St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

Report #02.3

Corston Variable Speed Indicator Replacement

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To invite the council to agree to replace the Variable Speed Indicator (VSI) at the southern end of Corston with a Speed Indicator Device (SID).

2. Background

- 2.1 The Corston VSI, located at the southern end of the village adjacent to Barton Way, is one of the original units installed by WC when it was at the forefront of trialling such devices. The original VSI is owned by WC and was replaced some years ago. The devices are very basic and have no facility for recording or downloading vehicle speed information.
- 2.2 WC has confirmed that it has no objection to the current unit being removed and for the council to use the existing post and mains power supply for a SID deployment. The connection of the device to the power supply will need to be undertaken as a discretionary task by WC's electrical contractor. Further, WC has confirmed that there is sufficient room within the post to change the current isolator for a dual RCD unit with an external 16A socket.
- 2.3 By deploying a mains powered SID at this location the council will be able to download and transmit vehicle speed data to Wiltshire Police (WP) as part of their countywide initiative to reduce excessive speeding on Wiltshire's roads. Currently the council is successfully downloading and transmitting data each month to WP from its two other SID locations at the northern end of Corston and the southern end of Burton Hill.
- 2.4 Evolis SIDs are recommended for use by WP as the most suitable equipment for the speed enforcement activity. Experience over the past six months has found them to be reliable and to have a positive effect upon reducing vehicle speeds.

3. Options

- 3.1 To retain the existing VSI unit at the southern end of Corston.
- 3.2 To agree to purchase a mains powered Evolis SID device at a cost of up to £2500.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The proposed expenditure can be taken from the council's accumulated CIL contributions.

5. Recommendation

5.1 The council is recommended to support Option 3.2.

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