

## **Purchase of an Autospeedwatch Camera**

Information from a neighbouring Parish Council.

Like Stoke St Michael they also believe that too many vehicles are speeding in the village but there is no data to prove it

Community Speedwatch inevitably doesn't last so no consistent data is being collected

After a lot of discussion, they just went ahead and installed one. There are apparently quite a few units installed without police involvement.

The camera is attached to a BT telegraph pole – not an approved Highways pole. It's apparently simple to mount but is taking a while to get the adjustment right.

Autospeedwatch signs have been mounted on the village signs at the entrance to the village

A coordinator and some validators have been appointed and have agreed to have access to and check the portal

The camera will provide the data needed and eventually further, more concrete action could be taken. For example, to make a case to extend the 30mph zones.

There is no access to the Police database but some local vehicles may be able to be identified. GDPR is not an issue as only the rear view of vehicles is recorded. No faces etc. The camera is solar powered and doesn't work at night. Connectivity doesn't seem to be a problem wherever it's sited. Signage and the presence of the scheme will act as a deterrent to some extent. Parishioners felt that the Parish Council is finally doing something about speeding

The question is do we want to go down the same route?

There are suitable poles in Mendip Rd, Fosse Rd/Stoke Hill and Coalpit Lane. There is even a metal (presumably Highways approved) pole at the entrance to the village in Mendip Rd which 15 years ago had a SID on it.

The devices, signs and fittings are all available to buy online:

Camera: £549

Signs: £32.50 each

Fittings tbc but probably no more than £15 per camera

After the first year there is an annual fee for connection which is currently £148.

Additional Information

Have been chasing Somerset with regard to approval for the Autospeed and this is their reply

"It is my understanding that Avon and Somerset Police have trial sites only currently and are not looking to support other locations within Somerset. If, however you are already working with Avon and Somerset Police regarding these devices, please let me know.

We as Somerset Council are still happy to approve SID locations."

So, reading this the Council would need to look at other poles that are not owned by Somerset Council.