

Funding for Joint Traffic Regulation Order on A143

At its September meeting (Min Ref. 20.09.07.2), the Parish Council considered the funding of a possible Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the A143 (Wickham Street, Report WPC.20.09.0, refers) and agreed that it would like to support a joint TRO with Stradishall.

The Clerk has applied to Cllr Evans for a locality grant to cover the cost of the initial survey, which has been approved.

Following further research into Traffic Regulation Orders, Cllr Evans has written to both Wickhambrook and Stradishall Parish Council to propose that a joint TRO for both stretches of the A143, in order to save costs, and the Safety and Speed Management Team is supportive of this approach.

The Clerk of Stradishall Parish Council, has advised that Stradishall Councillors supported the proposal at their meeting on 2nd November.

Any costs relating to the Traffic Regulation Order are likely to fall in the next financial year. The parish council currently has £2750 in earmarked reserves allocated to highways, which would be sufficient to cover a 50% contribution to the cost of the TRO if it were to be shared with Stradishall.

The Parish Council has the power to undertake shared projects with other authorities. Its power to fund a contribution to a TRO comes from s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Recommendation:

The parish council allocate £2500 from existing earmarked funds to contribute to the cost of a Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph in Wickham Street, if supported by sufficient evidence from the Traffic Survey.