



Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of Bearsted Parish  
Council held at Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, Bearsted  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Richard Ash MBE (Chair)  
Cllr Denis Spooner  
Cllr Val Springett

Also, in attendance was the Administrator Joanne Upton.

**There were no reports from members of 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 duly noted for Cllr David Hall, Cllr Mark Peters and Cllr Alan Rowe.

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

None declared.

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

The minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 were agreed and duly signed.

**5. Administrators Report**

Cllr Ash confirmed that he has visited Sandy Mount on few occasions there was no evidence of excessing parking at those time. Cllr Ash will continue to monitor and contact the resident.

**ACTION: CLLR ASH**

Cllr Springett confirmed that a meeting has been scheduled for Monday with Hollingbourne Parish Council to discuss speed limits on the A20.

**6. Parish Traffic Zone Update**

a) Cllr Ash has redistributed the Parish Zones and the Administrator will send these to committee members.

**ACTION: ADMINISTRATOR**

b) Cllr Springett mentioned the Barty Farm sign has been damaged and she will report this to the developer. The Administrator asked members to update the office on issues they report so that BPC can keep a record to enable residents to be updated.

**ACTION: CLLR SPRINGETT**

**7. Review Highways Improvement Plan**

a) A20 Gateway. Cllr Ash confirmed the committee had not yet received the final design from KCC.

b) Bearsted station Crossing point. The Administrator reported that we have the invoice for the design which will be paid this month. Cllr Springett suggested investigating whether the Section 106 funds from the Roundwell development, which was earmarked for train station improvements, could be used to fund the pedestrian crossing. Cllr Spooner will explore this option and report back.

**ACTION: CLLR SPOONER**

**8. Bus funding/Community Transport Grant**

Cllr Ash reported that Bearsted has been granted £14,000. BPC will contribute £2,000 over the two year period and Detling Parish Council will contribute £1,000. The remaining money will need to be raised. Cllr

Hall will work with Detling and Compaid to determine the route and timetable. Cllr Ash thanked Cllr Hall for the immense amount of time and work he has put in to achieve this.

**ACTION: CLLR HALL**

**9. Bearsted Road Improvements**

Cllr Springett reported that she attended a meeting with KCC who confirmed there are a few additional conditions to be met before they can go out to tender for a contractor. Archaeological and drainage works to be undertaken first and these will commence in the next few weeks. The main works are due to start late spring/early summer. The works will include a foot and cycle path on the Crematorium side. Cllr Spooner reported that the works to create the new entrance to Newnham Court will take place first and should commence February/March 2023. Cllr Springett confirmed that the roundabout near to Next will stay the same size and have traffic lights. The roundabout by Kim’s Hospital will also have lights at three junctions. Cllr Springett requested traffic calming measure for Bearsted Road, which was refused due to funds, however KCC have agreed to undertake a traffic survey after the works have been completed to assess the need for traffic calming measures. Cllr Springett suggested that this could be paid for jointly by local Parish Councils.

**10. 20mph speed limit road options.**

The Committee agreed to defer this until the next meeting.

**11. Improve safety of roads at local schools**

Cllr Springett reported that this has been raised with MBC Parking Services who confirmed they do not have a solution for this problem. It was agreed that the Chairman will contact MBC Parking Services to request additional patrols. The Administrator reported to the committee the initiatives that the schools have implemented.

**ACTION: CLLR ASH**

**12. Parking Concerns**

Cllr Springett reported that she attended a meeting with MBC Parking Services who have advised against introducing parking bays on Shirley Way, Cavendish Way and Copsewood Way, due to the need for sight lines at each driveway and yellow lines on corners would greatly reduce the number of spaces available. It was suggested that introducing restricted parking between the hours of 2-3pm would have a greater impact as this would prevent all day parking. It was agreed that the Chairman will write to MBC to request this and a consultation will be required. Cllr Springett also suggested reducing the one hour parking limit outside of the Post Office on the A20 to half an hour and reviewing the parking bays to see if more bays could be created.

**ACTION: CLL ASH**

**13. General Correspondence**

Roseacre Lane Speeding. Cllr Ash advised that the traffic survey completed in May 2021 recorded the average speed of traffic as 23 MPH. It was decided that the Committee would continue to monitor the situation but there was no action to be taken at this time. The Administrator will respond to the resident.

**ACTION: ADMINISTRATOR**

**14. Future Agenda Items**

- Community Transport update
- Bearsted Road Improvement update
- Sandy Mount
- Parking concerns
- 20mph speed limit options

**15. Date of next Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

With no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 20.38hrs

**Signed**.....

**Date**.....