



Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of Bearsted Parish Council
held at Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, Bearsted
Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Richard Ash MBE (Chair)
Cllr Alan Rowe
Cllr Denis Spooner

Also, in attendance was the Clerk, Joanne Upton and the Deputy Clerk, Amy Bush. There were no members of the public.

1. Declarations of intention to record.

The Clerk declared that the meeting would be recorded for minuting purposes.

2. Apologies and absence.

Apologies and reasons were received and duly noted for Cllr Val Springett.

3. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations or Lobbying.

None.

4. Signing of the Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of 5th December 2023 were agreed as a true record and duly signed.

5. Reports from the chairman

- a) Clerks Report: The Clerk had nothing to report.
- b) Chairmans Report: Cllr Ash had prepared a statement for the traffic page for the new website, which was agreed by the Committee.

6. Review Highways Improvement Plan

- a) Cllr Ash proposed to accept the cost for the double yellow lines around, Cavendish/Copsewood & Yeoman Way and for signage in Otham Lane, totalling £5368, this was seconded by Cllr Spooner and resolved with all in favour.

ACTION: OFFICE

- b) Sandy Mount: The Clerk advised that all evidence from a resident had been passed on to KCC and they have confirmed this has been passed to the design team for preparing the designs for double yellow lines.

ACTION: OFFICE

7. Bearsted Station crossing

Cllr Ash confirmed the invoice of £6495, is due to be approved at Full Council next week, then works can begin. Cllr Springett has been in contact with Southeastern who have sent a proforma for the office to complete once the amount from Southeastern has been confirmed.

ACTION: CLLR's SPRINGETT / OFFICE

8. Co-ordinated Parishes Traffic Group

The Committee thanked Cllr Val Springett and the Clerk for their hard work in organising the first meeting which was held on Friday 2nd February. The meeting was attended by all 8 parishes. They group are investigating speed limits on rural lanes, weight limits and speed indicator devices. Once solutions have been investigated the group will invite KCC to attend a meeting to discuss further.

9. Bearsted Road Improvements

Cllr Ash confirmed that works have now started. Cllr Spooner confirmed that the initial works will be to create the new entrance to Newnham Court from the A249 before works start on widening the Bearsted Road.

10. General correspondence.

- a) Lilk Hill, Ashford Road: Cllr Ash reported that KCC have confirmed they will be arranging a speed survey late February and the results will be reported back at the next Traffic Committee meeting.
- b) Roseacre/Thurnham Schools, traffic incident: Cllr Ash and the Clerk updated the Committee on a recent incident at the school. The schools are holding a meeting on Wednesday with parents and the Clerk has provided information on previous initiatives considered by BPC.
- c) Thurnham Lane incident: A resident had requested the Council consider traffic calming measures and speed reductions through out the village. The many parked cars on Ware Street act as traffic calming and the Committee will continue to monitor.
- d) Spot Lane: The Committee advised BPC is unable to action further speed reduction measures or close the road as requested by a resident. The Clerk will respond to the resident.

ACTION: OFFICE

11. Future Agenda Items

Bearsted station crossing.
HIP.
Bearsted Road improvements.
General Correspondence.
Co-ordinated Parishes Traffic Group.

12. Date of next Meeting: 9th April 2024

With no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 20.12hrs

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