

BURWASH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attended by: Cllr. Bob Franklin (Chair), Cllr. Julian Kenny, Cllr. Steve Moore, Cllr. Antonia Stapylton-Smith, Helga Castle, Stephen Dixon, Lindsay Green, Halina Keep, Greg Meares, Ken McLeod, Les Moore, and Hilary Stewart.

1. Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies.

2. Disclosures of Interest.

There were none.

3. Minutes from the previous meeting held on 12th May 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2022 had been agreed at Full Council on 10th June 2022.

4. Burwash Common and Weald Speed Limit.

No update received, but Chair will chase. It was agreed to rename the Agenda item 'Vicarage Road and Lane Speed Limit'.

5. Implementing 20mph in Burwash Village.

No update received, but Chair will chase.

6. Highways Maintenance Contract and Report.

A detailed response to the reports submitted some 2 years ago had been received and Jeremy Richardson was pursuing the detail of this. Cty. Cllr. Eleanor Kirby-Green had suggested that there may be some progress with our suggestions regarding the new contract and we await further details.

7. Village Gates Design.

The complex ESCC procedure for provision of gates at the east and west entrances to the village was being pursued by Cllr. Steve Moore and Les Moore.

8. Shrub Lane Repairs.

The Chair had contacted Karl Taylor for an explanation of the gap between the patching and had not received a detailed response. However, Mr. Taylor had stated that the complete resurfacing of the lane would not now be carried out until 2023. It is planned that the undersurface would be enhanced using material from other repairs.

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9. Speedwatch.

Ken McLeod stated that there was a new member joining but they were still short of members. It was agreed that the Council should use the two village fetes to attempt to recruit new members and Ken agreed to source some publicity material for this activity. It was also noted that Speed watch helps to capture road users who do not have Road Tax or current MOT. Ken McLeod also agreed to report the Highway Speed signs that were at present obscured by new growth.

10. Quiet Lanes.

County have advised they are still considering adopting the Quiet Lanes Policy as part of the current revision of the Local Transport Plan.

11. Bridleways and Footpaths Update.

Steve Moody (Frogheath Nurseries) has agreed to provide outline costings for an improved surface (including drainage) of the Holton Lane bridleway. Cllr. Moore has agreed to pursue the Etchingham cycle route as part of LCWIP. It was agreed to ask Council for a speed reduction on the A265 at the beginning of Holton Lane, opposite Burnt House Farm, where crossing the 50mph road is necessary between two rights of way.

Council is asked to resolve to request a speed limit reduction on the A265 where the two Rights of Way meet.

12. HIP (Highways Improvement Plan)

Cllr. Franklin has distributed an Excel spreadsheet from the Plan, but this was not seen as particularly useful.

13. Verge Protection, Ownership and Licences.

It was delegated to the E&M Working Group to ensure that our Wildlife verges are still classified as such, and not converted to Meadow verges.

14. 20's Plenty Campaign.

Les Moore is working with safe speed campaigners across East Sussex with Cllr Kirby-Green to seek a Sussex wide review and update of County speed policy.

15. Car Park Update.

The Car Park WG will recommend that the Council agree to the signing of the Lease, and once this is done, it is anticipated that the toilets will open fairly soon. This only applies to the Main Car Park as there is still no resolution regarding the small eastern car park by Prospect Cottages.

16. Spring Lane.

It has been agreed that Network Rail will accept the cost of Highways repairing the verges (subject to overall approval by Network Rail).

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17. Black Cat Radar.

The members were still not convinced of the usefulness of this. Cllr. Franklin agreed to find confirmation of the Police response to the data and whether Highways does accept the data from Parish-owned Black Cat devices, as well as Highways-owned devices, for speed surveys.

18. Information for Noting or Including on a future Agenda.

There was none.

19. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 4th August 7pm - Virtual meeting.

..... Signature of Chair.