



Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of Bearsted Parish Council held at Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, Bearsted  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7:30pm

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

Also, in attendance was 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 Mark Peters.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were agreed and duly signed.

**5. Clerks Report**

The administrator confirmed that the redistribution of Parish zones had not been completed and agreed that this will be actioned after May when we gain more Councillors to this committee. Agreed the committee needs a minimum of 5 members.

**6. Parish Traffic Zone Update**

Cllr Tribley confirmed white lines and roundels need repainting and she will report this online. Cllr Ash reported potholes in Roseacre Lane and Mynn Crescent.

**ACTION: CLLR TRIBLEY/ASH**

**7. Review Highways Improvement Plan**

a) To review village gateway costs and receive an update on liaison with Thurnham Parish Council  
Cllr Tribley confirmed that the gates have been paid for and are due to be installed soon. Cllr Ash confirmed that he has emailed the Thurnham Parish Council Clerk about contributing to the cost but is awaiting a response. John Horne confirmed that this was raised at the Thurnham Parish Council meeting.

b) KCC Updates

Cllr Tribley confirmed that KCC Highways are looking at various options to highlight the start of the 30mph zone on Lilk Hill A20. Cllr Spooner suggested we look to speak to someone else at KCC to push for the speed reduction at Roundwell on the A20 to either 50 or 40 mph. Cllr Spooner suggested we liaise with Thurnham and Hollingbourne Parish Councils to push for reducing the speed along A20 from J8 to Lilk Hill.

**ACTION: CLLR SPOONER**

c) BPC Updates

Cllr Tribley confirmed all issues have been sent to KCC.

**8. Parking Survey Results**

Cllr Tribley confirmed most businesses have responded to the survey. Three business who may have potential land/additional parking spaces had not yet responded. Cllr Ash noted that there are other potential parking spaces/areas and that he would investigate these and report back at the next meeting.

**ACTION: CLLR ASH**

**9. Sandy Lane Restricted Access, Responses from Residents**

Councillors agreed that due to Sandy Lane requiring access for emergency and service vehicles, that installing a bollard to prevent access was not practical. Discussion ensued regarding using signs to confirm the road will be two-way from Mount Pleasant to Ware Street, and No Access/No Entry signs beyond Mount Pleasant but allowing enough distance beyond Mount Pleasant to enable vehicles to reverse and turn were discussed, as per resident's suggestions. BPC will consult with KCC Highways on the options available and add this to the Highways Improvement Plan for future discussion. Cllr Ash will draft a letter to residents to confirm this.

**ACTION: CLLR ASH/ CLLR TRIBLEY**

**10. Bearsted Road Improvement Plan**

Councillors confirmed they would rather see the money go to the Leeds/Langley bypass. They confirmed the new design is an improvement on the previous one and no comments, improvements could be added by BPC.

**11. Manor Rise and The Orchard, speed reduction to 20mph.**

Cllr Tribley proposed to reduce the speed limit in these roads to 20mph to match the speed in the surrounding roads, which would allow for the speed limit sign at the top of Manor Rise to be removed. This was approved with all in favour.

**12. 20mph speed limit to all roads North of A20.**

Councillors discussed various roads that they believe would benefit from reducing the speed limit to 20mph. Cllr Tribley confirmed she will speak to KCC Highways to seek their views on this issue.

**ACTION: CLLR TRIBLEY**

**13. General Correspondence**

a) Spot Lane Chicane (near Ashford Road) Councillors agreed that if the Chicane was removed there would be a long stretch of road that would allow drivers to increase their speed. They also agreed that this is too close to the Ashford Road to be practical. Suggested that this chicane and the chicane by Royston Road be removed and replaced with one half way between the two. Cllr Tribley will speak to KCC Highways to see if this is a possibility.

**ACTION: CLLR TRIBLEY**

b) Bicycle hoops near the Green. The Administrator confirmed that the Environment Committee had rejected the proposal for bicycle hoops to be installed on The Green and passed this to Traffic to consider an alternative location near The Green. Council confirmed they would investigate potential locations to be considered at the next meeting.

**ACTION: ALL CLLRS**

c) Manor Close, yellow lines. Cllr Tribley confirmed that this was already on the Highways Improvement Plan and will respond to the resident.

**ACTION: CLLR TRIBLEY**

d) Ware Street speeding. The Administrator confirmed that the office had responded to the resident to advise that most of these issues were in Thurnham Parish and to contact them as well. Cllr Ash will investigate the area and the residents concerns and report back at the next meeting.

**ACTION: CLLR ASH**

- e) Homeowner vegetation, Gore cottage verge, leaves on path. Cllr Spooner suggested that the Community Pay back scheme could clear the leaves and path and arrange for KCC to collect the bags of waste. Cllr Tribley will liaise with Cllr Peters to arrange this.

**ACTION: CLLR TRIBLEY/ CLLR PETERS**

- f) Number 11 bus service. Arriva has deregistered this service as it is not utilised and therefore not cost effective to run. Mr Hall suggested contacting KCC to provide data from Arriva on usage of the bus service so we could petition KCC to reinstate or provide Kent Carrier as a replacement service. Cllr Tribley will contact KCC

**ACTION: CLLR TRIBLEY**

**14. Future Agenda Items**

- Train Service from Bearsted station
- Update from Thurnham Parish regarding contributing to the gateways
- KCC updates
- BPC updates
- Parking Survey
- Sandy Lane restricted access

**15. Date of next Meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

With no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 20:44hrs

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