
Speed Reduction Measures, Ringshall Village

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E-Mail/letter from David and Jenny Kemp, [REDACTED]
11th September, 2023

Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend the next meeting of Ringshall Parish Council (RPC) on 26th September, 2023 when we would have taken the opportunity to raise some concerns we have in relation to the above subject.

As you are aware, we have been residents of Lower Farm Road for the past eight and a half years.

We have always been active supporters of the efforts that have been made in recent years to help reduce the traffic speed in Lower Farm Road. For us, this is an important personal safety and quality of life issue. We have been closely following the various actions taken by RPC and others to help with speed reduction. We completed the Speed Reduction Survey, attended the Public Meeting on 30th May, organised by RPC and the Lower Farm Residents' Meeting on 7th September, organised by Peter Watson (Speedwatch Coordinator).

We have both felt encouraged and reassured that RPC has previously;

1. Continued to receive Speedwatch updates and data as a standing agenda item at meetings.
2. Supported the purchase and installation of two speed indicator devices.
3. Promised to support the Speedwatch Team in the RPC 3 Year Business Plan.
4. Organised a residents' speed reduction survey.
5. Collated, analysed and published the survey results.
6. Organised and conducted a speed reduction public meeting.
7. Supported the consensus views of that meeting.
8. Formed good working partnerships with the Speedwatch Coordinator, Suffolk County Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and senior management at Wattisham Army base.
9. Prepared two speed reduction motions for presentation to the RPC meeting on 25th July.

It was therefore more than a little surprising that at the meeting on 25th July, both speed reduction motions were proposed but neither was seconded and they were therefore dismissed. More surprising was the fact that there was no discussion about either motion and no reasons were put forward by councillors for their decisions.

As local residents, we would be grateful for an explanation to be provided by our elected representatives.

As individual members of the community, we may or may not agree with the explanation provided, but at least we would be aware of the councillors' decision-making process.

We would be grateful if, as Clerk to the Council, you would bring the contents of this letter to the attention of RPC at the meeting on 26th September. It would also be helpful to know what actions RPC is going to be taking to continue to progress the speed reduction programme. We would be obliged if you would inform us of the Council's response.

In conclusion and on a personal level, we were very disappointed to learn that three members of RPC (Chris Payne, Heather Williams and Adrian Williams) have resigned as a result of these matters. We are very sorry that RPC has lost the wide range of skills, abilities and experience that these individuals offered to local government.

David and Jenny Kemp