

SIPC Meeting 10th October 2019

A PETITION:

TO RAISE AWARENESS OF SPEEDING ON THE LOCAL ROADS AND REQUESTING IDEAS TO MAKE THE PARISH CALMER AND SAFER FOR EVERYBODY

Suggested by Anthony Golding, a parishioner and the cyclist who nearly lost his life recently on the A272

It's worth noting the Dutch and Germans also had poor cycling facilities in the 1960s until pressured politically by the growing green movement. Let's do something to promote the health and safety of our children and make a small contribution to easing climate change.

The suggested plan is to circulate a questionnaire to generate some frank opinions from the residents of Stedham with Iping on the following items:

The responses to the petition can be forwarded to our MP and the chief constable of West Sussex and any other interested parties.

A272

After many collisions the authorities finally built the traffic island at the entrance to Stedham on the A272, but the speeding continues, in particular powerful motor bikes and high powered cars use the rather narrow road as a race track.. There have been 6 accidents on the section of the A272 lying within the parish between December 2014 and July 2017, three of them serious.

Do Parishioners consider the authorities are taking sufficient notice and should either police surveillance, working speed cameras together with a 40mph limit be introduced on the stretch between Trotton and Midhurst.

Cycle/Walk Track alongside the A272

What are the views about the recently installed cycle/walk track, which can get so muddy and overgrown. Being a cyclist I do recognise that on our narrow roads we can be a nuisance to vehicles but cycle paths need to be passable.

20mph in Stedham.

Perhaps it's time to officially change the speed limits from 30 to 20 mph as the charming notice made by the primary school children has had little effect . Should the Parish also consider installation of sleeping policemen ramps to slow traffic in School Lane and elsewhere in Stedham and the rest of the parish

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A skate board park at the Common View recreation park.

After a long chat with Alfie, a very intelligent 12 year old skate boarder, and his much younger friend, both being incredibly skilful at weaving around all the cars that take up every available space in Common View, I would like to propose the SIPC consider building a skate park at the Common View recreation area.

This facility could be used by all children who live nearby and it should be an improvement on the one in Midhurst. Perhaps other local villages could be approached for financial help to build the ramps.

Sample of the questions that could be included on a petition

1. A272

- 1.1. Do you agree that this road needs calming
- 1.2. would a 40mph limit between Petersfield and Midhurst be about right

2. Cycle/walk track

- 2.1. Should we ask the WSCC and Sustrans to widen the Stedham—Midhurst track and keep it clear.
- 2.2. Should we do it ourselves with the help of Southdown's rangers as was done a couple of years ago.
- 2.3. Should we encourage our children to cycle to Midhurst school if Stedham's primary is closed, assuming the track has been improved and maintained.

3. 20mph speed limit in the village

- 3.1. Just School Lane
- 3.2. With speed bumps.

4. Skate Park

- 4.1. Should children be encouraged to skate or scooter away from the road and cars
- 4.2. Would you support building a skate park in Stedham
- 4.3. Would you help towards funding a modest ramp
- 4.4. Do you agree it should be constructed at one end of the Common View play area
- 4.5. Should a local builder be approached or a professional skate park company.
- 4.6. Alternatively, reduce the cars on Common View: cover some of the existing grass areas with a suitable concrete surface, as recently constructed down one side of the village green