

## HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013 AT HUNTON VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT:** Cllr R Sawtell in the Chair, Cllrs G Thomas, R Porter, L Leonard, D Heaton, T Stanbridge, S Wyles and Mrs S Goodwin, Clerk

**IN ATTENDANCE:** There was no one in attendance.

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS**

There were no councillor declarations.

**3. SPEEDWATCH EQUIPMENT**

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had obtained a grant for £1,800 towards the cost of Speedwatch equipment, but according to a quotation from Unipar Services, the total cost of the equipment, including VAT, would be £2,364. Members therefore need to decide whether the Parish Council should pay for the remaining £564.

Cllr Leonard asked about feedback from Yalding Parish Council on the use of Speedwatch. Cllr Porter explained that the feedback was not that favourable, but this was due to there being no structure to the Speedwatch operation. Guy Oliver, who is leading the Hunton Speedwatch team, had looked into borrowing the equipment from Yalding, but it was often not available, which is the reason why the team want to buy equipment specifically for Hunton. Owning the equipment would mean that there would be a structured approach to the use of the equipment, which should provide meaningful results. According to the Hunton Parish Plan, most people in Hunton are concerned about the high speed of some traffic through the village and using the Speedwatch equipment would help to reduce this.

Cllr Leonard asked about the procedure for using the equipment. Cllr Porter stated that on each day the Speedwatch equipment is used, a form detailing the results is sent to the police. If an excessive speed is recorded for a vehicle, the police will send a letter to the owner. If speeds over 60mph are recorded or in the case of repeat offenders, the police will actually visit the owner. It is possible that drivers could ultimately lose their licence. The Clerk asked whether the equipment would remain the property of the Parish Council as the VAT could be reclaimed if that is the case. It was agreed that the equipment would be owned by the Parish Council. The actual cost to the Parish Council, after reclaiming the VAT would therefore be £170.

All members **Agreed** that the Parish Council should fund the extra £564 for the Speedwatch equipment. Members also **Agreed** that the Clerk should contact Guy Oliver to ensure that a VAT invoice is obtained from the supplier, addressed to the Parish Council, to ensure the VAT can be reclaimed.

**There being no further matters to be discussed the meeting closed at 8:17pm.**