



Claydon & Whitton PARISH COUNCIL

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Security Consultation 2021

During September and October 2021, the Parish Council requested views from the public on whether they feel any additional security was required in the parish, what kind of additional security they felt would be useful and what they would be willing to pay for this additional security.

An article was published in the In Touch magazine (attached), on the Parish Council website, on Facebook and Twitter. The consultation also attracted attention from Archant, who published an article in the Ipswich Star.

The Parish Council received consultation responses by the following means:

- Emails: 5 (one representing two households and an additional response from a Barham resident)
- Facebook comments / messages: 5
- Text messages: 1 (although same resident as one of the Facebook comments)

Total: 11 (includes two comments in one email, does not include 1 repeated comment and 1 from Barham resident)

Option	Support	Comments of note
PCSO	2	Both asked for joint working across other parish areas, and said that they would prefer not to pay the amount detailed in the consultation for this.
Security company	1	Want evening coverage and focus on ASB and partnership working with the pubs
Physical security	1	Felt that extra lighting and cameras may discourage ASB in key locations in village, but wanted cameras in more locations than the Recreation Ground.
No extra measures	7	Most felt that they already paid for policing and security and they were not willing to pay extra. Some felt that the options presented would not have sufficient impact.

		Some felt that whilst they would like more policing of speeding and ASB, residents could not afford to pay extra for these and wanted to encourage more attention from the police.
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Noteworthy quotes:

“We would definitely support more security measures... (in) the evenings...I would be more than willing to pay for this extra support.”

“I also believe more work needs to be done with the pubs in the village”.

“I would support a rise in council tax for it (PCSO). Not sure that 100% rise is justified though”.

“I am not prepared to pay a single penny towards any of these schemes”.

“If there is a problem with anti-social behaviour and crime in Claydon then the parish council need to bang on the door of the police and ask where they are and exactly what they are doing about it”.

“Certainly not value for money nor added value” (PCSO)

“We do not wish for any increase in charges”.

“Council tax is ALREADY supposed to pay for policing... Why...should we pay extra for something we should be getting anyway?”

“Need more done about speeding.”

“People are struggling now, if you put up council tax it's money they won't have for basics like food, heat.”

Crimes of concern in responses:

ASB, speeding, theft

Areas of concern in responses:

Back Lane (ASB), Church Lane (ASB, theft), Station Road (speeding), Recreation Ground (ASB)

Policing and Security in Claydon

The Parish Council are interested in hearing your views on policing, crime and security in Claydon. Let us know your thoughts on:

- A PCSO dedicated to Claydon, who would work Monday to Friday mainly between 8 and 6, but may have some flexibility around times worked. This would cost approximately £37,000 per year + extra for a car and will mean an increase in the parish precept by approximately 95% in the first year (approximately £50 a year for a Band D property). There may be potential to work in partnership with surrounding parishes for a share in a PCSO.
- Use of a security company, similar to the contract that Barham Parish Council used with DK9 Security, who could potentially work 12 hours a week over six days, including in the evenings. This would cost approximately £9,400 in the first year and will mean an increase in the parish precept by a minimum of 25% (approximately £15 a year for a Band D property) in the first year.
- Increase in physical security measures in locations that are particularly prone to anti-social behaviour, such as security lighting and CCTV at the Recreation Ground. This could cost within the region of £5,000 and could possibly be funded from reserves as a one off installation cost, or an additional 10% for the parish precept (approximately £5 per year for a Band D property).
- No additional security measures required.

Contact the Parish Clerk or any Councillor to feed in your views.



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Speeding in Claydon and Whitton (Rural)

The Parish Council receives many emails, text messages, Facebook messages and phone calls regarding speeding in the village. Most residents are concerned that speeding vehicles will cause an accident, especially given the large amount of young people travelling to and from primary and high school in the parish.

Particular areas of concern are: Station Road, Ipswich Road (coming into the village), Church Lane and Old Ipswich / Old Norwich Road.

Possible measures:

1. Continue to lobby the police for more mobile speeding cameras to be sited in these locations.

This appears to be most successful when members of the public also lobby for speeding measures in their areas. Cameras have been located on Station Road twice in the last six months.

2. Continue to speak to Suffolk County Council about the shared ANPR camera for Gipping Valley and understand when this can be located in Claydon and Whitton.

Further updates are required on this scheme.

3. Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Constabulary Community Strategy to prevent speeding (Working together to reduce speeding: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Roads-and-transport/traffic-management-and-road-safety/Working-Together-To-Reduce-Speed-Feb-2021.pdf>).

Further information on Community Speedwatch can be found here: <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/join-us/volunteers/community-speed-watch>

The Suffolk County Council websites still states that funding and approval for these schemes is on hold until 'December 2020', but I have noted that other parishes / towns have had signs approved recently.