

Waltham Parish Council

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Maintenance and Capital Spending Priorities 2020/21

Results of Public Participation Survey

Introduction.

Waltham Parish Council (WPC) has set aside £4,000 for general maintenance and Capital Expenditure in the current financial year. As always need outstrips the resources available and expenditure items need to be prioritised. Councillors came up with six ideas including the provision of new notice boards; maintenance to the bus shelter; shelving for the telephone kiosk and painting; and speed restrictions. WPC invited suggestions from parishioners on other items that will be of benefit to the Parish. This discussion paper summarises the responses received, draws conclusions, and recommends further action.

Survey Responses:

To date nineteen responses have been received via Facebook, individual emails, and the website. The following is a summary of the main points raised:

- : Strongly against traffic calming, all this means is the entire village suffers for something that is generally, not their fault.
- : A Laser gun set to 30.5 mph.
- : Electronic speed sensor sign on approach to village from the Petham direction.
- : Can a PC authorise road sign and speed limits?
- : Positive and negative comments about use of speed bumps.
- : Conversation thread about cleaning of road signs.
- : Shelving out the phone box – ensure budget includes good quality (thick) marine ply or blockboard for the shelves to prevent warping.
- : Extend the 30mph zone further along Richdore Road to Vision Power.
- : Suggest that it needs a calming system or sleeping policemen.
- : Suggest that 30mph signs could be enhanced by gateway and red surface treatment.
- : Suggest a 40mph speed limit between Bedford House and Hault Farm to include the Anvil Green junction.
- : Suggest extending 30mph limit is extended to the bottom of Church Lane rather than just past the pumping station, to make life safer for walkers, riders, drivers and walls.

Conclusions:

The overwhelming view of parishioners who responded are that traffic calming measures are *the* priority. The Survey may be published in the September edition of PAWnews, further comments may be received, and these will be reported verbally at the WPC meeting.

WPC has discretionary powers under the Highways Act 1980 (s.274A) to make payments to a highway authority for traffic calming schemes for the benefit of the Council's area, and it is

recommended that Capital be set aside to part fund a scheme with the intention of seeking further grant funding.

Recommended further action:

KCC have published a **New Highway Works Requests Information Pack (October 2019)**. It is **recommended** that this be used to develop a formal option appraisal as part of WPC's Highways Improvement Plan and as a basis for formal consultation with KCC.

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