

BURWASH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Working Party held virtually by Zoom on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7pm.

Attended by: Cllr. Bob Franklin (Chair), Cllr. Terry Johns, David Cowell, Les Moore, Halina Keep and Hilary Stewart.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Lindsay Green.

2. Disclosures of Interest.

There were none.

3. Minutes from the previous meeting held on 6th June 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2023 had been agreed and adopted at Full Council.

4. Implementing 20mph in Burwash Village.

A letter of complaint has been sent to the CEO, ESCC (Becky Shaw), but no response has so far been received. A meeting was held with GTA Civils to discuss the possibility of them revising their original suggestion and carrying out the works using the 278 procedure. At the meeting it was suggested that the best way forward would be for a meeting with the Clerk, GTA Civils and ESCC Highways Safety Team, for which GTA Civils would charge approximately £500. It was noted that no match funding would be available for this scheme and there is no guarantee that ESCC Highways would accept this proposal.

Les Moore reported that a petition is being organised requesting that ESCC agree a simplified scheme for the introduction of the 20mph limit. The Clerk will be requested to include details of this in the e-Bulletin.

The members requested that Full Council resolve to spend approximately £500 for the meeting with GTA Civils.

5. Yellow Lines Review Consultation.

The Clerk has completed an application for a Yellow Lines review from Rother.

6. Village Gates Design.

The provision of gates is still under review.

7. Highways and Road Repairs.

a. Vicarage Lane drainage works.

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Highways have agreed to restore the raised berms to direct the water into the drains.

b. Road surface crazing in Burwash High Street, Vicarage Lane and Road.

The Clerk is asked to contact Dale Poore again regarding these road surfaces.

c. Spring Lane verges.

The Clerk is continuing to press Highways to restore the verges as they had originally agreed.

d. School Hill.

The Clerk is continuing to press Highways for safety improvements to School Hill. Terry advised the members that very large HGV lorries, including articulated, are being stored at a farm on the other side of the river in School Hill. At a recent incident, lorries turning in/out of School Hill to the A265 have seriously damaged the finger post and damaged the stone walls on both sides. It is believed that there is no Transport Licence held there for the storage of such lorries, and that this should be referred to Enforcement.

It was agreed that the Council should apply for a sign restricting access to HGV lorries, as it is a school access, there is no footway and there are high stone walls at both sides. It was also noted that the War Memorial may be at risk. It was also agreed that the members should ask GTA Civils for advice on the siting of bollards, both for the pinch point in the High Street and at the War Memorial/access to A265 from School Hill.

The members request that the Clerk report the storage site of these lorries to Enforcement, and apply for a 'No HGV' sign.

8. Speedwatch.

More volunteers are required – the need for volunteers will be advertised at the fetes.

9. Quiet Lanes.

Still no response from Claire Dowling regarding adopting the Quiet Lanes policy. Bob will continue to raise the matter at RALC meetings and will ask the Clerk to discuss the need for this policy with the other clerks.

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

Bob advised that he had been unable to find any funding possibilities for this project. Les suggested that the project of these cycle paths linking the 3 villages and the railway stations could be publicised at the Fetes, to gain public support and possibly local funding. Terry spoke about the new cycle path linking Polegate and Lewes and

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wondered whether there was scope for including our proposals as part of a much larger project – Weald Cycle path, possibly a circular route?

Bob agreed to raise the project at the next Transport for the South East Forum and also to contact Jeremy Richardson regarding the Local Access Forum. He would also work to raise public awareness at the Fetes.

11. 20's Plenty Campaign.

Les advised she would circulate an update.

12. Extending the 40mph speed limit (Burnt House Farm) on A265 Burwash Weald.

This was included in the letter to CEO, ESCC, but there has been no response to date. Bob will continue to pursue the need for simplified speed limits between Burwash Weald and the village of Burwash, particularly near Burnt House Farm, where the A265 has to be used by walkers accessing the Promoted Path 20c (Holton Lane bridleway) and there is no footway.

13. Car Park Update.

It was agreed that the Car Park is looking very good. Bob advised that the Council is looking into incorporating a disabled cubicle and baby changing facilities into both the men's and ladies' toilets and removing the old wooden disabled toilet structure.

14. Black Cat Radar.

Bob has still not received the information on the required Risk Analysis from Keith Robertson but will contact him again so that the device may be purchased.

15. Points for Noting on a Future Agenda.

Concern was expressed about a particularly large pothole located on the A265 towards Heathfield outside Little Commons property, which had been reported several times and seemed part of a collapsed sewer. The Clerk is aware of the problem.

16. Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 1st August 2023 - 7pm - Virtual meeting.

Meeting closed 7.50pm.

..... Signature of Chair

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