

# **Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council**

**Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee Meeting 02/02/2023**

**Speed Indicator Device (SID) and Automatic Speed Watch Camera (ASWC)**

## **Agenda item 22/029 1:**

- c. To receive an update on the AWSC and confirm the procedures for operational deployment.**

## **Group Co-Ordinator**

The Clerk, as Group Co-Ordinator, has completed the training.

## **Group Operators**

To date training has been undertaken by the following councillors:

- Graham Bridgman
- Nick Carter
- Mike Dennett
- Dave Kilshaw
- Chris Lewis
- Amanda Marsden

Cllr. Geary has been provided with the details for the training and one ex-councillor, who undertook the training, remains on the list as a group operator.

Anyone wishing to rewatch the vides can find them in the CSW Portal under "Training"  
<https://communityspeedwatch.org/FRONT-v2-Home.php?mr=0>.

It is recommended that Operators regularly play the Vehicle Make Recognition Game as part of their continuous training and to increase their accuracy levels. There is also a Number Plate Recognition game aimed at groups who have to manually recognise and record the relevant data. Our system should provide make and number plate details whilst processing the images after the session, but we still need to be sure that these are correct. Games can be found in the CSW Portal under "Training".

## CSW Sites

### The criteria for sites are:

- They must be within the area the group intends to operate.
- There must be a clear line of sight of at least 100m to the approaching or leaving vehicles in the intended observed direction.
- The site must have a safe area of at least 2m from the edge of the road to allow pedestrian room to pass the operators without needing to step into the road. There must also be a safe exit path away from the carriageway.
- CSW activity does not block the entrance to or exit from affected properties.
- Landowners must give their express permission for use of their land for CSW activity if a site is on private land.
- CSW operators and their activity is clearly visible to drivers of approaching vehicles.
- Vehicles must be monitored on the same side of the carriageway as the camera.

Other criteria will automatically disqualify a site request.

### To date the following sites have been approved for use:

- Victoria Road adjacent to College Piece – traffic heading South East
- Victoria Road opposite College Piece junction – traffic heading North West
- West End Road alongside the Alfred Palmer Memorial Field – traffic heading East
- Hammonds Heath at the entrance to the gate to The Fairground field – traffic heading North.
- St Catherine's Hill near Sweetzer's Piece – traffic heading North East
- The Street Opposite the Horse and Groom – traffic heading East

### The following sites were not approved:

- St Catherine's Hill near Sweetzer's Piece – traffic heading South West – no emergency escape route.
- West End Road opposite car park – traffic heading West. No escape route beyond the pavement and no 2m allowance for pedestrians.

## CSW Sessions

- The Co-Ordinator books sessions in the Booking Calendar on the CSW Portal. One off sessions can be booked or a series of sessions for a "campaign".

- Details such as site, time and Operator names must be provided for each session, but these can be changed if needs be. At least 2 Operators are required for each session but up to 4 can be added.
- An email is sent to each Operator giving them details of the session.
- Hardcopy Speedwatch Data capture sheets for the session are automatically produced with all known details completed.
- For sessions booked in advance, Operators will receive reminders via email 1 week ahead, the day before and on the day.
- After a session, the details of the offending vehicles need to be recorded on the Portal. Until we run a live session, it is unclear how the data captured by our system can be uploaded to the portal.
- Any data added to the Portal is sent to the police daily for processing.
- Operators are sent an email thanking them and confirming the number of vehicles recorded.

## **Other Points**

- New volunteers need to undertake the online training followed by training in using the device. At present Cllr Dennett can provide this training on request. The system can then be updated to set their training status to “Approved” which enables them to participate in a session.
- The Booking Calendar has an “Availability” function which can be used to request and receive the availability of Operators when a new session has been booked. This function needs to be switched on.

*Clerk – 27/01/2023*