July 2017 meeting.
- c. **UPC INSURANCE RENEWAL 2017/18** – Action FC/30/17 tasked me with renewing the UPC Insurance 3 Year Long Term Agreement within 10% either way of the Community First quote presented at the meeting having taken account of the updated UPC Asset Register which includes the new playground equipment etc. Taking account of all the changes, the Policy was renewed on 1st June 2017 with an increase in cost of 1.4%.
- d. **CEMETERY FEE INCREASES** – Approved increases in cemetery fees (Action FC/32/17) were implemented on 1st June 2017 and have been published on the website, in Redhorn News and on the Cemetery notice board. Funeral Directors and Memorial masons have also been advised.
- e. **COMMUNITY GRANT – URCHFONT PRE-SCHOOL** – Action FC/33/17 tasked me with awarding up to £800 subject to seeking confirmation of the proposed project status and supplementary fund raising available to the Pre-School for this project. The Pre-School confirmed in writing that the project has not yet been implemented or an order placed for the requirement in the school year starting in September 2017. They also confirmed that the project will cost more than stated in their original application and that they have secured around £350 to date from fund raising events. On this basis I have confirmed to them that the Council will award a grant of £800 when they can provide definitive confirmation that an order has been placed and/or provide an invoice.

2. NEW COUNCILLORS – REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS – The documented interests of all new councillors have been registered with the WC Monitoring Officer, approved and published on the WC Website (with a link from the UPC website under Localism Act 2011). Can I remind all councillors that if your circumstances change in relation to any of the interest categories, then you should let me know so that I can update records with WC.

3. AUDIT OF 2016/17 ACCOUNTS – The internal auditor is expected to return all documents and complete his section on the Annual Return by 9th June, to date I have not had received any requests for clarification or identification of issues. This will then facilitate submission of the required documents to the external auditor prior to the deadline of 16th June. The unaudited Annual Return will be published on the UPC website on 12th June 2017 in accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 to facilitate commencement of the 'exercise of public rights' to inspect the accounts over a period of 30 working days commencing on 19th June 2017.

Bob Lunn
8th June 2017

B. Extending 30mph speed zone on B3098

Background

Urchfont Parish Council (UPC) has a long-term ambition to extend the 30 mph speed zone on the B3098 at both the western and eastern end of the village. The obvious manifestation of this to date is the introduction of a 40mph zone at the western end of the village, which has introduced this buffer zone between the existing speed limit of 30mph at Blackboard Lane and the 50mph zone which exists further west and runs through to Easterton.

It is now time to turn attention to the eastern end of the village.

Proposed course of action

Following consultation with our Wiltshire Councillor (who formerly held the WC portfolio for Highways), we should submit a proposal to the local Community Area Transport Group (CATg) for speed measurements to be taken at the eastern end of the village, in the vicinity of the informal crossing, the junction of Walnut Close and the current end of the 30mph limit (heading east).

The hope is that speed measurements obtained may be low enough to support introduction of a lower speed limit zone at the eastern end of the village. Unlike the situation at the western end (where we have the interim introduction of a 40mph zone), it may be possible to persuade transport planners to simply extend the 30mph zone to encompass Crooks Lane.

Proposal

We propose that UPC submits a request to the local CATg for speed measurements to be taken at the area described above. This request should be submitted to the next scheduled CATg meeting.

Graham Day/Richard Hawkins
7th June 2017

C. Community Speedwatch – Renewal and Relaunch

Introduction, Responsibilities and Purpose

Community Speedwatch falls within the Highways Portfolio of Urchfont Parish Council (UPC). I have been responsible for this since I joined UPC in 2013 – initially in a solo role and latterly in conjunction with Trevor Hill. Following the recent election of a new Council, Trevor is going to concentrate on his Planning Portfolio and Richard Hawkins will replace him. Therefore, subject to approval at the June meeting, Richard and I will share responsibility for Highways.

The purpose of this note is to:

- i) Briefly describe the history of Community Speedwatch in Urchfont
- ii) Advise UPC of forthcoming changes to Community Speedwatch in Wiltshire;
- iii) Secure UPC support to a relaunch of the scheme. This could embrace use of new IT to help administer and coordinate the running of the team.

Background

Community Speedwatch commenced in Urchfont in 2011 and has remained continuously in existence until recently under the leadership of David Myers and Colin Whitehead. For all of that time, the team has operated

from approved locations along the B3098 and has therefore concentrated on monitoring traffic on that road within a 30mph zone. David has logged the following information from 6 years of operation:

	2011-2017	2013-2017
Speeders recorded	7989	5649
Of which:		
Letters due	6929	4972
Visits requested	705	483
> 3 occurrences – Registered Keeper targetted	355	194

Wiltshire Police assumed responsibility for Community Speedwatch in September 2013 and according to information supplied by the Wiltshire Police Community Speedwatch Coordinator, approximately 2394 letters have been issued to motorists using information supplied by the Urchfont team. In addition, a further 67 letters have been issued to repeat offenders and 154 requests for home visits by police officers have been made. Despite this, the Community Speedwatch Team and Wiltshire Police acknowledge that there have been recent difficulties in the communication of the statistics and the support for teams by attending officers, something that the Urchfont Team has not been alone in noticing.

UPC successfully applied for the introduction of a 20mph speed zone within the main boundaries of Urchfont village. During 2016, Wiltshire Council supported the use of metro strips to monitor traffic movements along the High Street, Top Green and Blackboard Lane. The standard statistics produced by the exercise were generally excellent, suggesting that there is a substantial degree of compliance with the new speed limits along High Street and Top Green. However, the results along Blackboard Lane showed lower compliance and therefore this section of road is eligible to be designated for 2 new approved Speedwatch sites.

I am aware that statistics do not tell the whole story, and residents on all three roads can provide anecdotal evidence of some speeding still taking place. However, the fact is that the majority of drivers are generally driving within or near the established speed limits. I believe that continued operation of Community Speedwatch both in Urchfont and across Wiltshire will reinforce the message about care in driving speed being essential in residential areas.

Current Situation

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Wiltshire Police (WP) and the Community Speedwatch Support Team (CSWST) are working on buttressing the support for, and operation of, Community Speedwatch. The following personnel developments have been confirmed:

- 1) Community Speedwatch is now to be managed by Inspector James Brain (who also manages the Special Constabulary) and Ps1909 Paul Harvey. Both report to Superintendent Phil Staynings, who is Head of Crime Prevention in Wiltshire Police.
- 2) Leanne Homewood 3479 is to continue as Community Speedwatch Coordinator for Wiltshire Police, based in Trowbridge, and reports to Ps Harvey.

This leadership team named above are seeking to review and refresh the operation of Community Speedwatch, simplifying the IT input required and using Special Constables to support Community Speedwatch teams via direct personal involvement. They are proposing to be far more proactive in their approach to communications, aiming for regular meetings with team leaders across the county. These are laudable ambitions. Time will tell, and I would propose to invite a senior representative from the team to attend a future UPC meeting to report back on how well the programme is going. A possible date for this would be March 2018.

In the meantime, I attach a copy of the March 2017 end of year report to give you all a flavour of the scale of Community Speedwatch in Wiltshire.

Urchfont Developments

Both David Myers and Colin Whitehead have indicated their desire to continue their roles with Community Speedwatch. To date, much of the local administration has fallen on David's shoulders, and I am discussing with him and Colin some alternative means by which he could check the availability of individuals and therefore assemble teams. An open platform, ideally linked to the UPC website, might facilitate a most-

desirable increase in volunteer numbers and help reposition the perceived status from solely "catching speeders" to being an activity which contributes to a reduction of risk and an enhancement to the ambience of the village. With our focus very firmly on the safety of the younger and older members of our community, we should all be able to identify with the objective "Driving Down Speed – Driving Up Safety".

Graham R Day
7thJune 2017

This note has been drafted with the help of David Myers, Colin Whitehead and Leanne Homewood (Wiltshire Police Community Speedwatch Coordinator).