

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 12 May 2026.

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Cllr P Lewis

Cllr A Chaplin

Cllr P Manfield

County Cllr N Hookway

E Sampson (Devon County Council Neighbourhood Highways Officer)

Richard Foulkes (Otter Valley Association)

Cllr Jim Ferrers – East Budleigh with Bickton Parish Council

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

673. Appointment of Chair

Members were invited to appoint a Chair for the meeting.

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** that Cllr P Lewis be appointed Chair.

674. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from District Cllr C Fitzgerald and A Tilbury.

675. Minutes

The minutes of the Traffic Group meeting held on 10 February 2026 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

676. New Member

Thanks are extended to Bob Wiltshire for his representation on the TTG on behalf of the OVA, and a welcome is extended to his replacement, Richard Foulkes.

677. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting **Appreciation**

- To note thanks for the attention given to the condition of Granary Lane and the swift completion of works following the last meeting. Thanks, had also been received from residents of Granary Lane.
- To note that resurfacing on Station Road was carried out swiftly and smoothly, with the added benefit of increased awareness of the 20 mph speed zone.

Speed Watch Group

- Cllr Chaplin provided an update on the Speedwatch Group. There are currently four volunteers, two of whom have completed the required police training, with Cllr Chaplin acting as the Group Co-ordinator. The group is now registered with the police, who oversee the allocation of speed check sites. Initial training takes approximately thirty minutes, and additional volunteers are being sought to ensure the resilience and continuity of the group.

Madeira Walk

- To note that while Devon Co Council manages the right of way in this location, they are not the owner. At present there is no recorded owner (according to the land registry). BSTC's contractors clear this lane periodically with DCC to carry out a big clear of the whole area in June.

Traffic Emissions and Road Safety

- Cllr Lewis provided an update on the "20 is Plenty" and "Slow Down for Budleigh" initiatives. The campaign follows the resolution passed by BSTC in July 2025 through the Climate and Environment Committee to help reduce emissions in Budleigh.

The Town Council will host "The Hare and the Tortoise – A Strategy for the Future of Budleigh" event on 27 May during Gala Week. The initiative aims to encourage motorists to slow down within the town and around the school, particularly within

the 20mph zone. Residents will be invited to support the voluntary pledge: "I'm slowing down for a safer, cleaner, greener Budleigh."

Members noted that the initiative promotes improved road safety, reduced emissions, and lower fuel costs.

Cllr Hookway indicated that he may be able to support this event with a small allocation from his locality budget. The Town Clerk will follow up on this.

Emma Sampson suggested that it would be worth channelling this idea via school assemblies, to encourage parents and carers to slow down.

High Street Works

- Devon Highways confirmed that the High Street was due to be repaired with two large resurfacing patches. The works are estimated to cost £17,000 and include both High Street and Fore Street.
- It was noted that road markings for all newly laid road surfaces would be completed when the recent works are completed.
- Wales & West Utilities will remain in Budleigh until May 2027 conducting gas main replacement works. Every effort will be made to coordinate these works with the planned highway repairs to minimise disruption where possible.
- Reference was made to a number of letters received regarding the presence and benefits of yellow lines versus no lines. However, it was noted that the existing yellow lines would be reinstated as they were previously, as the process required to consider and implement any changes is extensive and not currently being pursued.

Road Warden Scheme

- It was agreed at the last TTG meeting to recommend the above to the Town Council. A report is required. There are no chapter 8 trained individuals in Budleigh, one in Otterton and one in Exmouth. Devon Co Council train and insure the volunteers.

Knowle Hill

- Traffic data indicates that this road (from Knowle junction to roundabout at Salterton Road) meets the required criteria and will therefore be taken through the Speed Compliance Action Review Forum (SCARF) for an assessment of the current speed limit, which is presently forty mph. No further speed check checks will be conducted. It was noted that the tree canopy does not impact the sight and sun level on this road.

678. Parking East Budleigh Road / Top of Fore Street Hill to junction at Seachange

Resident concerns regarding the impact of parking on access, visibility, and highway safety were heard.

679. Upper Station Road Car Park

It was noted that, while the Town benefits from a large free-at-point-of-use car park at Upper Station Road, it remained important to raise awareness of and encourage active travel options in order to reduce dependence on the motor car wherever possible. Benefits of active travel include improvements to health and wellbeing, reduced traffic congestion, lower emissions, and support for the Town's environmental objectives. Co Cllr Hookway agreed to provide an appropriate contact in Active Travel at DCC.

680. Manhole Cover on Exmouth Road (W3W: positions.voices.parting)

This has been assessed by SWW and is scheduled for repair.

681. Patching Works.

Thanks were given to Highways for the recent patching works from Coast Guard Hill to East Budleigh Road. Positive feedback from residents was received and forwarded to Highways. Although the works were arranged at short notice, advance warning was provided by Highways and promoted by BSTC through its usual channels, including

exterior noticeboards and social media, which received over 20,000 views. Despite best attempts there was an incident of a resident who was unaware of the works.

682. The Hare and The Tortoise

Details of the above event being hosted by BSTC and the Climate and Environment Committee during Gala Week on 27.05.26 from 10.00am to 12.00pm were received.

683. Any other business

The following business was raised:

Cllr Hookway shared the following:

the SID (Speed Indicator Device) on the way into East Budleigh is with Devon County Council (DCC) for repair.

South Farm Road: proposed restrictions. During the recent consultation, officers came to the conclusion that in view of the consultation only one side of the road would have a restriction. Devon Highways have said quite clearly that the present arrangement for parking is dangerous. Cllr Hookway said the current situation is not acceptable and this potential change to the parking permissions on this stretch of road is now going to the Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC).

Cllr Ferrers: raised a query regarding the possibility of communities funding the changing of speed limit signage and if there was a mechanism for communities to do this.

Cllr Chaplin: referred to the recent Annual Parish Meeting and the suggestions received from residents. In other counties and indeed local towns in Devon there are gateway signs into village and town, to note the change from rural to urban area. They felt that this was a good idea.

Cllr Chaplin: following a recent long term leak faced by a resident of fore street Cllr Chaplin sought to clarify on how long an emergency permit for works on the highway takes to process.,

It was suggested to make contact with the DCC CSR line speak to highways of a contact in Utilities. It was further noted that vulnerable residents can be registered as such with utilities companies.

Cllr M P Lewis: raised a query regarding reporting conditions on the outskirts of town. Including the road condition at Ting Tong Corner and at Bicton. It was confirmed that the road at Bicton was due for reconditioning imminently.

Cllr Hookway offered to take a look at the Ting Trong and to assess if this was within his 'patch'

684. Date of next meeting: 25 Aug 2026 at 2.00pm – Council Chamber and on Teams

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

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Chair

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Date