



Full Council Meeting 10/02/2022: Clerk's Report - Appendix 21/115

Updates

- Community Speedwatch: The equipment has been delivered along with a demonstration of the Automatic Speed Watch Camera. Westcotec will be supplying a further tripod and the required software. Five councillors have undertaken the online training. Proposed locations need to be logged onto the system and approved for use by Thames Valley Police. The Council's insurance company will be informed, and contact will be made with West Berkshire Council's (WBC) Traffic and Road Safety Team.
- The precept request and a copy of SMPC's Summary 2022/2023 budget, which supports the precept submission, was submitted to WBC on the 24th January.
- Cllr. Lewis and the Clerk attended the online WBC Library Review. This was an informal session with representatives from several towns and parishes. In looking at the needs of communities it was identified that libraries can play a role in IT provision, social needs and reducing isolation, group activities and through its resources, support for both low-income families and those with income pressures. Areas lacking were identified as meeting the needs of all age groups, especially teenagers, promoting the resources available and the lack of education from an early age in how to use a library and its resources. Of those councils that make a voluntary contribution, most recognised that this was necessary to maintain a service and that such contributions give stakeholders a voice. The Clerk has requested further information about "Friends of Lambourn Library". This is a group which was established when Lambourn was in danger of losing its library and now supports the current WBC library provision in Lambourn. WBC may undertake a further consultation depending on any proposed changes to the service.