



**Meeting of TAG2**  
**7pm, Tuesday 31 January 2023**  
**Dungeon Bar, George Inn, Norton St Philip**

**Notes on the meeting**

**Present: 9**

Michael Walker  
Ian Biggerstaff  
Anna Nixon  
Val Fox  
David Lockley  
Ros Lockley  
Amanda Butcher  
Ailsa Chell  
James Kiff

- 1 Michael welcomed everyone and introduced James Kiff as our new Chair.
- 2 David reported on Community SpeedWatch and AutoSpeedWatch – see pages 2-3..
- 3 ASW: Suggestions were made for improving the siting and angle of view of the unit. A request for a second ASW unit has been put in by David. This would be free but an annual subscription for the data handling software would be payable.
- 4 HGV watch: Val will publish in the Parish News a guide to make it easy for villagers to report overweight HGVs to company transport managers.
- 5 Planters outside the Coop: Val and Ailsa will team up to progress this.

**Apologies**

Christopher Nixon  
Ian Mills  
Ashley Borgman  
Chris Borgman

- 6 Val suggested that TAG should make links with Frome and Villages Bus User Group (FAVBUG) since we have a common purpose of keeping vehicle use down by getting more passengers on the buses
- 7 Ian proposed consideration of a 40mph speed limit from NSP to Faulkland and possibly as far as Terry Hill crossroads.
- 8 Speeding was identified as a priority consideration by the group, and James proposed this could be the focus for the next meeting.

**Next meeting: 7pm on Tuesday 7 March in the Dungeon Bar, George Inn, NSP**

## Community Speed Watch

Despite some negative feedback at the last meeting, we have continued to operate CSWs in the village. Five sessions were completed in December last year, three on Church Street, one on Bath Road and one on Farleigh Road bringing the total for the year to 77 sessions.

Sessions Between 03/01/2022 to 29/12/2022

### Norton St Philip

Site Code	Site Location	Speed Limit	Sessions		Vehicles		Vehicles Above Threshold		% Above Threshold		Av Speed of speeders		Top Speed		Letters		
			Mon	Yr	Mon	Yr	Mon	Yr	Mon	Yr	Mon	Yr	Mon	Yr	Mon	NFA	In Processing
ME0103	Farleigh Road	30	0	1	0	394	0	11	-	2.8%	-	34.6	-	40	-	-	0
ME0105	Bath Road (Norton Grange)	20	0	2	0	284	0	34	-	12.0%	-	31.5	-	42	-	-	0
ME0106	Bath Road (Monmouth Paddock)	20	1	12	131	2,464	5	236	3.8%	9.6%	27.0	32.1	28	40	5	0	0
ME0107	Farleigh Road	20	1	10	273	1,950	36	175	13.2%	9.0%	32.5	33.7	44	44	35	1	0
ME0108	Church Street	20	3	23	402	4,682	41	449	10.2%	9.6%	30.0	32.3	34	44	37	1	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>9,774</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>9.3%</b>			<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

During 2022, the speeds of a total of 9,774 vehicles were checked and 905 (10.2%) were above the threshold of 25mph. Speeds of 40mph and above were frequently recorded at all sites.

Unfortunately, partly due to the cold weather, we have only managed two sessions in January. This week, thanks to the data supplied by CSW sessions and the Speed Indicator Device, there is a special operation by the police Speed Enforcement Unit in our parish and in Frome on 1st and 3rd February. A total of two vans and three motorcycle units will be deployed each day, weather permitting and it is hoped one or two operations will take place during hours of darkness. We have been asked to support the operation by conducting CSW sessions on those days. Chris and Ashley Borgman have volunteered to operate a session on Friday 3rd. Vivienne Bolton, Val Fox and Ailsa Chell have also offered their help for the week beginning the 13th February. Amanda Butcher and Chris and Anna Nixon indicated that they would like to be trained in CSW.

### **AutoSpeedWatch**

The Police trial of accepting data from ASW units has been in operation since the beginning of November last year and is going well. The police will send letters to registered keepers of vehicles which are recorded at least twice over a certain threshold. For our unit on Church Street, this began at 31mph, but has now been reduced to 29mph. During January, we have been able to send details of eight persistent speeders to the police.

Earlier this month, the police announced that they were hoping to set up a fund for the purchase of ASW and SID units. I have put in a request for a second ASW unit which could be located on Farleigh Road if the Parish Council agree. There would be an additional annual subscription, currently £148. This police funding may well encourage other CSW groups to join the trial. The police will only accept reports from these cameras if there is an active CSW group operating in that location. The ASW unit is not a substitute for CSW.

### **HGV Watch**

While it is recognised that the incidence of overweight lorries travelling through the village is lower now than it used to be, thanks largely to Rex Eastment's work in conjunction with the CCTV cameras at the crossroads, there are still many vehicles over 7.5 tonne using the A366 as a short cut. I recorded over 100 during 2022 just through incidental observation. There was a desire to implement a more formal HGV watch. After the meeting I spoke with Linda at the George who said most of the cameras were still operational and she would like the monitoring equipment moving from her lounge to another room in the Plaine which is not used at the moment. Linda believes the equipment is the property of the PC.

David Lockley  
1st February 2023