

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 9 September 2025.

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Cllr P Lewis

Cllr A Chaplin

Cllr D Walsh

District Cllr C Fitzgerald (via Teams)

E Sampson (Devon County Council Neighbourhood Highways Officer) (ES) (via Teams)

A Tilbury (Budleigh Information Centre)

C Boorman (Otter Valley Association)

In Attendance

Alice Gater-Wildgust – Town Clerk, Cllr J Billington

648. Election of Chair

It was proposed by Cllr D. Walsh and seconded by Cllr A. Chaplin that Cllr P. Lewis be elected as Chair.

Resolved: That Cllr P. Lewis be duly elected Chair of the Traffic Group.

649. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Manfield, Co. Cllr N Hookway and P Morgan.

650. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held on 29 April 2025 had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that they be accepted as a true record.

651. Matters Arising from the Last meeting

Speeding and Speed checks: PCSO Willis had initially confirmed that the Vision One Team would be able to support with the execution of speed checks in the town but later advised that the resource was not available. Responsibility had therefore been redirected back to the Highways Team. E. S confirmed that Devon County Council oversaw highways, but that speeding enforcement was a police matter and DCC did not have the resources to manage this directly. A discussion was held on the possibility of establishing a local volunteer traffic watch group. Previous efforts to develop this initiative had not been successful due to a lack of community engagement and volunteers. It was agreed that the matter would be revisited, with a view to establishing the group if sufficient community support could be secured.

Reference was made to the S.C.A.R.F. process, which sets out how Devon County Council and the Police dealt with speed complaints.

Action:

- i. ES agreed to share details of this process with the Town Clerk following the meeting.
- ii. The Town Clerk would check was involved with the setting up of a speed watch group.

652. Fore Street

Consideration was given to a letter received from a member of the public regarding safety and congestion on Fore Street. It was noted that circumstances on Fore Street had changed a good deal in recent times with increased traffic and an increase in the size of vehicles using the space

It was noted that a Traffic Orders request had been submitted for the introduction of double yellow lines for this area, with additional markings extending onto the pavement to forbid parking of all kinds. However, this request had not yet progressed through the full process, which could take up to 24 months.

A brief discussion took place regarding the feasibility of installing a one-way system in the town. It was agreed that the matter had been discussed at length in recent years and that, at the present time, there was neither the will nor the resources to move forward with this.

It was further clarified that Budleigh Salterton was currently designated as a 20 mph 'zone'. Members noted that 'a zone' was not enforceable in law as there was no traffic order in place. Devon County Council, however, had an ongoing project to convert 20 mph zones into legally enforceable 20 mph speed limit areas, and Budleigh Salterton was included in this programme of work.

E. Sampson suggested that Budleigh Salterton Town Council write to the Traffic Engineer overseeing this project to understand how the work could be prioritised.

It was noted that Road Traffic Orders, such as the introduction of yellow lines, were subject to an approval process lasting approximately twenty-four months. The process began with consideration by the Traffic Team, before moving to the HATOC* Committee for discussion. This was followed by a tender process and formal advertising.

*(HATOC: Highways and Traffic Order Committee)

Action:

- i. The Town Clerk would write to:
 - ia. Co Councillor Hookway regarding the increased traffic in the vicinity of Tesco, and to press for action to complete the unfinished passing place near the Co-operative Shop
 - ib. The DCC Traffic Engineer regarding the timeline for an upgrade to a 20mph speed limit.
- ii. The Town Clerk would coordinate a list of areas that need their existing yellow lines repainted to provide clarity to all road users and share this with ES.

653. Knowle Road Junction with Exmouth Road

Consideration was given

- i. to the possibility of moving the 30-mph zone further up the hill towards the roundabout
- ii. the instruction of a double set of white lines. It was

Action:

- i. BSTC need to make this request via our Co Cllr N Hookway. The request will then go through the SCARF process. The Town Clerk will write to Cllr Hookway.

ES shared the latest accident data for this stretch of road. It was noted that Devon and Cornwall Police had not updated this since March 2023. The latest incidents were not included.

It was further noted that there is a desire from BSTC, in support of the climate agenda, to move the 30-mph zone further from the urban development of the Town. ES shared that there was merit in this and that other areas that could be considered are the Knowle Road, after Evans Field and the East Budleigh Road, after the Cricket Club.

It was noted that for future planning applications, it was desirable to ensure that any changes to speed limits required as a result of new residential development were funded by the developer. Planning could involve Highways in a pre-development condition survey to record the state of the road before construction works commence. It was suggested that Budleigh Salterton Town Council consider making their support for planning applications contingent on the developer funding any necessary speed

limit measures. E. Sampson recommended contacting Devon County Council's Planning Manager regarding this approach.

Action:

- i. the Town Clerk will write to DCC's Planning Manager

2.50pm Cllr C Fitzgerald joined the meeting (via Teams)

654. Moormead

Consideration was given to a request from a resident regarding a discussion in 2023 regarding the suitability of Moormead as a location for the installation of yellow lines [min 588.]

Action:

- i. ES agreed to follow up on what, if any, traffic order has been put in place.

2.55pm Cllr Chaplin left the meeting

655. Resurfacing

An update was received on the planned resurfacing of Station Road. Preparatory work had commenced, with the drainage investigation completed. This revealed two areas requiring attention, and South West Water would address these imminently. Once all preparatory works were complete, the full resurfacing was scheduled to begin in March 2026.

3.15pm Cllr Chaplin rejoined the meeting.

656. Any Other Business at the Chair's Discretion

Dead Tree obstructing the path at Granary Lance junction with Ottervale Road (at the edge of footpath up to Boucher Rd): ES agreed to write to the resident.

Safety of the crossing on the National Cycle Path between Bear Lane and Bedlands Lane (crossing over the Knowle Road): a discussion took place regarding what, if any, measures could be introduced to make this crossing place safer with the suggestion of a 'ped crossing' being warmly received although there was a concern raised regarding the road width.

657. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 18th November at 2.00pm

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 3.20pm.

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Chair

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Date