

CCTV within Eynsford – A Discussion Paper

Introduction

The Parish Council, although having limited statutory powers, is committed to ensuring the safety and well being of all residents of Eynsford and this is reflected in its work and use of public money. 2020 saw an unprecedented time through the emergence of COVID-19, which led to a period of severe lockdown and restrictions on travel, hospitality, and general day to day life of the nation.

Between lockdown periods, with a continuance of restrictions in foreign travel, a larger number of visitors came to Eynsford, focused mainly at Riverside. Without the usual amenities being available such as pubs, restaurants and toilet facilities, there was an increase of anti-social behaviour, ignoring of by-laws as well as ignoring of Government guidelines ie., social distancing and general upset affecting the village.

The installation of CCTV, at Riverside, was introduced to the Council for consideration. In order to maintain the priorities of safety, well-being, need and the appropriate spending of public money, a subgroup was set up to assess the requirement of cameras and the findings are detailed in this report.

Subgroup

The subgroup is comprised of three parish councillors, the parish clerk and tree warden for Eynsford. Initial discussions were held to look at evidence from crime statistics, using a three year period, information received into the parish council from residents and CCTV installation costs from companies. A report from the subgroup will be put forward to the main council for approval and residents and the District Councillor, Alan Cheeseman, will be welcomed to a meeting to further consider the findings.

Problems experienced within Eynsford during 2020

Issues which have been highlighted by residents over the Spring/Summer period at Riverside have included:

- Littering
- Anti-social behaviour
- Lack of public toilets
- Disposable BBQ's, charring the land and causing smoke
- Horses being walked on the grass
- Use of the river by 4x4 vehicles and horses
- Parking along Riverside on yellow lines
- Drugs offences
- Lack of social distancing

Other issues within the village and including other years despite 2020 are burglaries, vehicle crime and fly tipping.

Evidence Source of Crime in Eynsford

Information was sourced from several areas to assist in discussions. Data from these can be found in Appendix A

Kent police records were obtained for the last three years and these revealed the general trend of crime throughout the village. These figures increased from 2018 to 2019 but saw a small reduction in 2020. Although there was an increased anti-social behaviour disturbance in the region of Riverside in 2020, this was greatly increased figure, compared to the previous years. Figures recorded in the chart below cover the whole area of Eynsford.

Crime	2018	2019	2020
Burglary	8	23	7
Violence and Sexual	19	38	30
Vehicle	8	12	11
Anti-Social Behaviour	11	14	44
Criminal Damage and Arson	10	14	10
Public Order	7	9	9
Drugs	1	2	2
Other Theft	5	12	2
Other		3	2
Possession of Weapons			1
Totals	69	127	118

Scoping

The group looked at several areas of consideration to determine the most effective outcome, ensuring the most appropriate use of public monies:

- Cameras at Riverside: Alan Cheeseman put forward a proposal to install CCTV Cameras. The cost of installing this would be:
 - 2 Cameras (one at Riverside, one at Cricket Club) with installation £7,557.54+VAT (part funded by KCC – not including wifi and electrical connections)
 - Ongoing monitoring fee of £1,500+VAT per camera (payable by Parish Council)
 - One payment Admin fee of £500 per camera (payable by Parish Council)
- Problems indicated by residents as set out above: It was considered that these issues were not serious crimes or prosecutable actions that CCTV would alleviate or control. Other solutions could be highlighted and these are set out in the recommendations below.
- CCTV, including ANPR facilities: Other areas of CCTV to Riverside were looked into. For example, entrances and exits to the village with number plate recognition could be used in determining crime and fly tipping. The cost of cameras work out to be:
 - £7.500 +VAT for a camera with bolt on ANPR (an extra cost would be incurred for human tracking)
 - There is a 12 month warranty with each camera
 - £1,500+VAT total service and support package per annum
 - Call out charges for damage
 - Sim cards are not included in the cost
 - These cameras can be moved at a cost of £600+VAT, per move

A proposal from Cam-Tech is available in Appendix B
- Farningham Parish Council: Farningham Parish Council was approached to ascertain their future plans for CCTV and possible joint working for CCTV coverage: The council has decided

not to install CCTV in the village at the present time. This would be reconsidered at a future date.

Recommendations:

The group put forward the following recommendations:

- Reviewing the crime figures for the last three years has revealed CCTV coverage of Riverside is not appropriate. Crime takes place across a vast area of the village and to cover all areas would be expensive. There are concentrations around the Station area. Eynsford Station was approached about CCTV and it was reported that the platforms and car park do have coverage. This can be used by Police investigating crimes taking place for people entering the village via the railway system.
- Flytipping has been a problem along Crockenhill Lane. A possible camera could be located, along with dummies, to try to reduce this. Consideration needs to be put against costs of removal of such flytippings by Sevenoaks District Council. Is there an option that funding that can be obtained through Alan Cheeseman, if able to transfer to these cameras and sites? There would still be the maintenance of £1,500 annually per camera to the Parish Council. It was considered by the group that this was a possible option.
- Problems highlighted by members of the public should be responded to as follows:
 - Littering: This was problematic during the lockdown period but it should be noted that rubbish was on most occasions placed either in the bins or close by when they were full. Bins were emptied on a daily basis. An extra bin has been purchased and placed at Riverside and it is recommended that large metal signs, padlocked to street furniture, are put up to remind people to take their rubbish home
 - Anti-social behaviour: There was an increase in this behaviour this year against the previous two years (16 – 2020, 3 – 2019, 6 – 2018), it should be noted that this also was in line with the lockdown period earlier in the year. Other ASB's were recorded in different parts of the village.
 - Lack of public toilets: Lockdown limited the use of public houses for toiletry purposes and resulted in fouling in certain parts of the village. There are no public toilets in the village. It was considered that even if facilities were available, they would need to be closed in future lockdowns thus not alleviating any problems that might arise. One Option could be the hire of Heras security fencing during peak times to place around known hotspots ie., FELHS building.
 - Disposable BBQ's: This continue to be a nuisance, especially at Riverside. Notices have been put up that it is against the By-laws but continue to occur. It is not considered that CCTV installation would improve this, and recommendations are put forward that awareness can only be continued.
 - Horses and 4x4 vehicles in the river: This happens infrequently. It should be noted that previous chains and padlocks have been vandalised and access upriver from the ford is still possible
 - Parking on Yellow Lines: This is being looked at by KCC and improvements are being discussed by both KCC and the Parish Council.
 - Drug offences: It is recommended that all such offences are reported to the police.

- Awareness Campaign – The group recommends the following:
 - Social media, magazine article and web blog to highlight and remind residents of the need to report crime. The group recommends working closely with Chloe Randall (PCSO) to develop an advisory procedure for residents to ensure appropriate crime is reported
 - Advice on home security – Chloe to advise
 - Local road whatsapp groups so that residents can keep in touch with each other on any suspicious behaviour

Summary

In summary, the group considered installing CCTV at Riverside was not appropriate as the need was minimal to serious or prosecutable crimes. Although flytipping is a problem in the areas leading to the village, careful thought would need to be made against the ongoing maintenance costs to run cameras for this. The group considered a robust crime awareness programme, involving the local PCSO, with ongoing bulletins would be the best approach.

Next Steps

A meeting should be convened with several members of the public and Alan Cheeseman, District Councillor, to discuss the contents of this report and possible ways forward to help residents of Eynsford feel safe and secure.

Appendix A - Crime figures for Eynsford 2018 – 2020

	Sparepenny	Priory	High	Gibson	Saddlers	Station	Bower	Pollyhaugh	St	Roman	Parsonage	Riverside	Crockenhill	Lullingstone	Birch	Eynsford	Lullingstone	Country	Outer
	Fields	Fields	Street	Place	Pk		Lane		Martins	Villa	Bk		lane	Lane	Close	Rise	Castle	Park	Village
2018																			
Violence and Sexual			2		1	5	4	1			1	1		2	2				
Criminal damage and arson			2		1		1			5		1							
Burglary						1	1	1	2			3							
Other Theft					1	3						1							
Anti-social Behaviour			3				1					6	1						
Public Order			1			1	2	1				2							
Drugs			1																
Vehicle Crimes			2			2	2			1		1							
2019																			
Burglary			5				3		3	3		2	1		1	2			3
Violence and Sexual	1	1	6	1	9	3	1			6					4	3		3	
Vehicle Crime			1	1	1	1	3	2			1	2							
Anti-social Behaviour			4		1	1						3		1				2	2
Criminal damage and arson			2		2	1	3	1	1	1		1				1		1	
Public Order					1	3	3							1				1	
Drugs						1						1							
Other theft			2		1	3			1	4		1							
Other Crime			2									1							
2020																			
Burglary			1			2		1		2		1							
Violence and Sexual	1		15	1	6	1	1		2	1		1						1	
Vehicle Crime	2		4		3				2										
anti-social behaviour	1		2	3	2		5	1		4	1	15	1	3		1		1	3
Criminal damage and arson			1	2	3	2						1		1					
Public order			3	1	1	1	3												
Drugs									1										1
Other Theft				1								1							
Other Crime			1		1														
Possession of Weapons							1												
Totals	5	1	60	10	34	31	34	8	12	27	3	45	3	8	7	7	10	8	1

Appendix B - Quotation



CCTV SPECIFICATION

The following design is for a CCTV System with few cameras intended to comply with National Security Inspectorate Code of Practice NCP 104: Issue 3 (Design, Installation and Maintenance of CCTV Systems) including the requirements of BS EN 50132-7: 1996, with particular reference to clause 7.11 of NCP 104(3).

Client: Eynsford Parish Council
Installation Address: Eynsford High Street and surrounding area
Site Telephone N^o: TBC
Installation Standard: NSI Code of Practice NCP 104(3) and BS EN 50132-7
System Purpose . Prevention and detection of crime.

CCTV camera specification

Redeployable Dome:

The Redeployable Dome Cameras are ideal for temporary, mobile or semi-permanent applications, and helps solve and reduce crime (or the fear of crime) as well as anti-social behaviour, vandalism or fly tipping. It allows the user to target specific hotspot areas, with the flexibility of being able to move the system to new locations as requirements change.

4G IR Speed Dome

WCCTV's combined (A)NPR and Redeployable CCTV system utilises the additional output channels of either a WCCTV 4G IR Speed Dome or WCCTV 4G HD Speed Dome to integrate a specialised High Definition Number Plate Recognition Camera.

Standard Features

4G and Wi-Fi Ready
1080p 2MP PTZ Camera HD NPR Camera Auto-tracking Capability
50m IR Capability WCCTV View Software (Desktop and Mobile)

Options 500GB – 4TBYTE HDD/SSD
ANPR licence
Video Analytics License
Heartbeat Diagnostics License
4G Data-plans 1GB – 20GB
WCCTV Wi-Fi Accelerator

Service and support package

- 1Yrs Manufacturer's Warranty on all products
- Fixed Static IP 4G SIMs
- 24 Months 5GB Fixed Static Private IP SIM (FUP overage charges may apply)
- Technical Support Line (Mon-Fri 8-6)
- Pooled Data (if you acquire more than one camera you can share the data allowance between your camera base)
- Monthly data reports
- Cell Site reports
- Cell Site Support
- 4G Network Coverage Maps
- Heartbeat Diagnostics (24/7 Service)
- GSM SIM for Smart Switch

Connectivity Packs

Connectivity Service Bundle includes heartbeat analysis, private fixed IP with sim management and performance support with reporting, technical and customer services (GSM Smart Switch if applicable). (Hardware Warranty is included within the hardware costs).

Renewal Service Bundle includes heartbeat analysis, private fixed IP with sim management and performance support with reporting, technical and customer services (GSM Smart Switch if applicable). It also includes 2 Yrs Manufactures Warranty on ALL hardware; (Min Dome, ANPR etc)... If you do not require extended warranty please renew with the above Connectivity Service Bundles.

WCCTV Heartbeat - Remote Diagnostics

WCCTV's Heartbeat diagnostic service ensures the correct operation of your WCCTV systems by continually checking the health status of the cameras.

It is a comprehensive health, status and operation checking application that automatically detects any issues with your system - allowing for swift corrective action to be taken.

What does WCCTV Heartbeat detect?

Connection Issues: We will report if the connection to your WCCTV system fails or the system goes offline

Camera Failures: We can detect if a camera has developed a fault or has been tampered with.

Hard Disk Failures: We can detect any hard disk failures or if the system stops recording.

Recording Issues: Reports if the system records for less time than expected.

Time & Date Inaccuracy: Reports when the time is incorrect or tampered with.

DATA PROTECTION ACT and ICO CCTV CODE OF PRACTICE

Attention is drawn to the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) CCTV Code of Practice 2008. By Law the customer may be responsible for registering the system with the Information Commissioners' Office.

BRITISH STANDARD CODE OF PRACTICE BS 7958

Attention is drawn to the above code of practice for the management and operation of CCTV (which is applicable to CCTV used in public spaces and also provides good practice for all other CCTV systems. *(Note: this document may be obtained from the British Standards Institution or the National Security Inspectorate.)*

INVESTMENTS

To supply and install the 4G Dome and ANPR camera system £7,500.00+vat

Service and support package per annum £1,500.00+vat

Total installation and service package costs £9,000.00+vat

Warranty: A standard 12-month warranty applies unless otherwise stated.

Method Statement: A generic method statement has been provided at the beginning of the proposal however, if a more detailed Method Statement is required this will be proved after the receipt of an official order.

V.A.T.

All prices quoted in this document exclude Value Added Tax, which will be Added to your invoice at the rate applicable on the date the invoice is issued.

Terms and Conditions of Sale

Our standard terms and conditions will apply at all times.