

BURWASH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Working Party held virtually by Zoom on Thursday 8th December 2022 at 7pm.

Attended by: Cllr. Bob Franklin (Chair), Cllr. Terry Johns, Cllr. Julian Kenny, Helga Castle, Peter Collier, Lindsay Green, Halina Keep, Greg Meares, Les Moore and Hilary Stewart.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from David Cowell, Ken McLeod and Steve Dixon.

2. Disclosures of Interest.

There were none.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2022 had been agreed and adopted at Full Council on 8th November 2022.

4. Vicarage Road and Lane Speed Limit.

No update received. It was noted that Peter Heasman, the project manager, has failed to deliver a progress report in time for the meeting, despite this being requested. The WP agreed that this was unacceptable. It was noted that the parish council has already paid in full for this project, delivery of which is in danger of slipping further behind. The Parish Clerk was asked to convey to Mr. Heasman in the strongest terms the need for him to produce regular progress reports against his own project plan in time for them to be considered by the T&TWP at their monthly meetings. They should not need to be requested each time.

ACTION: *The Clerk to write to Mr. Peter Heasman.*

5. Implementing 20mph in Burwash Village.

The Chair had circulated a proposed letter to Nick Skelton, but the members considered that the letter should be more forceful and more detailed. It was agreed that Les Moore and Lindsay Green would produce a draft, ensuring that the 20mph proposal included School Hill, but the Clerk would produce the final document, cc'd to Katy Bourne (Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex) and Cty. Cllr. Claire Dowling. The new Police Inspector of Roads should also be requested to review the proposal.

ACTION: *The Clerk to write to Nick Skelton, with the draft letter from Les Moore and Lindsay Green as a base.*

6. Yellow Lines Review Consultation.

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It was noted that the area between the Car Park and Oakleys Garage site is particularly vulnerable and would benefit from the restrictions of a single yellow line.

ACTION: *The Clerk is requested to ask for a Review of Yellow Line restrictions in the village and to publish our proposal for a single yellow line in the e-Bulletin.*

7. Village Gates Design.

Nothing to report.

8. Highways and Road Repairs.

a. Maintenance Contract and Report.

It is anticipated that the Council will receive a copy of the new Contract in due course.

b. Shrub Lane road surface repair.

Some repairs have been carried out and it is anticipated that the Patching Machine will carry out further repairs.

c. Vicarage Lane drainage works.

Lindsay Green has written to Ruby Brittle suggesting further works to improve the situation, but to date no response received.

d. Road surface crazing in Burwash High Street.

This has been reported to Highways, but no action has been forthcoming.

e. Spring Lane verges.

It has been reported that Network Rail has paid for the repairs, and Cllr. Eleanor Kirby-Green has agreed to pursue Highways to issue the road-closure notice and commence restoration.

9. Speedwatch.

This month's report was noted (See Appendix 1).

10. Quiet Lanes.

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

Secretary's Note: *Cllr. Franklin has spoken to High Weald AONB – they are in favour of the proposal and have offered their assistance.*

12. HIP (Highways Improvement Plan)

Nothing to Report.

13. 20's Plenty Campaign.

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It was noted that surrounding Counties (West Sussex, Hampshire and Surrey) are reducing their speed thresholds; W. Sussex is allocating speed limits to Quiet Lanes and will not allow Police to veto 20mph schemes. Adrian from 20's Plenty has contacted Cty. Cllr. Kirby-Green for her support with Cty. Cllr. Claire Dowling.

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

Full Council have agreed the expenditure for a feasibility study.

ACTION: *The Clerk is requested to submit a Feasibility Study.*

15. Car Park Update.

The first meeting of the Car Park Maintenance Group has been held and it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for a meeting with the 'white lines' contractor. It was noted that two of the lights are still not working although they have an electrical feed to the post. It was noted that RDC plan to remove the recycling bins from the Car Park in January as contaminated waste is continually being placed there, and recycling collections are now available in the village.

It was agreed that the lights on the Toilets should be 'dark skies' compliant.

ACTION: *Council is asked to resolve to spend approx. £25 per light.*

ACTION: *The Clerk to include in the e-Bulletin a note about the removal of the recycling bins from the Car Park in January.*

16. Black Cat Radar.

The members voted by 7 to 1 to ask the Council to resolve to purchase a Black Cat Radar. It was noted that there had been several road traffic accidents on the A265 between the entrance to Stonegate Road and the Old Orchard Nursery and Café.

ACTION: *Full Council is asked to resolve to purchase a Black Cat Radar device.*

17. SLR Agenda.

1. Maintenance Contract and Report.
2. Shrub Lane Road Surface Repair.
3. Vicarage Lane drainage Works.
4. Road Surface Crazing – Burwash High Street, War Memorial and Vicarage Road/Lane.
5. Spring Lane Verges.
6. High Street 20mph Speed Limit.
7. Vicarage Road/Lane 20mph.
8. Uneven pavers. (Hight that constitutes a trip hazard)
9. Designated paver repair contractor.
10. Highway Steward contact with the Clerk.
11. Safety Review (pavement between Car Park and Oakleys).
12. Quiet Lanes.

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18. Response to [East Sussex Local Transport Plan 4 - East Sussex - Citizen Space](#).

All members of the group were asked to respond by 9th December and Les Moore circulated some helpful guidance to the group.

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

1. Deer Signs.
2. 50mph Speed limit at bottom of School Hill.
3. Jeremy suggestion to amend bridleway
4. Contract to replace tarmac with pavers

20. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 2nd February 2023 - 7pm - Virtual meeting.

Meeting closed 8.15pm.

..... Signature of Chair.