COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

We had a positive meeting on Saturday 25th Jan to launch the Community Speedwatch.  It was led by a constable from Chippy who is knowledgeable about the process, with about 20 folk attending.

Brian McKeown of Dornfield House, 32A North Street, kindly offered to be the main coordinator, and a committee of 7 other people, including Perry Knight a local police traffic officer, was appointed.  This included one rep from Sandford, and two from Westcote.B.

Brian had a committee meeting yesterday (Saturday 8th), but I was not able to pop along as family were staying.

WODC CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES

At a lengthy full WODC on January 22nd, there was an update re progress so far.  The all-party working group met three times before Christmas and met with a lady called Ness who has been appointed as a full time "Climate Change Manager".  The other significant appointment has been the addition of another member on to the cabinet, with a specific brief on Climate Change.

Both these appointments will hopefully focus minds on ways in which WODC can help to take measures to help to combat the climate emergency.  Some things are already on-going, such as reducing single use plastics and installing electric car charging points.  But the scope of other possibilities is quite daunting, such as significant tree planting, promoting community solar schemes, increasing insulation in new developments, or promoting alternative transport (particularly electric powered) to reduce car use.