

# **Safer Village Driving**

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# SAVID Community Group Meeting Minutes Thursday 2nd February, 2023 at 6.30pm. Held remotely via Zoom

# 1. Chairperson's introduction and welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the SAVID group meeting on Zoom. Condolences were offered to Ted Herrington's family on his recent passing. Playford Parish Council is still to appoint a new SAVID representative.

## 2. To receive apologies from people not attending

Peter Hudson (Westerfield)

Present:

Pauline Procter **PP** (Chair, Tuddenham), Colin Hedgley **CH** (Treasurer, Great Bealings), Andy Dungey **AD** (Vice-Chair, Swilland & Witnesham), Geoff Caryer **GC** (Grundisburgh PC), Bob Crouch **BC** (Grundisburgh), Jane Hall **JH** (Martlesham), Mike Garnham **MG** (Little Bealings), James Wright **JW** (Rushmere St Andrew), Mike Bowers (Otley), David Chenery **DC** (SCC Highways), Tanya Fosdick (Advisor), Secretary.

**3. To approve minutes from the meeting held on 24th November, 2022** The minutes of the SAVID meeting dated 24th November, 2022 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by CH, seconded by MG.

# 4. Matters arising not covered by this agenda - N/A

## 5. SAVID verbal update reports

a) SCC Highways updates

**Road Safety initiatives** DC attended briefly to advise that all SAVID enquiries should now be directed to Mike Mottrem. PP is in touch with him. **Quiet Lanes** Legal consent has been granted for the last wave '4' including Tuddenham and Swilland & Witnesham.

b) Update by SAVID reps on local issues:

**Rushmere St Andrew** JW updated that CSW was back in operation in Playford Road, following a quiet Dec/Jan. SID data is now being analysed and will inform CSW scheduling - the new reports show speeding at lunchtime (12-1, 1-2), in addition to morning and evening rushhour peaks. 75mph on Foxhall Road and 65mph on Playford Road had been logged. Broke Hall Primary children now have Hi-Viz jackets from the CP project. **Martlesham** JH advised that her predecessor Stephen Denton still runs SID and will be providing the latest report to January. He has asked to be put in touch with TK. 2 pressing traffic concerns for Martlesham residents are: the A12 layby (backing on to Lancaster Road) which is subject to unpleasant driver behaviour and concerns its shielding trees may be removed; and the high traffic volumes and back up at the Tesco Mini roundabout. It is hoped forthcoming works to the A12 will alleviate both.

**Great Bealings** CH reported the fixed SID battery issues have been resolved. CSW stopped in Nov and will restart in March. A12 closures are diverting extremely heavy traffic volumes onto the C324.

**Grundisburgh** GC hopes to resume CSW in February following staffing challenges. The Parish Council is funding a new SID: 4 models have been evaluated including solar power. Battery longevity and compatibility with existing posts/brackets are common shortfalls, so acquiring another Westotec is the likely outcome. The Parish Council is seeking resident input for further CIL spending - early indications are that traffic calming is of high concern. Lorries for the Hopkins Homes development are using unsuitable roads and causing damage. It has been established that a recently installed camera on the B1079 is for monitoring the bridge.

**Little Bealings** MG reported that the SID was deployed in the 20mph zone in January. The Village Hall site recorded 85th percentile at 27.9mph, with a top speed of 45mph. Newsflash: an imminent date has just been received for ANPR on Martlesham Road and Playford Road (Rushmere)

**Swilland & Witnesham** The first SID post is in place. 2 padlocks and 3 mounting brackets need to be purchased. Lt Bealings have a spare bracket that could be borrowed. BC will send installation guidelines. There are still concerns about the school crossing which is in a 60mph->30mph zone. AD will check whether the students have been issued with the CP hi-viz jackets.

**Tuddenham** High traffic volumes are a likely cause of the battery problem with the original SID. PP advised there has been no CSW recently. Quiet Lanes have been approved, though signage siting is still to be confirmed.

**Otley** MB confirmed the Westotec is solar powered. Sec to ask for details about ease of installation and charging. Dan Poulter MP has been contacted over problems on the B1079 with lorry volumes/size being unable to pass and causing damage in Otley Bottom. There are felt to be inconsistencies with speed limits ranging from 60mph-30mph. PP proposed that lorry issues across SAVID are collated for escalating to Highways. JW seconded.

**Westerfield** In his absence PH had sent concerns about the volume of traffic being experienced, and the current SID data indicating no response in terms of driver behaviour.

## 6. Treasurer's report

The accounts and statement had been circulated. There were no questions.

## 7. Community Partnership Road Traffic & Safety fund for new SID

The solar-powered solution in Alpheton is still under consideration. A zoom to investigate the data capability to be arranged by the Sec. BC/GC/TK /PP to attend if possible. Wickham Market had shared details of the Elan solar-powered SID as an alternative. GC had evaluated Elan but had concerns about small battery size requiring weekly charging plus requirement for a maintenance contract. A final decision will be made on April 6th.

## 8. 2023 Activity Calendar

Any relevant events to be sent to the Secretary. SAVID will be 8 in June.

#### 9. Shared approaches on Speed Enforcement & Data Reports

TK shared analysis of SAVID SID data against ACPO guidelines. The overall indications were that the % over ACPO and traffic volumes are too low to receive police enforcement activity (with one exception (Grundisburgh)).

It was concluded that there is still value in TK consolidating SAVID data. It can be used to inform 'mass action' along Grundisburgh/Tuddenham, Rushmere/Martlesham corridors, with better insights into time of day/day of week for increasing the quantity or frequency (same time of day for a run of days) of CSW to increase the perceived risk of detection (as evidenced during Road Safety Week). Changes over time will also be monitored. BC to advise Tuddenham (JimB) on extracting data into .csv files

SATNAV/telematics speed data is commercially available and could be used to build a picture of volumes over the SAVID network and highlight locations where police enforcement could be sought. The Quiet Lanes project used this data. Mike Mottrem will be contacted for assistance (PP). TK will check whether lorries can be identified within it.

TK was thanked for her very insightful advice and report. (Copy attached).

## 10. Membership

Otley & Westerfield will be contacted to formalise SAVID membership. Sec

## **11.** Use of SID/VAS equipment update

The Grundisburgh/Tuddenham rota will change to include Swilland (February - Grundisbugh, March - Swilland, April - Tuddenham)

#### 12. Website

It was agreed to look at updating the website - Sec.

#### 13. Date of next meeting and items to be raised

The next meetings are 6 Apr; 1 June. 14 Sept. was provisionally added to the rolling 2023 calendar. The meeting closed at 8pm.

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