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Subject: FW: Docking's 'speeding problem'

Hi all,
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A parishoner's comment on speeding and PC language and my response.

Thanks,
Annalisa

-----Original Message-----

From: Clerk@dockingparishcouncil.gov.uk <Clerk@dockingparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 21 April 2026 11:26
To: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Subject: RE: Docking's 'speeding problem'

Hiya XXXXX,
Thank you for your comments.

The PC is reporting what the Speedwatch team themselves tell the council - almost verbatim.

I will share with the council your additional information - it will be on the next agenda under correspondence.

Thanks,
Annalisa

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From: XXXXXX>
Sent: 17 April 2026 22:20
To: clerk@dockingparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: Docking's 'speeding problem'

Dear Annalisa and Docking Parish Councillors.

Following the Parish Council Meeting last Monday I wanted to share some thoughts about the terminology being used regarding the issue of vehicles speeding in Docking. There have been numerous references in recent Parish Council Meetings and Meeting Minutes about the 'speeding problem' in Docking. In the latest (March) issue of Docking Exchange you reported that "Docking has unfortunately ranked among the worst areas for speeding, often placing in the top three worst!", and at Monday's PC Meeting, during

the Council's discussion about the offer of a Meeting with the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), there was a further reference to Docking being one of the worst areas for speeding.

I believe that the terminology being used in these Parish Council statements needs refining.

It is a fact that vehicles exceed the speed limits imposed in Docking. It is also a fact that Docking's Speedwatch Team is among the most active in Norfolk, i.e. the Team consistently carries out among the highest number of watches per month. The latter has been, and should continue to be, acknowledged by the Parish Council as an example of a section of our Community pulling together for the benefit of the whole Community.

That said, the performance and 'ranking' of individual Speedwatch Teams (which exist to increase speed awareness and not enforcement) should not, in my opinion, be confused with any 'speeding problem'.

There is a large amount of Government, Government-commissioned, and County Council data on the internet detailing which areas of Norwich and which Towns and Villages in Norfolk have the highest, officially recorded (i.e. non-Speedwatch) incidence of vehicles exceeding the imposed speed limit. Fortunately for the residents of, and visitors to Docking, this Parish has a relatively low number of speeding vehicles. If that is what you mean by 'speeding problem', and if by 'area' you mean Norfolk, then it is not true that Docking ranks among the worst areas for speeding.

By making that statement it sets an expectation that Docking should receive more support to combat the 'speeding problem' than it has done, which can lead to frustration when that support is not forthcoming. Quite simply, Docking is a low priority when it comes to Norfolk Constabulary utilising its limited resources (money and people).

I will happily share links to the various websites that publish this data, or share my analysis of this data if that would help the Parish Council to confirm Docking's position in the 'fight' for support on this matter.

To take my thoughts further, and given the valuable opportunity being presented by a Meeting with the Norfolk PCC (Sarah Taylor) in June, I believe it would be non-beneficial to suggest to Sarah that Docking ranks among the worst areas for speeding; she will most likely have been briefed on where Docking 'ranks' regarding speeding within the County.

There are plenty of positives to share with Sarah, including the high level of commitment by the Speedwatch Team, and you have other areas of concern with which she may be able to help. To overplay the speeding problem in Docking would, in my opinion, totally undermine those positive messages and requests for support.

Sarah is only one year into a (minimum) four-year term as PCC so could prove a useful 'ally'. I have read her Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029 and would again be happy to help with the generation of Lines to Take for those involved in the Meeting.

Yours sincerely

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Parishioner