



**Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of Bearsted Parish Council
held at Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, Bearsted
Tuesday 24th June 2025 at 7:00pm**

Present: Cllr Richard Ash MBE (Chair)
Cllr Pat Catt
Cllr David Hall
Cllr Val Springett

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

Reports from member of the public.

None

1. Declaration of intention to record.

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

2. Elect a Chair

Cllr Ash was nominated and elected with all in favour.

3. Elect a Vice Chair

Cllr Springett was nominated and elected with all in favour.

4. Apologies and absence.

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Spooner and Cllr Kaushik

5. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations or Lobbying.

None.

6. Signing of the Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of 22nd April 2025 were agreed as a true record and duly signed.

7. Reports

- a) Deputy Clerks Report: The Deputy Clerk shared a question raised by Cllr Turner. He asked if the Speed Watch team use the same method as the police to calculate speeding drivers. Cllr Ash confirmed they do use the same 10% plus 2 rule.
- b) Chairman's Report: The Chairman would like to note his thanks to Vice Chair Cllr Springett for all her hard work getting the committees schemes in motion. Her connections and knowledge as an MBC Cllr have been invaluable. He continued with an update on Mynn Crescent, Hill Brow and Ames Avenue. After many requests, both roads have finally been resurfaced, however he notes one new pothole was sadly missed as unmarked for the contractor's attention. Cllr Hall raised his concerns about the very poor road surface along Hog Hill and agreed he would report this again to KCC as the low curb on the bend is potentially dangerous especially as children use the route regularly. Cllr Ash concluded by highlighting the absence of Cllr Spooner's report on highway issues north of the Ashford Road. Cllr Hall suggested this is raised in the Chairs report at the next Full Council meeting, reminding Cllrs if they cannot complete actions from committee meetings this should be reported to the office and reallocated.

Action: Cllr Hall

8. HIP update

Cllr Ash and Cllr Springett gave an update:

- 1. Landway** –KCC have approved the design BPC awaiting final drawings and timeframe for installation.
- 2. Roundwell** – £343 design fee paid. Awaiting final sign off and installation.
- 3. Ashford Road 50m east of Esso** – £1124 design fee paid for island east of Tesco Express.
- 4. Manor Close** – DYL extended into Manor Close to prevent dangerous parking. Design will be presented with the Landway drawings once complete.
- 6. Church Lane** – Additional signage warning of pedestrians in the road installed by BPC along Church Lane.

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 Otham Lane site an island installation was rejected. Other solutions will be explored but item has been postponed in the short term.

9. Sandy Mount

Scheme in final design stage, to include double yellow lines along small section north side of the bend, dropped kerb near to steps and two additional B1 parking bays. The scheme has now been approved by the County Councillor.

10. Coordinated Parishes Traffic group

Focus now on rural roads. Site visit with KCC highlighted potential location for lighting under the railway bridge on Thurnham Lane. Cllr Springett to investigate with MBC if section 106 funds can be used. Horse riding signs were discussed for The Street / Roundwell but would need data reported by riders to the British Horse Society using the Horse 1 app. This will be explored further.

Action: Cllr Springett

11. SID Resident engagement and Parish management agreement

Cllr Springett updated new committee members with the details of the shared scheme with Hollingbourne and Detling. The wording for the Memo of Agreement was discussed with one small amendment to the first paragraph to include the word partnership. This was proposed by Cllr Ash and agreed with all in favour. The wording for the resident engagement was also reviewed. This was proposed by Cllr Ash and agreed with all in favour. The office will prepare to publish the engagement in the coming week.

Action: Office

12. Speed watch

Cllr Ash updated the committee with the team's latest activity. Two sessions were completed near 84 Ware Street. A total of 13 speeders were detected collectively. One member had attended a seminar at Kent Police HQ where the benefits of the scheme to educate drivers were highlighted.

13. Madginford shops parking

Cllr Springett advised this is still in the hands of MBC. They need to finish their survey, once complete, options can be looked at including marking out parking bays.

Action: Cllr Springett

14. Parking at the parade of shops at Bearsted Green

Cllr Springett continues to look at solutions to stop dangerous parking on the double yellow lines. Blips are being considered to remove the 5 minute grace time for loading and unloading. This would mean enforcement could issue penalties.

Action: Cllr Springett

15. General correspondence.

a) Church Lane – parking on double yellow lines

A resident shared concerns about the increase in illegal parking on double yellow lines near to Fed Café. This had increased due to more visitors. The committee discussed the dangerous parking noted in the area and would continue to request parking enforcement. The office to contact Fed to ask if they can share a polite notice with their customers.

Action: Office / Cllr Springett

16. Future Agenda Items

Standard items

17. Date of next Meeting: 24th June 2025

With no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 20.15 hr

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