



Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of Bearsted Parish Council held at Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, Bearsted
Wednesday 6th October 2021 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Joanna Tribley (Chairman)
Cllr Richard Ash MBE (Vice Chair)
Cllr Adam Powell

Also, in attendance was the Clerk Erin Sugden and Administrator Joanne Upton.

1. Declarations of intention to record.

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

2. Apologies and absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Denis Spooner and Cllr Fabienne 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 7th July 2021 were agreed and duly signed.

5. Clerks Report

Nothing to report.

6. Parish Traffic Zone Update

Cllr Ash reported that many road junctions in Bearsted need to have the white lines repainted. These would need to be reported directly to KCC via their reporting portal.

ACTION:CLLR ASH

Cllr Powell reported hazardous parking around Madginford at school time. Cllr Tribley to contact Parking Services at MBC regarding patrols at school times.

ACTION:CLLR TRIBLEY

Cllr Tribley reported 4 incidents to KCC.

1. Otham Lane sign broken by a falling tree. KCC have already been to site and have now referred this to MBC for a replacement plastic sign.
2. Stoneacre sign is pointing in the wrong direction.
3. Blocked drains on the Ashford Road by Major's Lake.
4. Parking on corners and white lines wearing away.

7. Review Highways Improvement Plan

- a) Update from the meeting with KCC Highways. It has been agreed for another speed survey to be completed on the Ashford Road near Roundwell, the cost to be covered by KCC, who also agreed to paint a 30mph roundel sign on the road to reinforce the change in speed limit at Lilik Hill. KCC believes the current speed limit of 60mph is appropriate for the road. BPC would like it reduced. The cost of reducing the speed limit can reach between £2-£5k.

Cllr Peters to arrange a survey/petition of Bearsted residents to see if this is something the parish wants.

ACTION: CLLR PETERS

Cllr Ash to speak to Thurnham Parish Council to see if they would contribute to the cost.

ACTION:CLLR ASH

KCC have confirmed they should be able to put in a gateway on Ware Street at the Hockers Lane Junction. They will also look at pedestrian crossing warning signs at Bell Bridge and at an improved gateway on the Street, near Roundwell. BPC have written authority from the landowner on The Street, that this can be partly installed on their land, as space here is limited. KCC are considering.

- b) Speed indicator devices, would need to be funded by BPC. There is money left in the budget to potentially fund this.
Cllr Tribley to research suppliers and costs and speak to KCC regarding installation and permission.

ACTION:CLLR TRIBLEY

8. Vision Zero and Speed Watch

BPC did not receive any response from residents to participate in the community speed watch.

9. General Correspondence

- a) Letter received from a resident regarding traffic on Spot Lane. A letter had been received regarding volume of traffic using this road. The resident had counted vehicles travelling on Spot Lane. Cllr Tribley proposed for a traffic survey to be carried out which was resolved with all in favour. Agreed this needs to be done south of Greystone Road junction. Cllr Tribley will research options within the budget of £350.

ACTION:CLLR TRIBLEY

- b) Correspondence regarding parking at Copsewood Way. Cllr Tribley visited the area and has agreed to meet with the resident to gain more information about parking issues.

ACTION:CLLR TRIBLEY

- c) Correspondence regarding yellow lines at Lenside Drive. Cllr Tribley visited the site and at the time there were no obvious parking issues. Cllr Tribley to meet with resident to gain more information about parking issues. It was agreed that MBC parking services would be asked to increase patrols in the area.

ACTION:CLLR TRIBLEY

- d) Feedback regarding speed survey/ Spot Lane. Traffic survey being actioned.
Cllr Tribley to respond to the resident to advise on the action being taken.

ACTION:CLLR TRIBLEY

- e) The Green. A resident had contacted BPC regarding the speed of vehicles travelling on The Street. A potential solution may be the Speed Indicators (7b). The Clerk has responded to the resident.

ACTION:CLLR TRIBLEY

- f) Feedback regarding speed survey and general concerns.
Feedback had been received from a resident after the results of the travel survey had been published. The Clerk will contact the PCSO to request a presence at night. Cllr Tribley to respond to the resident.

ACTION:CLLR TRIBLEY

- g) Concerns on Spot Lane. A resident contacted BPC expressing his concerns that no traffic survey was completed in Spot Lane ahead of the housing development at Church Road. It was suggested at agenda item 9a to complete a survey. Cllr Ash suggested wheelie bin stickers for residents on Spot Lane. Cllr Tribley proposed to spend up to £500 ordering bin signs for 30mph for residents on Spot lane. This was resolved with all in favour. Cllr Tribley will respond to the resident.

ACTION:CLLR TRIBLEY/CLERK

10. Budget 2022-2023

Cllr Ash suggested funding for yellow lines on corners. (£3000)

£400 for speed surveys

Cllr Powel left the room 20.37 – 20.40

£4000 for gateways

£5000 for speed reduction on the Ashford Road

£500 for community initiatives

The budget was proposed by Cllr Tribley and resolved with all in favour.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Clerks report
- Parish traffic zone update
- Review the Highway Improvement Plan
- Speed indicator signs
- Results of Spot Lane survey

12. Date of next Meeting: TBC

With no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 20.50hrs

Signed.....

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