

Warham Parish Council – Clerk’s Report 15 July 2021

I have had an email from external auditors to say that our audit for the year 2020/21 is finalised and OK.

I include the letter from TF (initials to be GDPR compliant!) regarding speeding in the village. I have confirmed that the minimum number for a Speedwatch Group is six. If we can find 6 volunteers in the village, this would undoubtedly be the cheapest option. This may also be the most effective solution, as once someone has been “caught” once, they are likely to drive slower in the village in future in case they get caught again, which can lead to a fine or prosecution.

The alternative is a SAM2 radar sign which flashes up the speed of passing vehicles. Highways are keen on these and will give 50% grant towards the cost. They have to be moved around the village at monthly intervals so they need either a very keen volunteer (Tom?) or a group that would undertake this. They can be linked to a data recorder so that statistics can be collected (Steve?) on the number of vehicles passing at different times and the speeds that they are going. Costs are as follows (before the grant): Basic sign £2800, data for laptop with lead £250 or Bluetooth version £350, [NB this works on Microsoft/Android but not Apple/iOS] extra post brackets (after the first) £50, posts (if unable to use highway signs) £89 installed. So the basic setup after the grant would be between £1500 and £2000 – this amount would be affordable if we do not have to spend anything on the new playground.

Barclays have written to me to say that unless we use the £63.03 that sits in the account by 6 August, or pay some more money in, they will close it. I feel the simplest way around this is for me to take an advanced payment on my September salary payment of this amount, to close the account.