



DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council - Extraordinary Meeting  
30 April 2026; 7.30pm; Hambledon Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr Encke (Chair); Cllr Clarke; Cllr Hand; Cllr Wale; & Cllr Piper

In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); and seven members of the public.

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
2971	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Mills-Goodlet and Lamb.	
2972	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
2973	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
2974	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. Comments were received from members of the public regarding perceived efficacy of SIDs and rationale behind the selection of the four proposed locations. One member of the public gave thanks to the PC for its work on this project.	
2975	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
2976	Speed Indicator Devices	<p><b>Resolved:</b> that the PC received the Clerk's report (see Appendix A) and approved the following in relation to Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) in the parish:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase of two portable SAM (Smiley Activated Message) devices with solar panels and bluetooth/USB data download.</li> <li>• Four locations to be established: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village entrance gate location near to Three Corners, B2150 (for traffic entering the village from Droxford direction; W3W: fillings.iteration.multiple; 40mph; socket &amp; post required);</li> <li>• B2150 Green Lane next to The Firs (for traffic leaving the village towards Droxford; W3W: wrenching.torches.denser; 40mph; existing post may be able to be extended);</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

2976 cont.	Speed Indicator Devices cont.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B2150 Green Lane next to Stewarts Green (for traffic entering the village centre from Droxford direction; W3W: habits.shopper.verifying; 30mph; socket &amp; post required); and</li> <li>• B2150 opposite King's Rest (for traffic entering village from Denmead direction; W3W: adjusting.chop.feathers; 40mph; socket &amp; post required).</li> <li>• HH to install 3x socket and removable posts, and one extended pole (if possible; otherwise a further socket and post will be required). This is expected to cost between £5,000 and £5,500.</li> <li>• The Clerk to ascertain the following before submitting the application to HCC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insurance costs;</li> <li>• Confirmation from HH as to whether one removable pole could be moved around the three sockets.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Devices to be purchased from Messagemaker Displays (Stocksigns Ltd t/a) at a cost of £7,406.00 + VAT. The main advantages of this product over the other two considered were length of warranty (6 yrs cf 3yrs and 2yrs), and lead time to delivery (4 working days cf 6-8 weeks and 1 week).</li> </ul>
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**The meeting closed at 8.22pm**

**Signed:**

**Cllr Encke (Chair)**

**Dated:**

**APPENDIX A**

**Signed:**

**Joanna Tester (Clerk)**

**Dated:**

**Report to PC - SIDs - April 2026 Updated**

**Speed Indicator Devices (SID) - Report for Councillors 30th April 2026 (Updated)  
Agenda Item 2976**

**Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to provide councillors with the detailed information required to make an informed decision on the following:

1. whether or not to purchase SID/SIDs for the parish. Should councillors approve this purchase, the following further decisions must be made:
2. how many devices are required;
3. locations in which to position the devices (for optimal traffic calming whilst complying with regulations specified by Hampshire Highways (HH)); and
4. which supplier to purchase the device/s from.

**Background**

Concerns surrounding the speed of traffic throughout the village are longstanding, and are repeatedly raised by residents. Permanent Vehicle Activated Signs (VASs) are sited only at locations with a history of road casualty collisions as part of HCC Safer Roads programmes, hence are not an option for Hambleton. However, mobile speed warning signs, such as SIDs, can be used at sites where speed is a concern even though there may not be a history of crashes. They must be financed (initial purchase and on-going maintenance) and managed by the PC, and a licence agreement (S72) entered into with the Highways Authority (HCC). This licence would require the PC to comply with the regulations for safe and competent

working on the highway and third-party insurance, effectively becoming a contractor in terms of liability. There are also strict requirements regarding locations and placement periods.

### Number of Devices

It is proposed that two identical, portable SIDs are purchased. This would allow four sites to be utilised; two in 30mph limits, and two in 40mph, on a rotation basis approved by Highways. Councillors may decide, depending on the rotation schedule, that one device is sufficient.

### Rationale for Locations Proposed

Speed of traffic throughout the centre and peripheries of the village is of concern to residents. However, there are limitations on where SIDs can be positioned; full details are given in the HCC Council Temporary Speed Signing Policy and Guidance April 2025 document (already supplied to you). Main considerations here are as follows:

- SIDs can only be placed in 20, 30 and 40mph speed limit zones. Unfortunately, this then excludes Brook Lane and the area around Park House, both of which are national speed limit. Should HH agree to a reduction to a 40mph limit (ideally starting before Park Cottages) then the PC would be able to reconsider both sections of road.
- The devices must be positioned inside the speed limit, and not attached to its entry sign.
- There must be adequate forward vision: 90m minimum for 30mph, and 120m for 40mph.
- The unit must not obscure visibility of another traffic sign or from any access or junction, nor be within a visible range of a traffic signal head.
- The SID, including its face, must have at least 500mm clearance from the edge of the carriageway. (This is quite a limiting factor, particularly along Green Lane where the verges are typically narrow.)
- Solar power is not suitable for sites where there is heavy tree cover

Careful consideration has been given to the above, and this has given rise to the identification of the following four potential locations:

1. B2150, Green Lane; close to Valeo, opposite side of the road facing Droxford (located in the same position as the proposed village entrance gate; application currently with Hampshire Highways for approval). Within the 40mph speed limit. A socket/temporary post would be required.
2. B2150, Green Lane; close to The Firs, facing Hambledon. Within the 40mph speed limit. HCC may be able to extend the pole for the existing 40mph repeater sign, rather than installing an additional socket/temporary post.
3. B2150, Green Lane; by Stewarts Green, facing Hambledon. Within the 30mph speed limit. A socket/temporary post would be required.
4. B2150, Hambledon Road; opposite Kings Rest, facing Denmead. Within the 30mph speed limit. A socket/temporary post would be required.


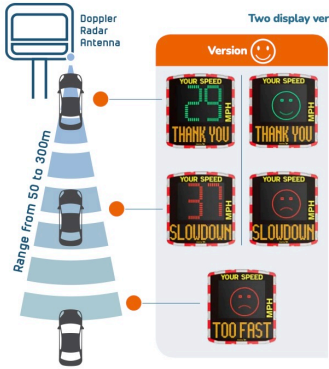

### Suppliers & Costs

All purchase and installation costs must be undertaken by the PC, including on-going maintenance. The PC must ensure that the equipment conforms with the regulations set out for the implementation of Vehicle Activated Devices on the highway. TOPAS and ADEPT guidance can be found using the following links: <https://topasgroup.org.uk/media/SIDs-v-SLR-ADEPT-briefing-paper-September-2021.pdf> and <https://topasgroup.org.uk/media/Guidance-on-the-procurement-of-VAS-SIDS.pdf>

There are a number of companies who appear to supply to local councils, and product details for three of these are shown in the table below. If councillors have any remaining queries, they may wish to approve purchase with a number of conditions attached, and delegate decisions over the final purchase to the BASS Working Group.

Quotes have been sought based on a device with a smiley/angry face, solar power (to align with the PC's 'green' credentials), and USB/bluetooth data download (which will allow the PC to evaluate and implement new traffic calming measures). Many suppliers offer a (subscription-based) remote data access option, but this relies on mobile internet connection, which is likely to be an issue in the village.

Device Comparison

	Westcotec	Elan City	MessageMaker Displays
	SID with Smiley/Angry Face Legend  INCLUDES: Spare Lead Acid battery, intelligent charger, weatherproof cover, and bracket set	Evolis Vision  [EPRA0162AA] GB[AS-BT]	VAS SAM
<b>Weight (kg)</b>	12/23 with battery	9.2/15.4 with battery	7/13.2 with battery
<b>Dimensions</b>	690mm (h) x 430mm (w)	770mm (h) x 710mm (w) x 160 mm (d)	710mm (h) x 430mm (w) x 150mm (d)
<b>Solar power</b>	10w panel with bracket set  Dimensions: 355mm (H) x 255mm (W) x 34mm (D)  Weight: 3.3kg	100w  Dimensions: 806mm x 680mm x 35 mm (L x W x H)	80w  Dimensions: 820mm x 680mm x 40mm.  The bracket that fixes the panel to the post is 6.25kg.  Weight: 6.06kg
<b>USB/bluetooth</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Display</b>			
<b>Range (up to; metres)</b>	95-100	300	90
<b>Battery</b>	12v35Ah lead acid	Lead-acid 12V, 22Ah  Dimensions: 181 x 76.2 x 167mm (L x W x H)	12V - 22Ahr (Max 2)
<b>Device Warranty (years)</b>	3	2	6
<b>Battery warranty (years)</b>	1	0.5	1

<b>Total price (for 2) + VAT</b>	£9,572.00	£4,759.98	£7,406.00
<b>Lead time (weeks)</b>	6-8	1	4 working days

#### Installation Costings Breakdown

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Individual Cost</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Installation Costs</b>			
HH Application Fee	1	£300.00	£300.00
Installation of socket	3	£1,400.00	£4,200.00
Provision of removable post (tbc)	3	£250.00	£750.00
Provision of extended post (tbc)	1	£250.00	£250.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£5,500.00</b>

#### **BASS Funds**

Unallocated BASS funds are currently circa £51,554.

#### **Relevant Legislation**

The PC may purchase the SLR/SID sign face and post but there are no legislative powers under the Highways Act for it to actually erect them on the highway. To facilitate the installation of these signs, the Highway Authority will consent to their use on the highway at sites approved by itself, and subject to the PC entering into a S72 licence agreement.

#### **Summary**

The above information will hopefully assist councillors in making an informed decision about whether the purchase of SID/SIDs is in the best interest of the parish, and indeed responsible use of public money. Should councillors wish to proceed, they will need to weigh up the potential benefits vs set-up and on-going maintenance/running costs. The number of devices to be bought will likely depend on the deployment schedule chosen by the PC (based on recommendations given by HH). Should councillors have queries that cannot be answered before/during the meeting, it may be possible to delegate selection of the supplier/exact SID, with suitable caveats in place, to BASS.

Dated: 30/04/26

Signed: *Joanna Tester*

(Joanna Tester, Clerk & RFO to Hambleton PC)