

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC GROUP

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Budleigh Salterton Traffic and Transport Group held in the Council Offices, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton and via Teams on Tuesday 10 February 2026.

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm

PRESENT

Cllr P Lewis (PL)

Cllr A F Chaplin(AC)

Cllr P Manfield (PM)

District Cllr C Fitzgerald (CF)

County Cllr N Hookway (NH)

A Tilbury (Budleigh Information Centre) (AT)

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Gater-Wildgust (Town Clerk).

667. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from B Wiltshire (OVA).

668. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held on 18 November 2025 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

669. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting Community Speed Watch – Volunteer Recruitment

A minimum of four volunteers are required to get the programme started.

The following was noted:

- Criteria for volunteers: typically 1 hour per session or monitoring 100 vehicles.
- Sessions will be held at different times of the day, including evenings.
- Alan Tilbury volunteered to join the programme .
- Training for volunteers is provided online by the police.

Resolved: AC reported that wording needs to be developed to advertise and call for volunteers for the Community Speed Watch programme and they would work with the Clerk to get this information made public.

Chapter 8 Training

It was noted that Chapter 8 training is required for individuals working adjacent to the highway and would be essential should the Town Council decide to participate in the Road Warden Scheme.

ES highlighted that Towns are encouraged to participate in the scheme.

Resolved: ES agreed to investigate and report back on the number of residents in the town who hold Chapter 8 training.

Madeira Walk (Footpath 45)

ES provided an update regarding the control and ownership of Footpath 45. It was noted that the surface is in good condition with no defects.

ES confirmed that the DCC Public Rights of Way Officer, is responsible for clearing and maintaining the path to ensure it remains tidy.

Brook Street Car Park

CF reported that provision has been included in the EDDC budget and forward plan for this year, for works to this area. The proposed works include the demolition of the disused toilet building and resurfacing the surrounding area to improve safety, accessibility, and overall condition and for this area to be maintained as a car park

Passing Place – Budleigh High Street

Due to an error with the execution of the traffic order the passing place is not legally enforceable. It is taking some time to correct this error as a new order needs to be made and approved, a process which takes c. 24 months. A revised item was submitted to the traffic team in September and originally raised in July for approval to advertise in this autumn. Apologies for the delay were received from ES. Concern was expressed that this initial error has resulted in residents waiting unnecessarily. ES offered to re-mark the site by hand, as an interim measure.

Road Warden Scheme

Details of the Road Warden Scheme were received, as previously discussed by the Foreshores and Footpaths Committee (Minute 25.295). The role involves volunteers being provided with the necessary tools and training to maintain town streets and carry out minor road-related tasks.

It was noted that a recommendation would be submitted to Full Town Council for consideration.

SCARF (Speed Compliance Action Review Forum)

Details were received on the frequency of SCARF meetings. It was confirmed that they only take place as and when there is a site issue. It was noted that this was a detailed process.

Speed Check on Knowle Hill

Details were received of the speed check that was carried out on 17.12.25 following a request by the Traffic Group due to a cluster of collision data in this location.

It was noted that the majority of drivers were within the speed limit for this stretch of road. The TG asked that this be further reviewed and it was:

Resolved: ES agreed to arrange a second speed check to compare results with a view to having this road accessed by SCARF.

Speed Limit on East Budleigh Road (adj, Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club)

ES confirmed that the speed limit on this piece of road was unlikely to move from derestricted to 30mph. It was shared that reducing the speed limit in this manner gives people a false sense of security that the road is now safe.

It was suggested that BSTC should ask EDCC to request developers set money aside when planning residential developments that are likely to require pedestrian access along a road with a derestricted speed limit as DCC do not have the money to pay for these changed. The cost is c. £8000.00.

Railings – Brook beside the Drama Club

It was confirmed that DCC do not oversee this area.

Railings – Fore Street

As update was received on repairs to the damaged railings on Fore Street. This is with the contractor and reported as a safety defect. ES agreed to put a red barrier in place.

HATOC (Highways and Traffic Orders Committee)

There were no updates from the above relating to Budleigh Salterton

Pedestrian Safety and Speed Limits

Concern was expressed regarding the safety of pedestrians on the B3178, particularly along the footpath that provides the only route to the primary school. Members noted that the derestricted speed limit immediately before the traffic calming measures and the 30 mph limit at the corner of Bedlands Lane presents a potential hazard. The concern is heightened by the possibility of a future development of 35 houses adjacent to The Beeches, which could increase vehicle movements in the area.

ES suggested that BSTC could write to the traffic team to raise concerns about pedestrian safety in this location, particularly in light of the potential new development.

Resolved:

That a formal request be sent by the Clerk on behalf of the TTG to Chris Parkes, Head of Traffic at Devon County Council, to request a review of speed limits at Knowle Hill, the B3178 at Evans Field, and on East Budleigh Road near BSCC.

670. Pot Holes

Details were received regarding the process followed by DCC when prioritising pothole repairs. At the time of writing, DCC were dealing with approximately 3,000 potholes, partly as a result of a very cold winter and compounded by recent storms. ES noted that this has been an extremely challenging period for the Highways Teams, and that all other non-urgent work has been temporarily streamlined to focus on pothole repairs. It was explained that potholes are repaired in order of road status, with high-speed roads addressed first, followed by A and B roads etc. The speed of repair following reporting is determined by the road's safety maintenance category.

The Clerk highlighted several potholes on Granary Lane. ES confirmed that Granary Lane is likely rated 8 or 9, meaning repairs would likely be carried out within two weeks. Potholes are recorded and tracked via the NCA network, a computer system programmed to allocate repairs efficiently.

It was noted that there are significant potholes on the High Street, extending down to South Parade. While some repairs had been completed in recent weeks, the road remains in very poor condition.

NH confirmed that DCC is developing a long-term plan for Devon roads, referencing similar issues at Torcross.

ES clarified that repairs to potholes relate to road safety and are carried out by a contractor. These works do not come through the Highways Officer, who is instead involved with arranging resurfacing and drainage schemes such as resurfacing works recently completed on the Salterton Road, past the Knowle Recycling Centre.

The Clerk raised the issue of the flooding / blocked drain on Station Road near the library. ES noted that they had previously cleared this area, and that the jetter team had also attempted to address it; however, the problem persists. ES agreed to investigate the issue again. The Clerk expressed concern that this should be resolved prior to the planned full resurfacing of Station Road.

671. Traffic Emissions

An update was provided on the work of the Climate Change and Environment (CCE) Committee, including details of the voluntary "20 is Plenty" scheme.

20 is Plenty Scheme

- Air quality and emissions are a concern, though less so than in inland towns.
- Reduction in vehicle speeds is generally fuel-positive and reduces microplastics from tyre wear entering the water system.
- The scheme is voluntary, encouraging drivers to travel at 20 mph in designated areas.

Resolved:

- ES will consult Nigel Flower, Road Safety Officer, regarding any considerations.

Other Initiatives:

- Cllr M P Lewis referenced the recent CIL meeting and the potential to use CIL funding to promote sustainable transport and cycling, including proposals for cycle racks and bus shelters at Granary Lane (near the cricket club) and Pretty Corner.
- Bus Shelters.- it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mark Philip, DCC Transport to initiate a conversation regarding bus shelters

- AC noted the bus stop opposite BSCC and suggested writing to DCC for further details on this.

Traffic and Safety Measures:

- A crossing at Bear Lane / Bedlands Lane, part of the National Cycle Route, requires safety improvements. ES will contact Chris Parkes, Head of Traffic, to request guidance on improving this crossing and advice on the potential use of CIL funds for the work.

NH agreed that these initiative aligns with BSTC's agenda of caring for the town and could help mitigate climate change impacts.

672. Any other business

Fore Street Hill – Parking and Access Issues

Following various reports to BSTC and directly to DCC via their portal, the Clerk agreed to share details with ES regarding the issues residents and road users are experiencing in Fore Street Hill.

It was noted that parking on one side of the carriageway is blocking the road, forcing drivers onto the wrong side and obstructing clear access and visibility for residents entering or leaving their properties, whether on foot or by vehicle.

Brick cross: CF confirmed that a response was given to OPC on 17.6.25 from Chris Parkes, DCC head of traffic. It was noted that Otterton had been invited and welcomed to the TTG meeting.

Parish Remarking: ES to report when we are getting parish remarking.

Dark Lane – Landslide: ES shared a report regarding Dark Lane, towards Halse Hill, confirming that a landslide has occurred at this location immediately prior to the meeting. The lane is closed until further notice. The Clerk confirmed that residents would be informed via the BSTC Facebook page, and that St Peter's Primary School would also be notified of the closure.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 3.36pm.

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