

**Hurst Green Parish Council  
Supporting Paper**

**Automatic Community Speed Watch**

***Summary of the matter to be discussed***

The A21 and the risks posed to the residents of this Parish consistently feature as a common discussion and a concern with frequent calls for the Parish council to take action towards reducing this risk.

The council has made a number of attempts over the years to engage with other agencies however the feeling of risk is largely not felt by these organisations in the same way that it is by those living in the Parish.

***Details of any considered or known options:***

Option 1: Do nothing – this option is discounted as it does not improve the safety of the Parish or meet request from residents

Option 2: Install an enforcement camera – this option is discounted as permission is required from multiple agencies alongside a significant investment of funds (Circa £100k)

Option 3: Install Automatic Community Speed Watch cameras funded, in full or in majority part, by grants.

***Provide a recommendation:***

It is recommended that we proceed with option 3.

Automatic Community Speed Watch Cameras do not formerly require the same levels of approval as an enforcement camera, this is primarily because the purpose is to deter and educate drivers rather than issue penalty notices.

The installation only requires the issuing of a lamppost attachment licence which is significantly easier to obtain compared to the installation of a new supply of power, supporting pole and concrete base.

Issuing of notices of speeding will continue to be issued by the police and crime commissioner in the same way they would if a community speed watch group manually captured the data using handheld devices and the police can still use the evidence to initiate a prosecution

Each camera costs £11,415

With an annual licence fee of £2,620 – only one annual licence is required despite

the number of cameras

It is recommended that the council approve for the submission of grant applications to seek the funds to cover two camera installs, with the agreement that once funds are raised to cover the cost of one camera this is installed whilst waiting funds for the second.

Sources of funding to be considered but not an exclusive list are:

- Sussex Police and Crime Commission
- Ford Community Grants
- Arnold Clerk Community Grants
- Rother District Council