

# **BURWASH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Working Party held virtually by Zoom on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7pm.**

Attended by: Cllr. Bob Franklin (Chair), Cllr. Scott Chambers, Cllr. Natalie Crabtree, Cllr. Terry Johns, Helga Castle, Steve Dixon, Lindsay Green

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from David Cowell and Les Moore.

**2. Disclosures of Interest.**

There were none.

**3. Minutes from the previous meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September were agreed.

**4. Vicarage Road and Speed Limit.**

It was agreed that this item has been completed.

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

There was an initial meeting with GTA Civils, and a further meeting is planned with an update to their costings.

*At Full Council on 14<sup>th</sup> November, Council is asked to resolve to support this.*

**6. Highways and Road Repairs.**

**a. Vicarage Lane drainage works.**

Lindsay advised he had emailed Ruby Brittle regarding the berms and crazing but had not had a response.

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

Dale Poore is aware of the problem – awaiting Highways response.

**c. Spring Lane verges.**

The works have apparently been completed, awaiting confirmation from the residents.

**d. School Hill.**

A meeting between the Clerk and Ian Johnson, Head of Safety at Highways, is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> October, a walk along School Hill is planned to discuss safety measures.

**e. 20mph Petition.**

This will be presented to ESCC at their meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December.

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**f. Report from Clerk re her meeting with Highways.**

This meeting has not taken place as the Customer Services representative has left.

**g. High Street Weight Limit.**

This will be included at the forthcoming meeting with Brian Johnstone, but it was felt that this would not be workable on the A265.

**7. Speedwatch.**

The data has not been received for September.

**8. Quiet Lanes.**

This is on the agenda for the forthcoming RALC meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

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

Bob has contacted Active Travel (part of TfSE) seeking support, pointing out that that the initiatives supported to date are mainly urban and better support needs to be given to rural areas.

**10. 20's Plenty Campaign.**

No information received.

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

Bob is disputing the 3 speed surveys requested by Highways, also the 600m buffer zone.

**12. Car Park Update.**

Lindsay Green read the following statement:

“FOLLOWING THE LAST MEETING AT WHICH COUNCILLOR FRANKLIN STATED EXPLICITLY THAT IT WAS NOT HIS INTENTION TO LABEL CAR PARK BAYS AS SHORT-TERM OR LONG-TERM, THE BCWRA TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY OFFERED AND MET WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN YESTERDAY.

WE HAVE PROVIDED HIM WITH THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK WHEREBY THE CAR PARK CAN BE OPERATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL PARISHIONERS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CPWG AND AGREED BY THE FULL COUNCIL.

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WE IMPRESSED UPON HIM THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE SITUATION THAT WOULD ARISE IF ONE OR MORE PARISH COUNCILLORS ACTED INDEPENDENTLY TO SET ASIDE PARISH COUNCIL DECISIONS IN RESPECT OF THE CAR PARK (OR ANYTHING ELSE COME TO THAT) AND THE PARISH COUNCIL ITSELF SUBSEQUENTLY COLLUDED IN THAT ACT.”

This statement had not been sent out in advance of the meeting and was not discussed or endorsed by the members of the working party.

### **13. Black Cat Radar.**

The licence has been applied for.

### **14. E.V. Charging Points.**

The Clerk has met with a supplier of street furniture. There are at present no plans for charging points in the Weald or Common.

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

- a. Swing Gate Hill – reduce speed limit from 40mph to 30mph.

### **16. Date of Next Meeting.**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - 7pm. It was agreed that this meeting would be face-to-face in the Parish Room.

Meeting closed 7.20pm.

..... Signature of Chair