

## **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 29 April 2025.

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm.

### **PRESENT**

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

Cllr D Walsh

Cllr J Billington

Mrs E Sampson (Devon County Council Neighbourhood Highways Officer)

Mr R Wiltshire (Otter Valley Association)

Mr A Tilbury

Mrs A Gater-Wildgust (Secretary)

### **640. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Chaplin.

### **641. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held on 21 January 2025 had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that they be accepted as a true record.

### **642. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting**

**Speeding** - Numerous reports had been received from across the Town regarding issues of speeding and anti-social driving. These concerns were addressed at length under item 4 of the Agenda and are minuted below [Min 643.]

**High Street Traffic Congestion** - an update was received from Emma Sampson (ES) regarding the installation of right angled yellow painted lines to denote the passing space (directly across the road from The Co-op) as 'NO PARKING AT ANY TIME'. A new order had been put in and this is being processed.

**Footbridge from Upper Stoneborough Lane to Copp Hill Lane, Budleigh Salterton** – East Devon District Council (EDDC) confirmed that the analysis of footfall had been completed with around 100 pedestrians passing over the bridge daily. A report was due to be prepared for Senior Leaders at EDDC to suggest a course of action. Workload had not allowed officers to complete the work to date. A further issue was discussed regarding line of sight for pedestrians alighting the bridge onto Stoneborough Lane. Cllr Billington agreed to further assess the height of the hedge to see if this was an issue. Additionally, ES agreed to look at accident data over the past five years to determine if this was an accident spot.

**Rubber Matting on Beach** – it was noted that the matting was expected to be in position for the summer season.

### **643. Speeding / Road Safety**

Following multiple reports of speeding and anti-social driving across the town, a range of concerns and possible actions were discussed:

- **Reporting Dangerous Driving:**

Attendees were reminded that concerns about speeding or unsafe driving should be reported directly to the police. The group welcomed news that steps were being taken to address these concerns with more input from our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

**Evidence for Enforcement:**

Highways require evidential data before traffic-calming measures can be considered. This could include:

- Photographs
- Observations by ES or the PCSO
- Speed monitoring by police

**Traffic-Calming Options Discussed:**

- Speed bumps are subject to Department for Transport regulations.
- Speed cushions were ruled out as an option.
- Community Speed Watch was suggested as a potential approach.
- Highways have a speed gun, but use must be initiated by the police. The group expressed interest in engaging with the PCSO and inviting them to future meetings.

**Advertising and Signage:**

ES confirmed that Devon Highways does not permit advertising on the public highway. Any signage placed off the highway (on private land) is outside their enforcement area. Concerns about signage breaching this rule should be reported to Devon County Council.

**Knowle Roundabout:**

Concerns were raised about poor driving behaviour when approaching Knowle Roundabout and the lack of warning signage. ES agreed to investigate the issue.

**Next Steps and Proposals:**

- Engage with the police regarding enforcement and speed monitoring.
- Explore setting up a Community Speed Watch group to ascertain if there is more community impetus this time.
- Continue reporting parking violations and potholes to Devon County Council.
- ES proposed four locations for speed monitoring over the coming months (between 10am–4pm):
  - Marine Parade
  - East Budleigh Road
  - Main Road near Evans Field
  - Upper Stoneborough Lane (near the bridge or Leas Road)
- ES agreed to investigate the cost of painting 20mph markings on Marine Parade.
- It was noted that the proposed 20mph zones remained under review by Devon County Council's Traffic Team.

**644. Resurfacing**

ES confirmed that Station Road – from the Junction of High Street to the corner of Moor Lane was scheduled for a full resurface

The following points were noted:

- A number of drainage issues had been identified on Station Road. A CCTV survey of the drains was scheduled for Summer 2025, followed by resurfacing scheduled in Autumn 2025.
- A query was raised regarding how this timeline aligns with the South West Water (SWW) lining works scheduled for May 2025. ES will investigate

**645. Record Keeping**

It was agreed to introduce a central recording system to improve the tracking and management of traffic-related issues, actions taken, and follow-up tasks. This will, in the initial stages, be coordinated by the Town Clerk

**646. Any Other Business at the Chair's Discretion**

A brief discussion followed regarding the possibility of replacing the lights at the top of Budleigh Salterton High Street with a roundabout. ES confirmed that this would not be possible due to the space available

**647. Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in the Council Offices on Tuesday 9 September 2025 at 2.00pm

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 3.15pm.

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Chair

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Date

*Cllr Penny Lewis (Chair of the Council & Town Mayor)*

*Cllr A F Chaplin*

*Cllr D Walsh*

*Cllr J Billington*

*District Cllr Ms C Fitzgerald*

*Mrs E Sampson (Devon County Council Neighbourhood Highways Officer)*

*Mr P Morgan (Devon County Council Neighbourhood Highways Engineer)*

*Mr A Tilbury (Budleigh Information Centre)*

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