



Safer Village Driving

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SAVID Community Group Meeting

Wednesday 29th November 2017
At Charsfield Village Hall 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting** and to Charsfield Village Hall.
2. **To receive apologies from SAVID members not attending:** Matt Johnson (Swiland and Winesham)
Additionally, Gillian Benjamin (SCDC Active Communities Team).

Present:

Martin Lyne (Chair, Charsfield), Tony Fryatt (Clopton), Don Taylor (Debach), Colin Hedgley (Treasurer, Great Bealings), Denise Head (Little Bealings), Edward Creasy (Burgh), Pauline Procter (Tuddenham), Bob Crouch (Grundisburgh) and Steve Barron (Secretary).

In attendance:

SC Cllr Robin Vickery, Dave Chenery (SCC Highways), Ken Coulling and Rod Curtis (Community Speed Watch "CSW" Landmark House) and five members of the public.

3. **Public Participation Session –**
A member of the public asked about the possibility of speed enforcement or a VAS in the road by Charsfield school and also on the east side of the village. **Martin Lyne agreed to look into this.**
Another member of the public asked about a mobile SID used by the Constabulary in Charsfield. Could this be done by a willing volunteer?
Pauline Procter commented that there were constraints by SCC Highways on where devices can be placed. SAVID strategy was that SCC put up posts free of charge at agreed verified locations.
SC Cllr Robin Vickery stated that he would assist funding of a SID for SAVID when fresh money is forthcoming in May 2018.
4. **To approve minutes from the meeting held on 3rd August 2017.**

Agreed as a true record.

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

Chair Rotation: Discussion was around defining a SAVID Chairman's role. Martin Lyne and Colin Hedgley both thanked Don Taylor for his work as SAVID chair in the past. Under the current rotation, there was a lurking issue that the current Treasurer's role was not allowed to be Chairman also, due to a conflict of interest and this would eventually occur in the current schedule. Aspects considered about the role included skills, time commitment, lobbying, action points and accountability. In order to help define the role the following was agreed as an **action: All villages to define their version of "SAVID Chairman's role" and to submit to the secretary who would share with Martin Lyne.**

6. Treasurer's report.

a) Moving to online banking.

Colin Hedgley asked the meeting to approve a move to online banking as a local branch had closed and this impacted the access to a convenient branch location. **The move to online banking was approved by the meeting.**

It was asked about any audit requirements and Colin Hedgley advised that he would contact a book keeper to address this.

Current Balance £1400.52p (same as August meeting)
There had been two invoices received for secretarial services totalling £154.34 with cheques pending. Hence the new implied balance would now be £1246.18

7. SAVID web-site

Secretary reported that other than uploading minutes etc, there had been no request from SAVID to develop further as yet. It was commented that the website was a good illustration of SAVID.

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

a) Equal Opportunities Policy.

As part of the Exemplar SCDC grant process, SAVID needed to have an Equality Policy. Secretary had drafted a policy and circulated prior to the meeting. **Chair asked the meeting to approve and adopt the draft Equality Policy: Carried**

Further to SAVID seeking a grant from Exemplar fund, Pauline Procter reported that there was quite a lot of detail required and that SAVID seemed to fit the criteria. **Action: Pauline Procter will send the grant document to the secretary and Tony Fryatt to check it.**

The question of insurance was discussed. Since the working party meeting in October, a quote had been obtained from a broker for SAVID insurance of an owned SID. The amount was quoted was much higher than expected. Further consideration would be given to SAVID gifting a SID to a controlling

beneficiary Parish Council along with a joint agreement for other SAVID member villages for use and insurance. Each village would have their own existing H&S insurance. Pauline Procter asked which villages could be a potential beneficiary or sponsor. **Action: Martin Lyne would take this to Charsfield Parish Council.**

The Community Speed Watch representatives suggested that CSW could email SAVID secretary with details of an existing shared SID arrangement of which CSW were aware of, so that it could be understood how it was run in terms of shared insurance etc. This offer was welcomed.

9. A review/audit of current speed awareness systems in participating villages. Reported member villages needs priorities in terms of safer driving, not just speeding.

A matter arising from August meeting was the follow up of a resolution *"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"*

Secretary had received several responses which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Pauline Procter assisted by commenting that there seemed to some common threads, e.g.

- Extending 30mph limits
- 40mph might be more applicable in some circumstances
- Additional marking, gates and road strips
- Signs and white lines are in a poor state
- HGVs using unsuitable roads
- Community Speed Watch was struggling in some villages

Dave Chenery (SCC Highways) was asked to comment on the above. It was stated that a pot of money from Speed Awareness courses, some of which was allocated this year, had been used up to help fund average speed cameras, some went into local rural safety schemes and some to support the Police (Drug driver detection). It was commented further that considering the stats sent to the Chief Constable, that the common threads bulleted above are common problems and are all inclined to have budget cuts. Any potential funding from the PCC would need to benefit the whole of Suffolk, so no good for local initiatives. There is little funding available. Reliance on CSW and SAVID is more relevant currently.

Action: Martin Lyne to arrange a working party meeting "Initiatives and Priorities" from the above and agree how SAVID can support.

10. SCC Highways to offer advice to SAVID about potential education and publicity of road safety.

David Chenery reminded the meeting of the existence of SCC "Suffolk Road Safe" and D of T "Think" websites which are excellent sources of information and resources (e.g. posters). The links to these sites existed on SAVID website. The question was considered of what SAVID could do differently? e.g. Sharing the above resources between villages and possibly promoting CSW. **Action: Secretary to email all members Parish Council Clerks and request that SAVID website link be added to the Parish Councils' own websites.**

Don Taylor suggested that **SAVID should consider a "Speed Awareness Day"**. **This was agreed in principle by the meeting.**

11. Date of next meeting and items to be raised.

As representatives from CSW were present, chair referred to the October CSW News and requested that some explanation on the increasing numbers of "Police Discretion" outcomes trending in the news letter could be given to the meeting. The question actually asked was "What could be done to help Police reduce Discretion outcomes?"

Rod Curtis from CSW gave an overview of CSW, including defining how the criteria in the data collected resulted in "Police Discretion". Specific village statistics were shared verbally which was of great interest to those present.

Date of next meeting TBD.

Meeting closed at 9:45 pm