

**REPORT ON PURCHASE OF
NEW SPEED MANAGEMENT DEVICE
(FOR OBPC MEETING 01.10.24)**

In a report to the September Parish Council Meeting, David Warren who leads our handypersons work group suggested that the batteries in our speed management device were aging and no longer holding charge for a suitable period of time. In further communication with David Warren by councilor Leigh-Jones, he questioned the suitability of purchasing new batteries as he believes the utility of the equipment is to be questioned as the “recording system in the equipment is defunct.”

We, therefore, have three ways of proceeding with the use of speed management device in the parish.

1. Leave the device and aging batteries as they are, which means they will be ‘effective’ cosmetically as they will still be present/visible to drivers in the area and may have some effect.
2. Purchase new batteries for the current equipment. These seem to be available through online purchase (I have not had time to visit local retailers) for between £19.99 and £29.99. This may add some longevity to the period of time in between recharges of battery but will not fix the recording issue with the device.
3. Purchase new speed management device for use in the parish.

Badger Farm purchased a device 18 months ago - Smiley Face/Frowning Face, records data and battery life of two weeks (photovoltaic cell that they bought with it but quite bulky), also has a ‘stealth mode’ so get a read of baseline data without illuminated face. No price received from Cllr. Godbold as of yet.

Cllr. Jan Warwick has also been contacted for any potential leads on pricing and if there are any accessible grants for such a purchase. No reply has been received yet.