



#### Committee and Date

Cabinet  
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#### Item

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### Boraston Parish Meeting

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## 1. Summary

The Parish of Boraston has no Parish Council so two Parish Meetings are required to be held each year. The Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to provide funding for the installation by the Parish Meeting of gates at the entrance to the village which are designed to reduce the speed of traffic as it approaches the village. The Parish Meeting does not have the power to incur such expenditure without an order made by the Principal Authority, in this case Shropshire Council, granting such powers.

## 2. Recommendations

That Cabinet authorises the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to make an order under section 109 of the Local Government Act 1972 granting Boraston Parish Meeting the power to incur expenditure under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the installation of white village gates as a traffic calming measure.

### REPORT

## 3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

The recommendations in this report have no adverse impact on the safeguarding arrangements for children and vulnerable adults. The recommendations in this report do not have an adverse impact on human rights or equalities. The installation of the village gates is intended to slow traffic entering the village creating a safer environment for residents.

## 4. Financial Implications

There are no initial cost implications for the Council, however there will be an ongoing revenue burden of approximately £40 per year to ensure that the gates are inspected and maintained in good condition.

## 5. Climate Change Appraisal

A reduction in the speed entering the village is likely to reduce pollution and have a positive effect on air quality

## 6. Background

Parishes which do not have a parish council will have a parish meeting rather than a parish council. Parish meetings do not have the same range of local authority functions as parish councils. This can be restrictive, particularly because they do not have certain powers to incur expenditure. Where a parish meeting wants to incur expenditure on something but does not have the power to do so, it may ask the Principal Authority to make an order under section 109 of the Local Government Act 1972, granting it such powers.

The Parish of Boraston does not have a Parish Council and the Parish Meeting has secured a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner for the installation of white village gates which are intended to act as a traffic calming measure. The siting of the gates has been agreed with highways officers. The Parish Meeting does not currently have the power to incur such expenditure

The Parish Meeting has asked Shropshire council to make an order under S109 of the Local Government Act 1972 to enable it to incur expenditure under section 137 of that Act, for the installation of white village gates at the entrance to the village with the aim of reducing the speed of traffic as it enters the village. Section 137 gives local authorities the power to incur expenditure for certain purposes not otherwise authorised which 'in their opinion is in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants.'

<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
Minutes of the Parish Meeting
<b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</b> Gwilym Butler and Steve Davenport
<b>Local Member</b> Richard Huffer
<b>Appendices</b> None