

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

Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, Bearsted on Wednesday 22nd July 2026 at 7.15pm

Present:

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

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. Apologies and Absences

Apologies were received and duly noted from Cllr Hall.

3. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None.

4. Signing of the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 19th May 2026 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Reports

- a) **Office:** The Deputy Clerk shared an update from the Speedwatch team. Noting that 164 speeders had been reported since 1st Jan 26.
- b) **Chairman:** The Chairman thanked members for taking the time to review the agenda and submit items for discussion. It was noted that no solutions could be found with KCC for parking issues raised in Yeoman Way and Grenadier Close. Madginford School had shared a polite notice in their parent newsletter about considerate parking. The Vice Chair Cllr Springett advised members that she met with the head of parking services at MBC. It was agreed that Bearsted would have double the regular amount of enforcement patrol for a 4 week period to target hot spots in the village including the schools. Cllr Springett will liaise with the team to plan the route.

6. Meeting with KCC highways officer

Cllr Ash gave an update following the meeting at Tudor Park. Site visits were also included to discuss linking the footpath from Gore Cottage to Roundwell with the cycleway to Loc 8. The KCC highways officer to peruse active travel funding options.

7. HIP update

- 1) 20mph Bearsted Green: Members approved the draft informal consultation. It was agreed that the questionnaire would be delivered to all homes around the 20mph zone, it would be advertised on our noticeboards and available to complete on the website.
- 2) Thurnham Lane no waiting restrictions and parking bay: With KCC Design and Delivery team.
- 3) Roundwell 30mph: With KCC Planning Advice team to assess feasibility.
- 4) A20 Church Landway DYL: KCC advised BPC to complete a pre consultation engagement to ensure community support.
- 5) A20 east of Tesco pedestrian refuge: Paid for upgrade. In queue for works to start.

6) Majors Lake to Roundwell footpath: KCC will look at possible funding through Active Travel Scheme.

8. 20mph informal consultation

The wording of the document and distribution was agreed. The Deputy Clerk to make arrangements for the website version and delivery of letters for early September.

9. SID update

Members reviewed some of the data collected. It was agreed that although some isolated high speeds were recorded the average speed was not alarming. The 85th percentile speed was 33.7mph. It was suggested the presence of the SID was working to calm traffic and reduce speeding.

Arrangements for passing the SID to Hollingbourne were agreed with Cllr Ash thanking Cllr Springett and the Deputy Clerk for their work over the past 8 weeks.

10. Roundwell – Pedestrian Survey

Payment of £2795 made to KCC. Members approved the draft letter to Thurnham PC asking for funding support. The Deputy Clerk will contact KCC to find out how long after the survey data would be received.

11. Ware Street traffic count

A traffic count will be arranged to assess the volume of traffic pre and post the completion of the improvements to Bearsted Road. This will assess any uplift in rat running through the village. The Deputy Clerk will contact KCC to arrange the first count for early October.

12. Operation Brock

It was agreed an email should be sent to the Kent resilience forum asking to see evidence that Operation Brock has a net benefit to traffic flow in mid and east Kent. Members agreed this should be sent. Cllr Hall to be updated.

13. General Correspondence

a) Ware Street – Pedestrian safety

Members discussed the challenges and lack of solutions found in previous years. It was agreed the issue would be assessed and raised with KCC once data from traffic counts had been collected.

b) The Street – Bollard proposal

Correspondence and photos were discussed. It was confirmed examples in other areas would no longer be approved by KCC. Deputy Clerk to contact resident. 20mph proposal would benefit residents of The Street.

14. Future Agenda items

KDL CRP update from Cllr Spooner and Cllr Springett

15. Date of next meeting, Tuesday 20th October 2026

There being no further business to transact, the meeting ended at 20.20 hrs.

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