



Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of Bearsted Parish Council
held at Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, Bearsted
Tuesday 22nd April 2025 at 7:30pm

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

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

Reports from member of the public.

Five members of the public attended to raise concerns about the proposed parking restrictions in Sandy Mount. Cllr Ash recapped the consultation process and results. One resident requested a pause to the process so he could submit an alternative proposal. Cllr Ash explained that KCC have already completed their consultation and design, but the committee agreed that once received this could be passed onto the highways officer for consideration.

1. Declaration of intention to record.

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

2. Apologies and absence.

None.

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 18th February 2025 were agreed as a true record and duly signed.

5. Reports

a) Deputy Clerks Report: Nothing to report.

b) Chairman's Report: The Chairman commented that there was no update on when the new 40mph restrictions would be implemented on the A20. No update on Bearsted Road and the Willington Street junction from KCC. He notes the enquiries published in the press relating to missing funds. The Chairman also advised that MBC would need to return to Madginford to reline some of the recently renewed road markings due to road repairs. Cllr Springett shared that she is still waiting for an update on the mini-brock proposal which would close the M20 at Junction 8 rather than 7. She continues to champion the proposal to reduce HGV's traveling through Bearsted during the standard Operation Brock route.

6. HIP update

Cllr Ash and Cllr Springett gave an update:

1. Landway – A white line opposite school entrance and yellow zig zags extension on corners of entrance. KCC have approved design BPC awaiting update on next steps.

2. Roundwell – Buildout, warning signage and SID post rejected. BPC will continue to pursue a solution for safe crossing.

3. Ashford Road 50m east of Esso – KCC have agreed to survey usage. Awaiting outcome.

4. Manor Close – DYL extended into Manor Close to prevent dangerous parking. TRO will go ahead, funding not yet agreed.

5. Sandy Mount – The formal consultation failed as the design needed over 50% in favour. A scaled down proposal has been agreed however it may face some objection. If the scheme is determined safe and the best solution it will be implemented. Further proposal from residents will be sent to the highway officer once received.

6. Church Lane – Signage warning of pedestrians in the road. Currently installed in car park by BPC. Position for further signage is being explored.

7. Ashford Road east – Pedestrian refuge island on the A20 near to Otham Lane or west of 30mph gateway. Due to underground cables at the suggested site an island installation was rejected. It was noted this would be a costly project so will be paused at this stage.

7. Coordinated Parishes Traffic group

Cllr Springett and Cllr Ash attended a recent meeting. Focus now on rural roads. Thurnham PC to complete site visit on the Pilgrims Way with KCC to address the dangers of the current speed limit. Helen Whately has requested a survey in Faversham on Horse riders. Cllr Springett to request a similar survey to be completed in Bearsted.

Action: Cllr Springett

8. Speed watch

The team met in March focussing on Roundwell. 13 cars were caught breaking the speed limit. The next activity is scheduled in May. Deputy Clerk to suggest monitoring traffic at Bell bridge looking east catching westbound traffic and at Roundwell between the bus stop and Sutton Street again catching westbound traffic.

Action: Deputy Clerk

9. Madginford shops parking

Cllr Springett advised that MBC still need to finish their survey, once complete options can be looked at including marking out parking bays.

10. Parking at the parade of shops at Bearsted Green

Cllr Springett investigated alterations to the parking bays to improve safety. No solution offered would be approved so no action will be taken at present.

11. Rural lane safety measures

Nothing new to report.

12. General correspondence.

a) Hogg Hill – road surface

KCC confirmed this was in the queue to be completed but no time frame available.

b) Mynn Crescent – potholes

Cllr Ash sent letter to all residents with information on how to report the potholes. KCC have said it will be included in their next pothole blitz program but again no time frame was given.

c) Sutton Street – double yellow lines.

The committee discussed double yellow lines and parking bays as possible solutions. Item to be considered for the next HIP document.

13. Future Agenda Items

Parking outside station - B1 and bay number consideration
Sandy Mount update
Speed Watch
Co-ordinated Parishes Traffic Group
A20 speed limit update
Mini-Broc.
Madginford shops parking

14. Date of next Meeting: 24th June 2025

With no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 21.11hrs

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