

<b>Agenda item no.</b>	17
<b>Report to</b>	Burwash Parish Council (BPC)
<b>Subject</b>	Traffic Strategy Update
<b>From</b>	The Clerk

### **Summary**

It was agreed in March 2019 that the Parish Council would delegate authority to the Clerk to spend up to £800 for advice and the traffic surveys (assuming ESCC will pay 50% towards the surveys) to identify a suitable end point for the 20mph zone at the western end of the village. The Clerk and the Chair have liaised with ESCC who have given an update of the situation.

### **Response from Team Manager Road Safety**

The email has been summarised outlining the key points:

1. Brian Banks has discussed the potential 20 mph speed limit with the Sussex Police Traffic Management Officer how have confirmed that, in principle, they would not object to a 20 mph speed limit through the village. This is, subject to identifying a suitable termination point at the western end for the 20mph zone. He confirms that he would like to see two sets of speed data to help inform the process.
2. Two sets of data will establish how far west from the end of the built up section of High Street a 20 mph speed limit is likely to be self-enforcing and whether the existing 40mph speed limit could be reduced to 30mph.
3. To be effective a speed limit should reflect what an 'average' driver perceives as being a safe speed, this ensure the highest level of self-compliance and reduces the gap between the fastest and slowest drivers. This is proven to produce the safest environment in terms of speed limit compliance and casualty reduction rates. Unfortunately drivers do not reduce their speed just because the speed limit has been lowed.
4. ESCC would be looking for an average speed of no more than 32mph for a 30 mph speed limit and 41 mph for a 40 mph speed limit. If the average speed were to exceed the required level ESCC can discuss this with Sussex Police to identify some low cost measures that can be used if the averages are only just above the required speed.
5. If the average speeds are too high it will be necessary to implement traffic engineered measures to ensure that the speed limit is effect, this could be very expensive and run into many £1000s.

### **Funding the Speed Tests**

ESCC confirmed they would pay 50% of the costs so Burwash PC will only be paying £400 towards these costs.

### **Resolution**

Councillors are asked to note this report.