

# **BURWASH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Working Party held virtually by Zoom on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 7pm.**

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

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Terry Johns and Lindsay Green.

**2. Disclosures of Interest.**

There were none.

**3. Minutes from the previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 had been agreed and adopted at Full Council.

**4. Implementing 20mph in Burwash Village.**

The members discussed the response to Becky Shaw's letter which had been drafted by the Clerk. It was noted that the focus of the letter is that it should be treated as a formal complaint and the CEO of ESCC should personally respond accordingly. The forthcoming planned meeting with GTA Civils and the Council's aims were discussed. Les Moore hoped for advice on the Police Advisory Guidance and ESCC's perceived misinterpretation of it.

Les Moore advised that copies of the Petition for the 20mph limit had been left at the shop, hairdressers, café etc and the online petition on ESCC's website is still available. It was agreed that there should be a link to the online petition on the Parish Council's website. The focus group of residents for the 20mph limit is also planning future events to include other Parish Councils regarding the dissatisfaction felt with ESCC.

*(Note: the Clerk confirmed that there is now a link to the Petition on the Parish Council's website).*

It was agreed that copies of the petition should be available to be signed at both fetes as Bob would be covering the Parish Council stall at both. Lesley Moore agreed to attend both events to raise awareness of the 20mph issue, the petition and plans for a joint parish public meeting on transport.

**5. Yellow Lines Review Consultation.**

It was noted that the next round of Rother parking reviews is due to start in September 2023.

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## **6. Village Gates Design.**

The provision of gates is still under review.

## **7. Highways and Road Repairs.**

- a. **Vicarage Lane drainage works.** Comments received from Lindsay Green were noted, and the Clerk is requested to pursue.
- b. **Road surface crazing in Burwash High Street, Vicarage Lane and Road.** The Clerk is requested to continue to pursue these poor-quality repairs with Dale Poore.
- c. **Spring Lane verges.** It is understood that the remedial work has been completed.
- d. **School Hill.** The Clerk has made a formal complaint to Enforcement regarding the storage of the lorries at School Hill.

## **8. Speedwatch.**

The July Community Speedwatch Stats are attached at Appendix 1. More volunteers are required – the need for volunteers will be advertised at the fetes.

## **9. Quiet Lanes.**

No action but raised again at RALC.

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

A large-scale map has been purchased from Ordnance Survey – this will be used to publicise the aims of the Council at the fetes to achieve traffic free routes between the villages of Burwash Weald/Common and Burwash, and the villages and the Railway Stations of Stonegate and Etchingham.

## **11. 20's Plenty Campaign.**

No update.

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

Bob noted that ESCC has stated that three speed surveys will be required for this application. He has requested an explanation.

It was noted that BCWRA support the proposal.

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## 13. Car Park Update.

The car park has been running smoothly. The Clerk is looking into how the Car Park Regulations should be adapted to suit Burwash; however, the legality of any changes to these regulations needs to be checked.

## 14. Black Cat Radar.

Bob has identified two sites for the Black Cat Radar – 1. Approx. 100 yards west from the Wheel Inn on Heathfield Road, Burwash Weald (What 3 Words - ///twinge.poorly.wager) and 2. The Village sign, Burwash High Street (///painted.amicably.profile). It was suggested that the eastern entrance to the village has become increasingly dangerous due to speeding traffic and suitable sites here should be found for the Black Cat, ie. the top of Shrub Lane or near the Church. Bob reminded the members that suitable sites should be on a pavement, with clear views, not impeded by trees, and that licences still have to be obtained from Highways. Bob will submit the Risk Assessments in order that the device may be purchased.

## 15. Points for Noting on a Future Agenda.

1. Residents' idea to convene a public meeting with neighbouring parishes, County Councillors and our MP to address a range of transport issues, e.g. setting safe speeds, quiet lanes & plans to shut railway ticket offices.
2. Highways Maintenance Contract.
3. Problems on Highways 'Report a Problem' site.

## 16. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - 7pm - Virtual meeting.

Meeting closed 7.45pm.

..... Signature of Chair

Appendix 1 - July Community Speedwatch Stats.  
Attached.