

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Highways & General Purposes Committee – 18th January 2023

054/23H **Public Participation:** The Public Participation session opened at 7.31pm.
Three members of the public joined the meeting.

The members of the public advised that they were attending on behalf of the Well Hill Neighbourhood Watch Group.

The group is very concerned about speeding on Well Hill. The smiley speed sign is already having an effect after three days in situ. There is a concern that the speed sign will only be available to Well Hill for a few weeks per year, and it was felt that a permanent solution is required, such as pinch points. It was also requested that Speedwatch takes place on Well Hill.

The Chairman advised that permission needs to be obtained from the Police in order to use a location for Speedwatch. The Committee Clerk will ask the PCSO to assess the site. The group representatives agreed to advise the Committee Clerk of members' driveways that could be used for a Speedwatch base.

It was discussed that the Police have occasionally set up a mobile speed camera van on Well Hill. Unfortunately, the Police only have three mobile speed camera vans to cover Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Cllr Langford-Smith added that Speedwatch needs volunteers; at present there are only 5 members from a village of several thousand adult residents. The Well Hill group stated that they have been advised that the Police cannot fund any further Speedwatch groups at present.

The Chairman invited the Well Hill Neighbourhood Watch Group to attend the next Safer Neighbourhoods Panel meeting on Thursday 27th April 2023 at 7pm at Denmead Community Centre to put their views to the Police in person. He also advised the group representatives that if they were to purchase their own smiley sign, permission to install it would need to be obtained from Hampshire Highways.

The Chairman closed the Public Participation session at 7.48pm.