

Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of Bearsted Parish Council

Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, Bearsted on Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 7.15pm

Present:

Cllr Richard Ash MBE (Chair)
Cllr Val Springett (Vice)
Cllr Pat Catt
Cllr Kapil Kaushik

Also, in attendance was the Deputy Clerk Amy Bush.

Reports from members of the public

None.

1. Declarations of intention to record

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

2. Elect a Committee Chairperson

Cllr Catt nominated Cllr Ash. With no other nominations Cllr Ash was elected as Committee Chair with all members in favour.

3. Elect a Committee Vice Chairperson

The Deputy Clerk advised that Cllr Springett would like to stand as Vice Chair. Cllr Ash nominated Cllr Springett. With no other nominations she was elected with all members in favour.

4. Apologies and Absences

Apologies were received and duly noted from Cllr Hall. It was also noted that Cllr Spooner and Cllr Springett would be joining the meeting slightly later due to MBC commitments.

5. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None.

6. Signing of the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 17th March were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

7. Reports

- a) **Office:** The Deputy Clerk reminded members that the next committee meeting would be on Wednesday 22nd July.
- b) **Chairman:** The Chairman shared an overview of the KCC Road Safety and Active Travel group seminar that he attended with Cllr Catt on 21st April. This included lots of information on KCC road initiatives including Vision Zero, Speedwatch and the Active Travel Scheme. The Chairman gave members an update on pending schemes in the village which are still to be actioned from our previous HIP. He advised of a slight delay due to new KCC contractors, but works were imminent at Sandy Mount, opposite to the schools on The Landway and at Manor Close.

CLLR SPRINGETT JOINED THE MEETING AT 19.34

A quote for the pedestrian traffic island near to Tesco Express had also been received. Cllr Ash proposed that the committee recommend this cost of £2743.23 to Full Council at the June meeting. This was agreed with all in favour.

Cllr Springett shared an update on a parking challenge presented by a resident at Yeoman Way. Unfortunately, no solution was offered by MBC or KCC. Cllr Springett to update the resident. She also shared a complaint regarding a property on Tower Lane that had removed the street name sign and installed a dropped kerb. Both issues have been reported to the relevant authorities.

8. HIP update

Cllr Ash and Cllr Springett updated members following a meeting with our KCC Highways officer.

- 1) 20mph Bearsted Green: KCC advised BPC to complete a pre consultation engagement including a map of the proposed area. This will be drafted by the Deputy Clerk and presented at the next committee meeting for approval.

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- 2) Thurnham Lane no waiting restrictions and parking bay: KCC to confirm pricing for TRO and blip installation. Cllr Springett to investigate parking bay lining with MBC.
- 3) Roundwell 30mph: KCC Planning Advice team to assess feasibility.
- 4) A20 Church Landway: KCC advised BPC to complete a pre consultation engagement to ensure community support.
- 5) A20 east of Tesco pedestrian refuge: proposed location was agreed near to Otham Lane bus stops.
- 6) Landway, Fauchons Lane and Ames Avenue corner protection: KCC advised BPC to complete pre consultation engagement to ensure community support.
- 7) Majors Lake to Roundwell footpath: KCC to investigate if any options are available and will report back. Cllr Springett noted the leaves had recently been cleared between Majors Lake and Gore cottage.

9. SID Installation

Cllr Springett confirmed Bearsted will be using the SID for 12th June. The Speedwatch team have agreed to support with monitoring data.

10. Opportunity for road safety signs

Members discussed if traffic calming signs could be installed on BPC land. It was agreed that it would be too distracting around the Green area and no other locations were deemed suitable.

11. General Correspondence

- a) **Ragstone Road – parking issues:** Members reviewed photos and an email sent by a resident. This was raised with KCC. It was suggested that the local school was contacted to discuss information in the KCC Highway pack around school parking. Information from a My Community Voice update will also be shared so it can be circulated to parents. The Deputy Clerk to request support from Cllr Turner to contact the school.
- b) **A20 – Various parking related emails:** Members discussed parking issues raised around the A20 shopping areas. Cllr Springett has shared these with MBC and will continue to request parking enforcement support. Enquiries had also been made about BPC part funding a warden, but no update had been given.
- c) **The Street – property damage:** Members discussed the wider issue of HGV's using the village especially during Operation Brock. It was agreed this correspondence would be shared with our KCC Councillor so it can be escalated. An update on matters already raised by BPC on this issue will also be chased. Cllr Springett noted Operation Brock was due to be activated this week and she had requested appropriate signage, cones and vehicle attendance.

12. Future Agenda items

Standing item updates
20mph engagement draft.

13. Date of next meeting, Wednesday 22nd July 2026

There being no further business to transact, the meeting ended at 21.28 hrs.

Signed..... Date.....