

# **BURWASH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Working Party held virtually by Zoom on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm.**

Attended by: Cllr. Bob Franklin (Chair), Cllr. Scott Chambers, Cllr. Natalie Crabtree, Cllr. Terry Johns, Helga Castle, Steve Dixon, Lindsay Green, Halina Keep, Les Moore, and Hilary Stewart.

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from David Cowell.

**2. Disclosures of Interest.**

There were none.

**3. Minutes from the previous meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 had been agreed and adopted at Full Council.

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

A complaint had been received regarding a delivery driver seen driving at above the new 20mph limit. It was agreed that an SID (Speed Indication Device) could be a useful tool for reminding drivers of the applicable speed limit. It was also suggested that BCWRA could request residents to talk to delivery drivers and remind them of the safety reasons for the reduced speed limit.

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

The Clerk has responded to a letter from GTA Civils, stating that we wish to maintain an interest. The Council has still not received a response to its formal complaint regarding Highways; Les suggested that this is possibly now outside the framework of the Government complaints procedure. It was confirmed that there should be a meeting with GTA Civils, and that they should be asked for costings of their original design. It was noted that Nick Skelton in the past had suggested that the Council could go for an independent scheme. Lindsay suggested that any scheme from GTA Civils should be put to the Police for their comments.

*Council is asked to resolve to ask GTA Civils to revise and cost their plan with a view to submitting it to ESCC.*

**6. Highways and Road Repairs.**

**a. Vicarage Lane drainage works.**

Lindsay stated that Highways had agreed to reinstate the berms and resurface the roadway.

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

Burwash High Street is to be resurfaced and Dale Poore has been made aware of the Vicarage Road and Lane problems.

**c. Spring Lane verges.**

A resident had reported that the initial works had been poorly done. However, Spring Lane is at present closed for remedial works to the verges.

**d. School Hill.**

Enforcement have been informed about the lorry traffic, but Highways have not taken on board any safety measures regarding the school.

**e. 20mph Petition.**

Almost 400 signatures have been received but we are awaiting the outcome of the formal complaint before the public presentation.

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

The meeting is to be held shortly.

**7. Speedwatch.**

The Speedwatch is attached at Appendix 1. It was disappointing that no sessions had been held during August due to holidays. There is a real need for additional volunteers.

**8. Quiet Lanes.**

RALC are now actively pursuing this.

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

There was reasonable interest at both fetes with the routes being marked on a largescale map. Funding options are being pursued.

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

Les reported that ESCC is more and more isolated in its objections to the 20mph.

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

ESCC had requested 3 speed checks be undertaken and requirement for this has been queried with them.

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## 12. Car Park Update.

Bob reported that the car under cover is to be investigated re tax and MOT, and the Clerk will attempt to identify who is coning off the space in the corner of the car park. The Clerk is finalising the new notice for the car park.

It should be noted that it is not the Clerk's responsibility to enforce these regulations. It was agreed that Council should have some means of enforcing these regulations and this should be discussed by the Councillors at the next Full Council meeting. Terry stated that some Estate Agents are apparently advertising that 'reserved' spaces are available in the car park when advertising houses for sale. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to local Agents, to make it clear that the car park belongs to the Parish Council and that spaces cannot be guaranteed, reserved or even free. The Council is looking at whether it can set its own Bylaws.

"Lindsay raised the point that when the car park was lined it failed to include designation of the spaces as short-term or long-term as recommended by the Car Park Management Working Group and subsequently endorsed by the Parish Council. In answer to a further question from Lindsay, Bob admitted that this was his decision and that, furthermore, he did not plan to designate bays as short-term or long-term. If members of the Working Group were unhappy with this, the Parish Council chair had offered to meet with them to discuss this."

*The Council is asked to resolve an Enforcement Plan.*

*The Clerk is asked to write to local Estate Agents.*

## 13. Black Cat Radar.

The three sites identified by Bob are having their Risk Assessments produced. It was noted that the Licence fee is payable annually.

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

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

## 15. Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 - 7pm - Virtual meeting.

Meeting closed 8.30pm.

..... Signature of Chair

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Appendix 1 - August Community Speedwatch Stats.