

BURWASH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Working Party held virtually by Zoom on Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 7pm.

Attended by: Cllr. Bob Franklin (Chair), Cllr. Terry Johns, Cllr. Julian Kenny, Helga Castle, David Cowell, Lindsay Green, George McAlister, Halina Keep, Les Moore, and Hilary Stewart.

Also attending guests Kevin Moore and Adrian Berendt from '20's Plenty'.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Ken McLeod and Greg Meares.

2. Disclosures of Interest.

There were none.

3. Minutes from the previous meeting held on 3rd October 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2022 were agreed and would go to Full Council on 8th November 2022.

4. Vicarage Road and Lane Speed Limit.

The members noted that the Gantt Chart sent by Peter Heasman had not been updated – the implementation was only at Week 8 stage (due 25/5/22) 6 months behind. The new plans showed that all existing signage would be removed, then new signage erected in different places, in addition new width restriction signs. A new Safety Audit was due on 7th November, the proposed plan would then go to the Safety Team. It is still hoped that the speed limit construction would be completed by April 2023.

5. Implementing 20mph in Burwash Village.

The Police are claiming there is insufficient traffic calming, they require the 20mph to be self-enforcing. It was understood that this is not an unusual position for the Police to take. However, the members were left uncertain whether a redesign is required. The members queried whether the Police have powers of veto.

The guests from '20's Plenty' were invited to speak:

Kevin Moore stated that the Police do not have powers of veto, final decision is with Highways, unless Police can demonstrate serious safety concerns. This was agreed by Adrian Berendt.

The group was reminded that the initial submission was merely for the introduction of a 20mph limit without the assistance of any other factors. Whilst it is desirable that the design encourages a greater participation in the speed limit, at the time of the initial application this was not considered essential. Concern was expressed that the project, which was originally proposed in 2016, had still not been completed. It was agreed that the Chair would outline the timeline of events in a letter to Nick Skelton, copied to Ian Tingley and Cllr. Eleanor Kirby-Green. This letter would

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query the Police objection being upheld (particularly as they do not enforce the 30mph limit) and request that the project is expedited with an outline costing to allow for next years' budget to be completed. The letter will also ask for an explanation of the involvement of the 'Planning Committee'. This letter to be circulated for members to consider/amend.

20's Plenty Campaign. (moved from item 13. on Agenda)

The guests gave an update on the National situation of 20mph limits.

It was noted that almost all the Counties around us are now adopting 20mph speed limits with considerable success. It was recommended that the Council encourage other Parish Councils to join the campaign.

The Chair thanked the guests.

6. Yellow Lines Review Consultation.

It was felt that a single yellow line should be introduced on the North side of the High Street between the existing double yellows and Wren Cottage, with an 8am – 6pm ban on parking.

ACTION: The Clerk to request a Yellow Lines Review.

7. Village Gates Design.

Nothing to report.

8. Highways and Road Repairs.

a. Maintenance Contract and Report.

The new Maintenance Contract has not yet been signed but we have been promised a sight of this when complete.

b. Shrub Lane road surface repair.

Highways have allocated this to the Patching Team.

c. Vicarage Lane drainage works.

It is considered that the drainage works are inadequate, and Highways are requested to revisit the problem.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact Highways.

d. Road surface crazing in Burwash High Street.

It appears that the road surface is deteriorating opposite Ham Lane, and the group expressed concern that this could only deteriorate further if no action is taken. This will be raised at the next SLR meeting.

9. Speedwatch.

There was no report this month, and it was noted that more volunteers are still required.

10. Quiet Lanes.

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The group was informed that Quiet Lanes is still under consideration as part of the new Local Transport Plan consultation.

11. Proposed Cycleways (Burwash Weald to Spring Lane & Stonegate; Burwash to Etchingham Station).

This is still being pursued with Sustrans. An application for CIL funding with Rother has been submitted. Lesley Moore agreed to contact Steve Moore for information on the identity of the landowner where the new Right of Way would be required.

12. HIP (Highways Improvement Plan)

Nothing to Report.

13. See 5 Above.

14. Extending the 40mph speed limit A265 Burwash Weald.

Full Council is being asked to resolve the expenditure for a feasibility study.

15. Car Park Update.

The lease and plan have all been signed and are back with RDC, and we await the payment of the agreed £18,000. The toilets are open, and a meeting of the Car Park Maintenance Working Group is to be held on 14th November at 19.00hrs, face-to-face in the Parish Room. Two early agenda items will be relining and charging points.

16. Spring Lane.

The Chair reported that Network Rail had agreed the costs of reinstating the verges with Highways but as yet Highways have not started the work.

Clerk's Note: Cllr. Kirby-Green confirmed she has chased Highways to progress this.

17. Black Cat Radar.

Chair reported that he was waiting on information as to whether Etchingham PC would be prepared to share their device.

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

- a. SLR Agenda.
- b. Response to [East Sussex Local Transport Plan 4 - East Sussex - Citizen Space](#)

19. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 8th December 2022 - 7pm - Virtual meeting.

..... Signature of Chair.