

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group held in the Council Offices, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton on Tuesday 21 January 2025 at 2.00pm

PRESENT

Cllr C A Sismore-Hunt (Chairman, Town Mayor)

Cllr W K Wood

Co Cllr C Channon

Mrs E Sampson (Devon County Council Neighbourhood Highways Officer)

Mr R Wiltshire (Otter Valley Association)

Mr A Tilbury

Mrs A Gater-Wildgust (AGW), (Secretary)

633. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A F Chaplin.

634. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held on 24 September 2024 had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that they be accepted as a true record.

635. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

- **Cricket Field Lane/Chapel Hill: Overhanging Vegetation**

Emma Sampson (ES) advised that, since the property owners have not responded to the notice sent, Devon County Council will bear the cost of the work to cut back the vegetation. This will ideally be completed before the next bird nesting season.

- **Upper Stoneborough Lane: Pedestrian Signage**

ES advised that DCC is not funding any new signs. The cost of a new sign is approximately £500.00, and ES will confirm the full costs. AGW will investigate routes to funding this.

- **Fore Street: Bollards**

ES reported that the bollards outside the Hair Lounge have been in place for about six years, and appear to have contributed to the reduction in incidents of drivers mounting the pavement. However, there are no plans to add more bollards, due to budgetary constraints.

- **Fore Street: Road Surfacing**

Some road surfacing has been completed, and thanks were given for this. ES explained that the new pothole filling product, Elastoman, helps streamline the resurfacing process. The December 2024 works to Fore Street were shortened because the works team were unable to fully access the road surface. Cllr Channon expressed concern about the variation in the quality of the work. ES acknowledged that while the work on Budleigh Salterton High Street may not look neat, the road is safer, which is the priority. ES also acknowledged occasional issues with workmanship and agreed to inspect the work completed on Rag Lane.

- **Outer Ting Tong (B3179)/Dalditch: Signage**

ES explained that any additional warning signage would need to be funded by the Town or Parish Council budgets. Since this junction is outside the Town Boundary, it was discussed whether Dalditch Lane could be made one-way, but this was deemed unsuitable. ES further explained that a large consultation process is required for any changes to road layouts.

- **Moor Lane: Cycle Path at Moormead**

ES confirmed that an inspection of the cycle path has been carried out and it meets all required safety standards.

- **High Street – Parking Adjacent to Tesco/Spar: Timed Deliveries**
Co Cllr Channon shared an update on conversations with the Managers at both Spar and Tesco, with a view to taking positive steps to alleviate parking congestion in the vicinity. Additionally, access to the rear of Spar was queried as to whether this was a condition of the planning permission at the neighbouring block of flats.
- **Station Road, Library area:** ES advised that the resurfacing work is still on the list. However, other priorities continue to take precedence.
- **Sinkhole on Coastguard Hill:** work completed with thanks to Emma and the team at DCC. A letter of thanks will be sent to Devon County Council.

636. Coastguard Road

Consideration was given to correspondence received from a resident of Coastguard Road regarding concerns about traffic safety in the vicinity.

Resolved: ES confirmed that all vehicles are parked lawfully, and no law is being broken. No further action can be taken.

637. Signage at junction of Barn Lane and B3178.

DCC are no longer funding signage, as discussed in MIN 635.

638. Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

- **Fore Street 'passing place':** The omission of two right angled painted yellow lines (blimps) were acknowledged as missing. This would denote that this space is 'NO PARKING', at any time. This work may take up to 18 months to be completed.
- **Conservative Group Highways Briefing:** Co Cllr Channon shared an excerpt from this briefing and provided a copy for inclusion with the minutes. Referring to the content, the group is asked to let the Clerk know of any missing yellow traffic painting.
- **Sea Front:** ES confirmed that there is no plan, at present, to install a drop kerb on the seafront to facilitate vehicular access / deliveries.
- **Clinton Terrace:** ES is monitoring the condition of the road surface and confirmed that it does not merit repair, at the present time.
- **Bedlands Lane:** ES asked that we take evidential photos of incorrect / unsafe parking.
- **Greenway Lane:** a discussion took place regarding the ongoing difficulty vehicles face in passing through the lane and its junctions due to, in part, the level of commercial vehicles parked on both sides of Greenway Lane. This problem was highlighted by a recent incident in which emergency services could not get through.

ES confirmed that there is an application in progress for double yellow lines at the corner of Greenway Lane and Tidwell Road.

Cllr Wood reiterated the previous offer to use land at the football club for parking commercial vehicles, with a possibility of 20 spaces being created.

639. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in the Council Offices on Tuesday 15th April 2025 at 2.00pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 3.25pm.

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Chairman

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Date

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