

**Draft Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Working Party held virtually by Zoom on Monday
7th February 2022 at 7pm.**

Attended by: Cllr. Bob Franklin (Chair), Helga Castle, Lindsay Green, Halina Keep, Ken McLeod and Les Moore.

1. Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received from David Cowell and Steve Moore.

2. Disclosures of Interest.
There were none.

3. Minutes from the previous meeting held on 6th December 2021.
The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022 were agreed and will be submitted to Full Council on 8th March 2022.

4. Burwash Common and Weald Speed Limit.
Lindsay Green reported that he had still not had a follow-up from the site visit on 7th November with Peter Heasman, despite repeated requests.

5. Implementing 20mph in Burwash Village.
The first arranged meeting had been cancelled as some members were unable to attend. Provisional date of 16th February had been received and awaiting confirmation by Highways. It was uncertain whether Highways would produce a detailed plan and costings at that meeting. *Note: Clerk to request information on the details that Highways would provide at the visit.*

6. Highways Maintenance Contract.
A comprehensive response to the joint letter from Burwash PC and BCWRA to Cllr. Claire Dowling had been received (attached as Appendix 1.) The members felt there were still a number of unresolved issues, and it was agreed that we would offer to co-operate with Cllr. Eleanor Kirby-Green in her role as a member of the Place Scrutiny Committee. Members of the Working Party were requested to send their suggestions to the Chair in order that a constructive letter could be sent to Eleanor by the Clerk, as a joint initiative from the Parish Council and BCWRA.
Lindsay Green reported that he and Jeremy Richardson would be producing a second report on the failures of Highways to complete lasting road repairs.

7. Village Gates Design.
Information on the dimensions of the gates from Steve Moore were being circulated to the members. It was uncertain whether a licence would be required to install the gates on the verge, this could be asked at the forthcoming SLR meeting and also at the site visit on 16th February.

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8. SLR Meeting Agenda.

The Agenda and joining information have been received – Les Moore requested that a copy of these be sent to her.

9. Shrub Lane Repairs

The repairs have still not been completed. Highways have stated that the entire lane would be resurfaced in the next Financial year - *Clerk to chase Highways for a date.*

10. Speedwatch.

The latest figures were presented by Ken McLeod and the difficulties of coordinating volunteers' availability were raised. It was felt that the Council should make a conservative effort to recruit more members for the team, and to raise this at the Community and Communications Working Party meeting.

11. Quiet Lanes.

Although ESCC had still not yet agreed to the Quiet Lanes Policy, the Willingford Lane sub-group continued to press both for Quiet Lanes and verge protection. It has been noted that a sign stating 'Single-track narrow road, no passing places for 2 miles' has been erected at Willingford Lane by Highways (first applied for 3 years ago).

12. Cycle/Footpath Update.

We are pursuing the LCWIP team to include rural areas in their 'live' document. The Chair noted that the British Horse Society were applying for recognition of a circular bridleway in the Parish, part of which was the conversion of a footpath to a bridleway. The proposed cycleway from Burwash to Etchingham station would also require conversion of some footpaths. It was noted that the original full application from Steve Moore had not even been acknowledged.

13. HIP (Highways Improvement Plan) and Contractual Issues.

Cllr. Franklin had not yet been able to populate the plan but it was agreed that this would be the way to project manage traffic and transport issues. It was suggested that Microsoft Teams (already in use by the Council) may prove to be an appropriate means to achieve this.

14. Information for noting or including on a future Agenda.

- a. Black Cat radar device.
- b. Microsoft Teams project management for HIP.
- c. Verge protection.

15. Date of next meeting.

Monday 7th March 2022 at 7pm. This meeting will still be conducted by Zoom – however, the members will decide whether future meetings should be face-to-face.

Signature of Chair

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