

BURWASH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Working Party held virtually by Zoom on Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 7pm.

Attended by: Cllr. Bob Franklin (Chair), Cllr. Terry Johns, Cllr. Julian Kenny, Helga Castle, Les Moore, Hilary Stewart and George McAllister

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from David Cowell & Halina Keep.

2. Disclosures of Interest.

There were none.

3. Minutes from the previous meeting held on 2nd February 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2023 had been agreed and adopted at Full Council.

4. Vicarage Road and Lane Speed Limit.

No further information had been received.

5. Implementing 20mph in Burwash Village.

The officers at ESCC have ignored our requests for a meeting. At the SLR meeting the Safety Rep had confirmed there could be no discussion on the design document prior to the Planning meeting.

ACTION POINT: *The Chair to arrange a meeting between the Clerk, Cty. Cllr. Eleanor Kirby-Green and himself to move this on from the intransigence of County.*

The Chair confirmed he would circulate a report on this meeting before the next T&T meeting.

6. Yellow Lines Review Consultation.

It was agreed that the Yellow Lines in the High Street are part of the plan for reducing speeds in the High Street. However, in view of the uncertainty of achieving the 20mph at a reasonable cost, it was agreed that the Council should push for the Yellow Line Review as soon as possible.

ACTION POINT: *The Clerk to chase the Yellow Line review with Rother.*

7. Village Gates Design.

This was stalled pending success with the 20mph speed limit implementation.

8. Highways and Road Repairs.

a. Maintenance Contract and Report.

We have still not seen the new contract.

BURWASH PARISH COUNCIL

ACTION POINT: *This to be discussed as part of the meeting with Cty. Cllr. Eleanor Kirby-Green.*

b. Shrub Lane road surface repair.

Full road resurface is still due to be carried out Monday 6th March to Friday 24th March, beginning with the village end.

c. Vicarage Lane drainage works.

No further information received.

d. Road surface crazing in Burwash High Street.

This was discussed with Ruby Brittle and she is pursuing this with the contractor.

e. Spring Lane verges.

Highways still seem to be waiting for dry weather, even though we have had the driest February for years.

f. School Hill.

The Clerk continues to pursue this with Highways.

9. Speedwatch.

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

10. Quiet Lanes.

At the SLR meeting it was advised that Highways still does not intend to adopt the Policy.

ACTION POINT: *This to be included in the meeting with Cty Cllr. Eleanor Kirby-Green.*

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

A further email has been sent to Sustrans, still awaiting a response. The Chair has written to Rights of Way, enquiring the procedure for converting a footpath to a bridleway/cycleway.

12. Footpath Modifications (proposed by Jeremy Richardson)

No further progress.

13. HIP (Highways Improvement Plan)

Nothing to Report.

14. 20's Plenty Campaign.

Les Moore had circulated a report from the 20's Plenty Group, showing that ESCC are well behind the innovative thinking of other Councils, in particular West Sussex. It was agreed that we should collaborate with Etchingham PC on the eastern approach to the village.

BURWASH PARISH COUNCIL

ACTION POINT: *This will form a part of the discussion with Cty. Cllr. Eleanor Kirby-Green.*

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

The request for a Feasibility Study had been submitted, but still no response. Huw Merriman MP has expressed an interest in this and the preceding item.

ACTION POINT: *This will form a part of the discussion with Cty. Cllr. Eleanor Kirby-Green.*

16. Car Park Update.

Plans are in hand to clean the carpark and repaint the white lines, indicating 2hr and 9hr bays. Only one light still awaits repair (new cable) and CCTV is booked to be installed on the 10th March.

The toilets are now open 24 hours, with no adverse reports.

17. Black Cat Radar.

Decisions need to be made on the siting locations of the device and risk assessments need to be done.

18. SLR Agenda.

The minutes of the SLR meeting are attached. (*Appendix 2.*)

19. Deer Warning Signs.

The Clerk has circulated by e-Bulletin a leaflet advising of problems with deer on the roads. Rother are running 2 campaigns that will include temporary signs when deer are most likely to be active (apparently coinciding with the times that the clocks are changed).

20. E. V. Charging Points.

This is awaiting the results of Rother's bid.

21. Points for Noting on a Future Agenda.

There were none.

22. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 6th April 2023 - 7pm - Virtual meeting.

Meeting closed 8.00pm.

BURWASH PARISH COUNCIL

..... Signature of Chair.

DRAFT