



Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of Bearsted Parish Council held at Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, Bearsted
Wednesday 8th February 2022 at 7:30pm

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

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

There were no reports from members of the public.

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.

3. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

Cllr Peters declared an interest in Ashford Road.

4. Signing of the Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of 6th October 2021 were agreed and duly signed.

5. Clerks Report

Cllr Hughes sent a report to the Clerk declaring she is to step down from the Traffic and Transport Committee, her Traffic Zone will be redistributed. The administrator confirmed all actions from the previous meeting had been actioned.

ACTION: CLLR ASH

6. Parish Traffic Zone Update

Cllr Powell reported the traffic lights on Madginford Road, onto Willington Street are pressure activated and if cars do not pull up to the line the lights do not change, causing traffic congestion.

Cllr Ash will report areas that need white lines repainting. Cllr Tribley advised KCC have confirmed this is on their agenda.

Cllr Tribley will report the Spot Lane sign that has been removed and the 20mph roundels that need repainting.

ACTION: CLLR TRIBLEY/ASH

7. Review Highways Improvement Plan

a) Update from the meeting with KCC Highways.

- (i) A20 speeding at Lilik Hill: KCC have confirmed they will strengthen the gateway and we will arrange for the vegetation to be cut back. KCC confirmed the cost to reduce speed to 50mph is approximately £5000. The Cost to reduce the speed limit to 40mph is approximately £20,000. There is potential for £9000 in next year's budget and the committee discussed options to raise additional funding to reduce the speed limit to 40mph. Resolved for Cllr Tribley to continue to push for 40mph. Proposed by Cllr Tribley with 3 in favour and 1 against.

ACTION: CLLR TRIBLEY

- (ii) Vehicle activated speed devices: KCC will only accept their own devices, no options to buy alternatives. Cost for 3 mobile units £7000. After installation by KCC, BPC would be responsible for moving the device between the 3 posts. These can only be in situ for a maximum of two months. Resolved not to purchase, with 3 in favour and 1 against.
- (iii) Community Speed Watch: Resolved not to proceed, with all in favour.
- (iv) Police Patrols: Cost of approximately £500 per day for one PCSO and one PC. Cllr Ash proposed to proceed with this. There were 2 abstentions and 1 against therefore it was resolved not to proceed.
- (v) Discussed 7a (i).

b) Update from KCC regarding pedestrian safety Ware Street / The Street / Roundwell

- (i) Gateways at Ware Street/Hockers Lane and Roundwell: total cost £2557.14. The Ware Street gateway will be a full gateway but the Roundwell gateway will just be a village sign on a post as there is not enough verge for a full gateway. This will be moved from its current location for more visibility. Approval to proceed, proposed by Cllr Ash with all in favour.
- (ii) Discussed 7a(i)
- (iii) Discussed 7a (iv)

c) Pedestrian crossing sign at Manor Rise/Yeoman Lane. It was proposed by Cllr Powell with all in favour not to proceed with this due to the location proposed by KCC.

8. Budget and Funding

After spending £2557.14 on Gateways, approximately £5500 was left in budget, which could potentially be used for the design stage of speed reduction measures on A20, if 40mph gets approval from KCC and Kent Police.

9. New Initiatives

Cllr Ash suggested making all roads north of A20 up to the parish border a 20mph area.

Cllr Peters advised that Bearsted Train Station charges for parking for a 24 hour period but does not make it clear that this ends at 3am and therefore not actually covering a 24 hour period. This is run by a private company.

ACTION: OFFICE TO SEND LETTER

Cllr Tribley mentioned the lack of parking available around the businesses at A20/Yeoman Lane area. She suggested a parking survey to be sent to all local businesses to establish staffing numbers, parking space numbers that are available and that are needed, with a view to providing more parking and reducing parking issues on surrounding roads.

ACTION: CLLR TRIBLEY

10. Restricted Access

Cllr Tribley discussed the option of restricting access to certain areas/roads in the village at peak times, to reduce the number of cars using it as a cut through. No decision made at this time.

11. Sandy Lane Restricted Access

A letter has been received from one resident requesting Sandy Lane be made pedestrian only. A decision was made to consult with all residents on Sandy Lane and Mount Pleasant by letter. Responses to be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

ACTION: CLLR ASH

12. Results of Spot Lane Survey

No comments from the committee on the results of the Speed Survey. The results have been published.

13. General Correspondence

- a) Sandy Mount. A letter has been received from a resident requesting double yellow lines on both sides of the road on the bend from the end of the permitted parking bays to outside no.27. Agreed this can be added to the Highways Improvement Plan. Proposed by Cllr Tribley with all in favour.

ACTION: CLLR TRIBLEY

- b) Correspondence regarding parking at Cavendish Way/Button Lane/Copsewood Way. Double yellow lines to be applied to corners, this will be added to the Highways Improvement Plan. Residents have raised concerns about the commercial vehicle parked on Copsewood Way. Potential to report this under regulation 103. Residents to be contacted to advise of the parking survey and double yellow lines to be added to Highways Improvement Plan.
ACTION: CLLR TRIBLEY
- c) Ashford Road. Already discussed.
- d) Downswood Parish Council. Reported they have not yet found a solution to the parking issues on Mallards Way, caused by the closure of the Orchard Spot car park and football on a Saturday morning. This is causing additional cars to park in Spot Lane and Lenside Drive.
- e) Manor Rise Post Box. The Administrator reported that suggested locations have been sent to KCC for approval and once approved Royal Mail can be instructed to reinstate the post box. It has been requested that either the end of 20mph zone sign is moved closer to the fence or removed altogether.
- f) Arriva Bus Company. Cllr Hughes has already responded to the resident. Agreed a follow up with Arriva to see if a new timetable will be issued.
ACTION: CLLR TRIBLEY
- g) Spot Lane Chicanes. A resident contacted BPC expressing his wish to have the chicanes removed due to the number of disturbances occurring outside of his property, on a daily basis. BPC agreed no action as this would need to be decided by KCC and unlikely other residents would want them to be removed.
ACTION: OFFICE TO RESPOND TO RESIDENT
- h) Ware Steet Speed Bumps. BPC decided not to proceed with this suggestion at this time as other initiatives are in place such as the Gateways. Cllr Tribley to respond to resident.
ACTION: CLLR TRIBLEY
- i) Road improvements around Bearsted. A resident suggested several initiatives around Bearsted. BPC will respond to resident to discuss the actions BPC are taking.
ACTION: CLLR TRIBLEY
- j) Lenside Drive. Double yellow lines to be added to the Highways Improvement Plan.

14. Future Agenda Items

- Parish traffic zone update
- Review the Highway Improvement Plan
- Results from parking survey
- Review responses from residents of Sandy Lane and Mount Pleasant
- Roads north of A20 up to the parish border a 20mph area

15. Date of next Meeting: 5th April 2022

With no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 21.07hrs

Signed.....

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