

Staveley & Copgrove Parish Council

Report to: Full Council
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Subject: Traffic Volume and Speed Through Staveley & Copgrove
Author: Cllr North

On 26th November 2019 Cllr Windass received a response from Area 6 addressing the issues we raised based on the speed surveys the PC undertook at a cost.

In summary the two pertinent points were:

1. "In light of your enquiry, I have looked at the accident statistics on Minskip Road, Staveley for the last 5 years which indicate that there have been no incidents which are attributable to vehicle speeds. Given the absence of an established accident record in the area I do not believe that the application of the assessment formula to any traffic calming scheme to reduce vehicle speeds in the area would result in a score which warranted the provision of funding."
2. "The speed survey results have shown that speed enforcement is required, however the Police have not enforced any 20 mph limits in the Harrogate area, so I shall take this up with my contact in the Traffic Police, and get a written response about it from them."

To date nothing further has been received from Area 6, the police or any other authority.

On 23rd June 2020 North Yorkshire Police Fire and Crime Commissioner announced the existence of the AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund. This fund is aimed at projects that would make a difference to residents and road users in the community.

"Projects will be asked to focus on improving road safety for children and young people, cyclists, motorcyclists and older road users with bids invited from Councils and other community groups. One-off grants of up to £20,000 can be applied for and bids which include matched funding from other sources will be eligible to receive an additional 10 per cent on top of the amount requested."

As it is clear that no further assistance will be forthcoming from Area 6, the police or any other authority until our accident statistics are altered, seemingly by the sacrifice of some unfortunate individual, the issue of excessive speeding and high vehicle volumes will need to be addressed in some other way.

I propose we submit a bid based on the use of road furniture (possibly planters, pedestrian islands) markings painted on the road (these have been proven to encourage speed reduction) and speed cameras.

In order to formulate a resilient and compelling bid we will need expert advice (applications must be submitted by 31st August). In the first instance I will attempt to liaise with Area 6 and Cllr Windass.