



Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of Bearsted Parish Council  
held at Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, Bearsted  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7:30pm

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

Also, in attendance was the Deputy Clerk, Amy Bush.

**1. Declaration of intention to record.**

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

**2. Apologies and absence.**

There were none.

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

Cllr Springett declared she is a member of the co-ordinated Parish group.

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

The minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were agreed as a true record and duly signed.

**5. Reports from the chairman**

- a) Clerks Report: The Deputy Clerk had nothing to report.
- b) Chairmans Report: The Chairman confirmed the new fleckta bollards were installed to the station crossing and that the correction was paid for by KCC. This is now much more visible and safer for motorists and pedestrians. He also asked for support from Cllr Spooner and Cllr Day to complete a survey of the roads and footpaths in the Parish looking for any eroded white lines, potholes and general damage. Feedback to be shared at the Sept meeting.

**6. A20 Speed Survey Results**

The Chairman shared an update from KCC on the A20 surveys. The 8 surveys between Bearsted and Lenham have now all been completed. KCC are in the process of analysing the results and will share these once they are ready. The committee discussed next steps and agreed they would wait to hear what KCC propose along the whole stretch of the A20 before making recommendations.

**7. Speed Watch**

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that 4 volunteers had registered their interest. With ideally 8 needed the office will continue to share information on the scheme through the website and social media. Cllr Springett will investigate if it is possible to coordinate volunteers across other Parishes so the scheme can start sooner.

**ACTION: OFFICE, CLLR SPRINGETT**

**8. Review Highways Improvement Plan**

- a) Review HIP guidance document: The Chairman highlighted the changes to the new document including revised financial costs, added information on school parking and safety cameras.
- b) Update from Cllr Ash: Cllr Ash explained the HIP document to new committee member Cllr Day.
  1. Otham Lane - signage has been ordered and will soon be installed.
  2. Double yellow lines at Copsewood, Cavendish and Yeoman Way for corner protection have been agreed, TRO completed. BPC payment to be ratified at June Full Council meeting.
  3. Ragstone Road parking - The committee agreed that measures would just move the problem to another residential road. Paused for further consideration.
  4. Roseacre junction with A20 - double yellow lines on corner extending into Roseacre Lane pending.

5. Spot lane junction with A20 – KCC work complete. Improvements for traffic turning right but the committee felt this hasn't helped filter those turning left.

6. Sandy Mount – some options discussed with resident but unfortunately none of the solutions offered by KCC were accepted.

Cllr Springett raised the issues with a bent sign on Church lane near to Trapfield Lane. The office will investigate if this can be repaired or replaced.

**ACTION: OFFICE**

**9. Co-ordinated Parishes Traffic Group**

Cllr Springett updated the committee. The 8 Parishes have met twice and have now formed 2 groups, one for rural roads and one focussing on the A20. The rural group are meeting with a planner and designer at KCC on 11<sup>th</sup> June to discuss options for the Pilgrims Way with the hope to reduce the speed limit to 40mph. An environmental weight limit will also be raised as an option to reduce heavy goods vehicles.

**10. Budget**

No update on the budget. Cllr Springett to continue chasing Southeast trains for a contribution towards the station crossing.

**ACTION: CLLR SPRINGETT**

**11. Bearsted Road Improvements**

Cllr Spooner updated the committee after receiving an email from KCC. The project has been paused until further notice due to funding issues.

**10. General correspondence.**

- a) Pavement Parking, Ragstone Road: Cllr Ash shared a further email regarding pavement parking during school drop offs and collections. Cllr Springett suggested further investigation and a site visit to see if bollards would be a suitable option to the problem. Office to respond to resident and obtain some photos of the area so advice could be obtained from KCC.

**ACTION: CLLR ASH & SPRINGETT  
ACTION: OFFICE**

**11. Future Agenda Items**

- HIP review.
- A20 speed surveys results.
- Reports from Cllr Spooner and Cllr Day on Parish road and pavement inspections.
- Speed Watch.
- Co-ordinated Parishes Traffic Group.
- General Correspondence.

**12. Date of next Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

With no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 20.46hrs

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