



## Safer Village Driving

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### SAVID Community Group Meeting

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 at Burgh Schoolroom 7:30 p.m.

#### MINUTES

1. **Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting** and to the Burgh School Room. (The new SAVID rep from Swilland and Witnesham, Mr Matt Johnson, was introduced later in the meeting after a slightly delayed arrival)
2. **To receive apologies from SAVID members not attending:** Martin Lyne (Charsfield) and Stephen Whinney (Burgh).

Present:

Edward Creasy (Chair, Burgh), Tony Fryatt (Clopton), Don Taylor (Debach), Colin Hedgley (Treasurer, Great Bealings), Denise Head (Little Bealings), Matt Johnson (Swilland & Witnesham), Terry Everett (Swilland & Witnesham), Pauline Procter (Tuddenham) and Steve Barron (Secretary).

In attendance:

Dave Chenery (SCC Highways), Gillian Benjamin (SCDC Active Communities Team) and Beth Taylor.

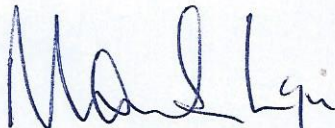
3. **Public Participation Session –**

In the absence of any residents from Burgh attending, Chair gave a background to the road safety issues in and around the village, explaining that Burgh was a large "countryside" parish with 73 dwellings.

There had been an historical problem with a Gressingham Foods Ipswich based workers' vehicles speeding through the centre of the village but this was now resolved. Two main areas of focus currently are:

1. Extending the 30 mph speed limits to dwellings outside the village.
2. Preventing HGVs driving through the village, in particular, Mill Hill, where large HGVs get stuck on the bottom bend roughly every three weeks. Full records of incidents are kept and reported to Suffolk Highways Authority.

When asked by Don Taylor "How could SAVID assist Burgh?", Chair suggested putting pressure on SCC Highways and SC Cllrs. The main aim was to replace HGV advisory signage at the top and bottom of Mill Hill with prohibitive signs, if money was available – and this had been promised by SHA but not yet delivered.

  
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4. **To approve minutes from the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

Agreed as a true record.

5. **Matters arising- including new SAVID structure and rotation of meetings.**

**Rota:** Martin Lyne should be notified for hosting the next SAVID meeting. Venue TBD. It was noted to remind hosting village to pay any hall hire fee.

**Structure:** Chair raised concerns as to whether all members were happy with the new SAVID structure and suggested each village should feedback their views to SAVID. **Secretary to email all members and ask for feedback.**

6. **Treasurer's report.**

Current Balance £1400.52p

There had been two credit payments into the account of £500.00p each from SCDC grants which meant that SAVID was now adequately funded, although the vast majority of this amount had been earmarked towards the purchase of a SID the reserves would be ring fenced apart from administration costs and web site subscriptions.

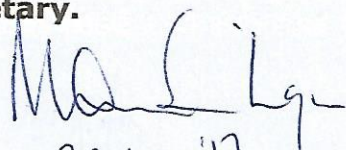
7. **Developing the web-site for SAVID**

Secretary reported that the web site, since formal launch, had not been easy to find via search engines. He had taken steps in the configuration to improve this and this is now much improved. Secretary added that he had modified the layout of the pages such that "About SAVID" had reduced content, enabling more content on the Home page, which was a better design.

Feedback from the meeting on the website was very positive.

8. **Progressing the purchase and use of SID/VAS equipment**

SAVID still needs to find funds for a purchase from £3-£4k for a VAS/SID with data collection in order to demonstrate the need for speed restriction signage seen as a priority. David Chenery reported that SC Cllr Vickery's highways budget had been drastically reduced due mainly to an over spend. An example of overspend was the work undertaken in Charsfield. So the hoped for grant funding from this source for a VAS/SID was now unlikely. Other Highways funding pots were being tried, but no success so far. There was a meeting due on 11<sup>th</sup> August (a subset of Suffolk Road Safe Committee) after which more may be known. It was mentioned that the Police Commissioner Tim Passmore may have a budget which could be pursued, but that this was for bigger more county wide projects and a different case would have to be made. **Gillian Benjamin said she would investigate possible funding options and report back to the secretary.**

  
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Chair suggested that SAVID should own this once agreed. Colin Hedgley (Treasurer) suggested this would be a registered asset for SAVID as part of the accounting structure.

Insurance, ownership and maintenance of the device needed to be addressed. **Pauline Procter offered to chair one meeting, the outcome of which would attempt to agree appropriate arrangements for SAVID's ownership and insurance for the SID. This was agreed by the members, several of whom expressed their desire to attend.**

**9. A Review/audit of current speed awareness systems in participating villages**

Matt Johnson gave the meeting an overview of a recent speed initiative groups findings in Swilland and Witnesham and reported that 30 mph repeaters are no longer replaced by SCC Highways due to a legislation change. He questioned the high design fees mentioned for projects such as the one at Charsfield and said it was difficult to take the initiatives chosen by the PC, in order to meet the road safety needs of the villages, to the next stage. i.e. How do we cost it?

Chair suggested that the different needs of the individual villages needed to be identified and collected. These would not just be speeding, but all road safety areas such as HGVs etc.

Don Taylor made a formal proposal, **"That by the end of October 2017, to capture, on one piece of A4, each village's needs priority in terms of safer driving, not just speeding"** Chair reminded the meeting of the relevant points within the SAVID constitution to help. **The proposal was carried.**

Feedback on the initiatives grid: Tuddenham had responded to suggest CSW signage (Speed Watch area notices), road side entrance gates and wheelie bin stickers dependent on their costing and locations chosen. Swilland and Witnesham had no specific feedback on the SAVID grid, but did find this helpful when PC investigated potential speeding initiatives.

**10. Correspondence, Date of next meeting and items to be raised.**

No correspondence.

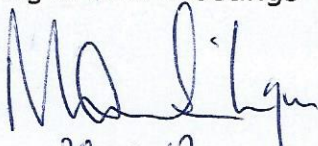
Date of next meeting:

In the absence of Martin Lyne, the date suggested at this meeting was mid-November, actual date was to be decided and confirmed with Martin.

David Chenery reported that SCC Highways could advise SAVID with education and publicity of road safety potential. **The meeting decided this would be a new agenda item for the November SAVID meeting.**

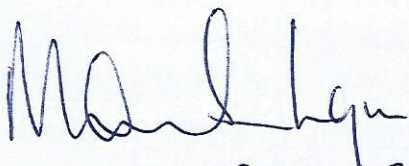
Denise Head raised an issue with car parking by Little Bealings school, but would take this back to the Parish Council.

Don Taylor publicly thanked David Chenery for attending SAVID meetings and his contributions were much appreciated.

  
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Pauline Procter suggested that it would be good to have Rod Gardener from Community Speed Watch at SAVID meetings if he could attend. **Secretary will include Rod in the invitation list.**

Meeting closed at 9:15 pm

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