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This paper is for DECISION

Traffic Speed Management – St Mary's School

Resolution

To **Resolve** to:-

Purchase two traffic management signs, per the quote attached, to encourage motorists to reduce/limit their speed when passing St Mary's Junior School, and provide traffic speed data to the council.

Cost: **£9050** + VAT (supply and install). **£650** + VAT per annum, optional maintenance.

Summary

Governors of Mortimer Federation, who oversee Mortimer infant and junior schools, asked the parish council to support their desire to manage/reduce traffic speed outside the schools, to reduce the risk of an accident. The matter is understood to have been discussed between the two parties. In 2024, a local district councillor engaged with the West Berks Council traffic safety officer, to establish/confirm WBC's position/advice. The established that whilst WBC will recommend (and supports) signage, it's not currently prepared to fund it. A joint funding by parish/district council was explored by the parish council in Autumn 2024 but an alternative project was preferred.

The proposed signs, detailed in the quote, both serve as education to motorists and a means of the parish council's obtaining speed date (traffic volume, speed, time) to assist speed monitoring/management.

This paper proposes that rather than wait for the Autumn for another opportunity to consider seeking joint parish/district funding, the parish council now fully funds install and maintenance of two such signs, in place of two existing. Those existing signs don't indicate driver speed, excess speed or provide speed data.

Supporting Information

Devices are supplied with a 6-year warranty. The paper proposed that the optional annual maintenance check and panel clear is taken up/planned in. Post-warranty repair (year 7 onwards) is discussed in the quote.

Under their normal configuration settings, the signs display the speed of each approaching vehicle and the "school zone" flashes when that speed exceeds 30 mph. The trigger speed can be changed if desired.

Traffic speed/time data is obtainable from the device(s) via Bluetooth to an Android device and then uploaded onto a web-based platform.

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