

The Parish Council of Little Harrowden



Speed Indicator Device

Councillors,

The latest position in respect of the SID purchased last year with a grant from the office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner is as follows.

As you are aware the letter before action was signed on receipt and it was decided that the Council would pursue a refund through the small claims Court.

I carried out a further check on the government's Companies House website prior to seeking advice on how to proceed through the small claims Court. The latest document linked to the suppliers, SG Manufacturing Ltd, is a 'First Gazette Notice' which is further described as a 'notice for compulsory strike-off'.

In this notice it states:

The Registrar of Companies gives notice that, unless cause is shown to the contrary, the Company will be struck off the register and dissolved not less than 2 months from the date shown above.

Upon the Company's dissolution, all property and rights vested in, or held in trust for, the Company are deemed to be bona vacantia, and will belong to the Crown.

I have contacted the office of the PFCC and advised them of the status of the company and have asked their opinion. Their response is (*awaits*)

It should be noted that unless funds obtained through the receiver are used to purchase a replacement device, the money will need to be returned to the PFCC.

I consider that it very unlikely that the Council will obtain anything like a full refund and that as a consequence significant funding will be required to obtain a replacement device, which could be considered at the next budget setting meeting. In the meantime, I suggest that this initiative be closed and the defective device be suitably disposed of.

Martin Jeffery