

**REPORT TO SALEHURST & ROBERTSBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING ON 10 JULY 2023
FROM TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP**

Summary of Recommendations for PCM Approval & Decision

1. **Approve** the purchase of additional battery – **cost = £95-00**
2. **Approve** the purchase of additional posts & back plates –
cost = £446-56
3. **Approve** purchase of additional “smiley-face”, solar powered VAS unit at a cost of **£3,315-00**
4. **Decide** on initial area of application for 20s Plenty:
 - a) limited area option: area near the school on George Hill, approximately from Blenheim Court to Parish Office; or
 - b) wider central option: approximately from Blenheim Court to no.1 High Street and up to hump-back bridge on Station Road.

MEETING ON 28 JUNE 2023 OF TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

The Transport Working Group (TWG) met once since the last PCM – on 28th June 2023.

In attendance were David Todd (DT) (Chair), Clive Cooke (CC), Jim Tucker (JT), Dawn Hill (DH) and Roger Palamarczuk (RP).

Apologies were received from Gillian Branford.

VAS – Installation

First VAS was installed on 25 April 2023 on lamppost no 10 on the side of the **Clappers travelling north**. Feedback was well received and various people commented on seeing vehicles braking on noticing the VAS indicating a speed above 30mph.

The VAS was then moved to the new post on **Brightling Road travelling east**. Again positive comments have been received.

The plan for the future locations of the unit is shown in Attachment 1.

VAS – Data Capture

This has been more problematic.

[Note post meeting - RP has successfully downloaded the data. It is not yet possible to download this into excel, so he will prepare some summary reports. He will give an oral update at the PCM on 10 July.]

VAS – Lessons learned

Key lessons learned to date are: -

- Battery does not last a full month. We therefore need to have two sets of two batteries to operate more efficiently. **Action:** buy one more battery

- Operationally it is difficult to keep moving the post between the three NAL Retention units. **Action:** buy two more posts and back plates

VAS – Additional unit

At the PCM on 15th May, the TWG were requested to “investigate and obtain a quote for the purchase of a second device (perhaps a smiley face option)”.

This was tabled (see Attachment 2). It was agreed that this item should be solar-powered (although this limits location due to overhanging foliage in some locations) to reduce the number of batteries required.

It was agreed by a majority that the purchase be recommended to the PCM on 10th July.

Signage Project

DT updated the group that ESCC had rejected the removal of some of the road signs for safety reasons. DT indicated that he still wanted to find a better solution with ESCC concerning the 30 mph signage at the entrance to the village from the Northbridge roundabout. **Action:** DT

Letters to Network Rail and RDC are still to be sent. **Action:** DT

20s Plenty

The initial area of application was discussed; two options for the PCM to consider:

- a) limited area option: area near the school on George Hill, approximately from Blenheim Court to Parish Office; or
- b) wider central option: approximately from Blenheim Court to no.1 High Street and up to hump-back bridge on Station Road.

It was agreed to put these two options to the PCM on 10 July.

It was also agreed that discussions with interested areas within the parish should take place later in the summer: -

- Northbridge Street
- Salehurst
- George Hill
- Brightling Road

Names of villagers interested in road safety (including at least one for each of these areas) were collected during the Annual Village meeting.

AOB

1. CC suggested investigating a 30mph sign on the wall at the Clappers;
2. DT indicated that the TWG did not have a Terms of Reference –
Action: DT to draft and circulate

Road	Facing traffic travelling	Location	Post type	Initial period			Status
				from	to	No. of days	
George Hill	North	Road side south of lamp-post no. 3	NAL Ret Socket	30 June 2023	15 August 2023	46	Current

The Clappers	North	Adjacent to cricket field	Lamp-post No 10	25 April 2023	31 May 2023	36	Completed
The Clappers	South	South of EA building on east side of road	NAL Ret Socket	15 August 2023	12 September 2023	28	

Brightling Road	East	Outside "Orchard House"; 7 yards east of telegraph pole	NAL Ret Socket	31 May 2023	30 June 2023	30	Completed
Brightling Road	West	Adjacent to "Brioni"	Lamp-post No 53	12 September 2023	20 October 2023	38	

VAS - INITIAL TIMINGS

VAS PROPOSAL - No 2 - TO PCM

			DT Proposal	Cost
ADDITIONAL SIGN All with data capture	Solar Power		1	£3,315.00
	Slow Down	Smiley Face		
	£3,315.00	£3,315.00		
BATTERY POWER				
Battery Power				
Slow Down				
£2,620.00				
EFFICIENCY OF OPERATION				
Extra battery	Unit cost			
	£95.00		1	£95.00
Extra posts with extra back plates	£223.28		2	£446.56
Proposal to PCM				<u>£3,856.56</u>