



Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of Bearsted Parish Council held virtually on  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Joanna Tribley (Chairman)  
Cllr Richard Ash MBE (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Adam Powell  
Cllr Mark Peters  
Cllr Denis Spooner  
David Hall

Also, in attendance was the Administrator Amy Bush and Cllr Val Springett.

**There were no reports from the public.**

**1. Declarations of intention to record.**

The Administrator declared that the meeting will be recorded for minuting purposes.

**2. Apologies and absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr F Hughes.

**3. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**

None.

**4. Signing of the Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were agreed and duly signed.

**5. Terms of Reference**

The committee reviewed changes and unanimously agreed to recommend the Terms of Reference to Full Council.

**6. Highways Improvement Plan**

a) HIP Item 3 - Gateway to Bearsted at Bell Bridge, Ware Street/speeding traffic

It was proposed that Cllr J Tribley would contact Network Rail to enquire if traffic calming signage could be placed on the wall next to the railway bridge and that Cllr Richard Ash would contact Thurnham Parish Council to discuss strengthening the gateway at the interactive speed sign. This was agreed by unanimous vote.

It was proposed an Automatic Traffic Count (ATC) survey should be conducted on Ware Street close to the junction with Sandy Mount. This was agreed by unanimous vote.

**ACTION: Cllr J Tribley and Cllr R Ash**

b) HIP Item 5 - Gateway to Bearsted at Roundwell/Speeding traffic

It was agreed permission would be sought to access privately owned land to enable a more visible gateway sign to be erected at The Street, Bearsted. This was agreed by unanimous vote.

It was proposed an ATC survey should be conducted between the entrance to Hillbeck Care Home and Barty House Nursing Home. This was agreed by unanimous vote.

**ACTION: Cllr Val Springett**

c) HIP item 7 - Rat running through Roseacre Lane/Spot Lane

It was proposed that Cllr J Tribley would approach KCC about integrating traffic calming alongside the resurfacing work on Roseacre Lane. This was agreed by unanimous vote.

**ACTION: Cllr J Tribley**

d) HIP Item 10 - Rat running through Otham Lane

Cllr R Ash proposed an ATC survey should be conducted at Otham Lane.

This was agreed with 4 in favour and 1 abstention.

e) HIP Item 27 - Egremont road speeding

No action to be taken at present.

f) HIP Item 28 - A20 Ashford road speed limit review

Cllr Richard Ash proposed an ATC survey should be conducted at the 30mph sign of the A20.

This was agreed with 4 in favour and 1 abstention.

g) New matters for HIP

No new matters to add at present.

**7. Thurnham Parish Council liaison**

It was agreed that Cllr R Ash would be the BPC point of contact to liaise with Thurnham Parish Council on traffic and transport matters concerning both Parishes.

**8. General Correspondence**

a) Spot Lane Traffic

An email had been received regarding traffic on Spot Lane. Cllr J Tribley would respond.

b) Parking on the A20 at Gore Cottage

An email had been received regarding parking on the verge on the A20.

Item deferred.

c) Flooding at Ware Street

An email had been received regarding the flooding under Bell Bridge Ware Street.

It was proposed Cllr J Tribley would contact KCC for updates and Cllr R Ash would contact Thurnham Parish Council to check the pumping station was in working order.

**ACTION: Cllr J Tribley and Cllr R Ash**

d) Lorry Watch

It was agreed that any unauthorised lorries would be reported to KCC freight watch.

Cllr Val Springett to share contact email with BPC.

**ACTION: Cllr Springett**

**9. Future Agenda Items**

Speed Survey – Review of results and possible solutions.

Review priority of HIP items.

Dividing Parish to Committee members to report and observe traffic and transport issues.

Administrators Report.

Frequency of Committee meetings.

**10. Date of next Meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

With no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 21.00hrs

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