

Parish Poll

Date: May 13th, 2019
Time: 4pm – 9pm
Where: Methodist Church Hall

Background

Adderbury has a problem with the speed and volume of traffic travelling through our village. Oxfordshire County Council in their consultation response to the Adderbury Neighbourhood Plan were quite scathing of the omission of a coherent traffic management plan. They basically said its omission would prevent adequate funding provision being obtained from any new development.

The parish council has finally acknowledged that this is an issue that concerns many if not most of the residents in this village. It has however refused to commit to funding the scale of the traffic calming techniques required to make our village safer.

- The final report in October 2018 by the Traffic Calming Group (established by the parish council) with significant input from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), concluded that traffic calming measures should be implemented across the village at an approximate cost of £170,000
- The final cost would be determined by commissioning OCC to undertake the design, a safety audit costing and formal consultation at a cost of £12,500
- The parish council decided to ignore this recommendation and closed down the Traffic Calming Group and moved the issue to the Environmental Committee who are now focused on minor low-cost issues in their list of measures
- Variations to how Section 106 funds are spent can be made if all parties agree. The developer has confirmed to WARA that they have no objection to funds being used for village traffic calming. The other party that would need to agree is Cherwell District Council (CDC), this Poll should be a loud voice to make it clear to CDC that the village would like some funds spent on traffic calming. The parish council is simply a statutory consultee and has no vote on the outcome

The Choices

- Do nothing about the OCC's recommendations. This will result in low level expenditure but provide unsafe conditions for residents
- Look at all budgets including Section 106 funds and see what can be made available and if necessary, seek deeds of variation on individual agreements to make finance available
- Spend **ALL** £600,000 Section 106 funds on developing sports pitches as part of the £2.7million Milton Rd project

The Poll Questions

1. In light of concerns by residents about speeding traffic in the village, this poll is requesting Adderbury Parish Council to ask Oxfordshire County Council to carry out a formal consultation with all residents on the introduction of traffic calming measures to reduce speed of traffic on village roads.
VOTE YES
2. It has been identified that Adderbury Parish Council, Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council have at their disposal up to £30,000 to spend on traffic related projects in the village. If effective traffic calming requires more funds to be committed do you want that money to be sourced from **SOME** of the existing funds (known as Section 106) available to village projects?
VOTE YES
3. Do you agree with the Parish Council's decision to support new Sports and Community facilities on the Milton Road and to use the Section 106 funds already allocated, for this project?
- yes vote will mean that only minor low-cost traffic issues will be dealt with - there are no other funds for traffic issues
- no vote will still mean that the project continues with SOME money being allocated to traffic calming