

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT GROUP

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Budleigh Salterton Traffic and Transport Group held in the Council Offices, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton on Tuesday 25 August 2026 and via Teams.

The meeting commenced at 2.03pm.

PRESENT

Cllr P Lewis (Chair)

Cllr A Chaplin

District Cllr C Fitzgerald

R Foulkes (Otter Valley Association)

County Cllr N Hookway

Cllr P Manfield

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

Cllr J Tressider – East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council

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

685. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

686. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic and Transport Group held on 12 May 2026 were confirmed as a true record.

687. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

Dark Lane – Update

Members received an update on Dark Lane following an engineering consultant's report.

The estimated repair costs were at least £150,000. DCC had hoped to use the Resilience Fund, but this had been exhausted. As a Category 9 lane, Dark Lane was not a priority, and works were considered unlikely this year or next. Option 2 from the report, to close the lane to vehicles only, was favoured. Cllr Hookway stressed that pedestrian access should be retained wherever possible and had asked whether reserves could fund the works, although they acknowledged that this would be a difficult case to argue.

Group Members highlighted the lane's importance as a route to the school, football facilities and cemetery, particularly for children, and noted that larger delivery vehicles had contributed to its deterioration. Highways advised that surveys had identified a risk of the lane sides collapsing. The lane would therefore be closed to vehicles and pedestrians from the lower end to the houses until a permanent decision was made, although wheelchair access to the cemetery would be maintained. It was noted that the report had been escalated beyond Highways for further consideration.

Brick Cross / Sleaf Hill – Update

- Members noted that the Brick Cross road markings had still not been completed. Cllr Fitzgerald reported receiving several emails from concerned residents. It was reported that, following discussions with Chris Parks, Head of Traffic, the works would not be carried out until the parish road markings were completed next year. It was agreed that BSTC would write to the DCC Head of Traffic to further outline concerns and to draw attention to the number of near misses at this cross that were known within the groups and to request that a full survey is completed to assess if the marking were of a sufficient degradation (less than 75% visible) to merit immediate reinstatement.
- An update was received on potholes along Sleaf Hill between Brick Cross and Bicton Arena. The defects had been marked for repair, works had been ordered, and E Sampson, Devon Highways confirmed the matter was in hand

through the rapid response pothole programme. It was requested that Otterton and East Budleigh Parish also write to Devon Co Council to express their concerns.

- It was further noted that there is an ongoing programme of parish re-marking and the team will not act outside of this programme unless marking is 75% deteriorated.

South Farm Foad, Proposed Parking Restriction

Following discussion at DCC's Highways and Traffic Order Committee (HATOC), members were unable to reach agreement on the proposed parking restriction. It was therefore agreed that a site visit would take place on 10 September to assist members in reaching a decision. Cllr Hookway did not agree with the proposed changes put forward by officers. It was suggested that a range of stakeholders be included in this visit including Clinton Devon Estates, local farmers/residents and a member of the Traffic Group. Cllr Hookway agreed to request that a Traffic Group member be permitted to attend, subject to approval from the HATOC Chair. Members noted that parking in the vicinity created a potential danger. A car park was available only metres away, which also supported the upkeep of the Lower Otter Valley Restoration Project (LORP).

Speedwatch Group

An update was received from Cllr Chaplin. There were currently four volunteers, with the possibility of a fifth joining the group. The group had completed three sessions in the town, covering both morning and evening periods. To date there were seven incidents of vehicles recorded as exceeding the speed limit. It was noted that each location required approval through a police risk assessment, with two locations approved to date. It was highlighted that additional volunteers were sought and members of the community concerned about speeding were urged to consider joining the group by contacting Cllr Chaplin: alan.chaplin@budleighsaltertontowncouncil.gov.uk

Road Warden Scheme – Cllr Lewis agreed to work towards getting a proposal to the Town Council for the next meeting.

20 is Plenty Initiative

It was noted that BSTC launched this important initiative during Gala Week and plan to host a stand the forthcoming Lions Club Bank Holiday Monday Seafront Fair (31/8/26) to promote further.

688. Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC)

It was noted that a public consultation is open until **21 September 2026** regarding proposed amendments to a portion of road markings on High Street and Fore Street. Responses can be made on the following page: <https://devon.cc/alwrp>.

References: ENV6303-706-High street ,Budleigh Salterton - SY 0681
ENV6303-707-Fore Street ,Budleigh Salterton - SY 0681

689. Knowle Junction - Yellow Box Junction Marking

A request for the installation of a yellow box at this junction, to improve visibility and road safety, was discussed. It was:

Resolved: that the relevant road data would be checked and the Highways Officer would discuss the matter with the DCC Traffic Team.

690. High Street Traffic

Consideration was given to any measures available to address congestion and improve traffic conditions on the High Street. Reference was made to min 688. above regarding the consultation on road marking in the High Street.

High Street – One-Way System: Cllr Chaplin referred to previous discussions regarding the possibility of introducing a one-way system on the High Street.

Members considered whether there was now greater support among traders for such a proposal. It was noted that the original discussions had taken place during the COVID19 pandemic, when there had been significant opposition to changes. Members also noted that there were now four supermarkets among the High Street traders, each receiving large van deliveries on a daily basis, in addition to other traffic using the town centre. It was further noted that the changes referred to in Minute 688 would, following consultation, be reinforced with appropriate street signage when implemented.

It was further noted that due to the historic nature of properties and basements on East and West Terrace a one way system would not work within the town. It was:

Resolved: that a request would be made for additional passing places to be provided along Budleigh Salterton High Street. ES confirmed that these would be added to the latest HATOC list for review and consultation. It was noted that the process could take up to 24 months and that Co Cllr Hookway would need to express their agreement with this.

Parking enforcement: members of the public are encouraged to report any parking offenders to Devon Co Council Traffic Enforcement. This can be done via the Devon County Council portal on [Report a parking problem - Roads and transport](#).

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Parking

Consideration was given to concerns regarding excessive parking in areas where there are currently no yellow-line restrictions, including East Budleigh Road at the top of Fore Street Hill and the corner of Kersbrook opposite the Cricket Club. It was:

Resolved: that the Clerk would write to Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club (BSCC) to request they do all they can to maximise their parking capacity and encourage visitors and members to walk, cycle, car share and take the bus where possible. This is of particular importance in light of its current planning application to expand the club. It was further suggested that promotion of the economical and large car park at the bottom of the foot path, a few minute's walk from the rear entrance to the cricket club, would be useful.

It was noted that there was a suggestion in the S106 consultation to increase walkways to cricket club. The Town Clerk will make further investigation on this matter.

Reference was made to the speed limit in the vicinity of East Budleigh Road at Kersbrook Road and BSCC. Devon Highways confirmed that this was originally a rural road derestricted at 60mph. Highways confirmed that there is a reluctance to reduce the speed limit as use of a 30mph limit can endanger road users with a false sense of safety and impact pedestrian behaviour.

Reference was made to the ongoing street parking on East Budleigh Road at the top of Fore Street Hill. Parking in the location causes traffic coming up Coastguard Road to move to the wrong side of the carriageway on a blind bend, in order to pass. It was:

Resolved: ES confirmed that the area on Fore Street Hill, / East Budleigh Road has been noted by Highways and is on the HATOC list for consideration. It was noted that this list closes for the next tranche in September 2026.

Parking Restriction requests:

East Budleigh – The Pound: Cllr Tresidder raised a query regarding the possibility of installing parking restriction at this location (What3Words: ///following.spill.honest). ES advised that photographic evidence should be submitted by EB Parish Council to DCC to support any such request.

East Budleigh Road (near junction with Upper Stoneborough Lane)

A further request was made for the installation of a parking restriction on East Budleigh Road, down in the dip and near the junctions of Upper Stoneborough Lane. (What3Words: ///folks.pure.fenced), following agreement with County Cllr Hookway.

692. Accessibility

It was noted that Devon Highways are reviewing the accessibility of footways in the vicinity of the High Street and will provide feedback in due course.

The locations are:

No drop kerb : Corner of Chapel St/Fore Street at 'The Studio' -

///digesting.lifters.kindness

Pedestrian Crossing: ///tripods.cured.workloads

The pavement at corner of Station Road has an adverse camber and the location of the pedestrian button is inaccessible to those using a mobility scooter or wheelchair.

Esplanade, Marine Parade: ///quibble.bibs.grinders

The surface of the esplanade is very rough and going over this on a mobility scooter is difficult

Park Lane ///smiling.less.reset

Coming off Park Lane onto the Esplanade there is a sharp dip which is dangerous for those using mobility scooters and wheelchairs.

693. Road Closures

It was noted that all road closure notices were coordinated by DCC, who liaise with bus operators and other relevant parties to minimise disruption. Each closure was supported by a diversion map.

Details of current and planned road closures and associated works were available on One Network. BSTC also published notifications, on its website, noticeboard and Facebook page.

Wales & West Utilities – Gas Main Replacement Works

It was noted that Wales & West Utilities has an ongoing project, scheduled to run until into early 2027, to replace approximately 4,800 metres of gas main, as required by the regulator.

During the autumn and winter, works will take place along Exmouth Road and the High Street. Wales & West Utilities is working with Budleigh Salterton Town Council to ensure that appropriate signage is in place to safely redirect traffic and minimise disruption.

Works on the High Street will include the reinstatement of any road surface disturbed as part of the works. Wales & West Utilities is also planning a community information day at the Public Hall on 16 November, when further details of the larger works planned will be shared with residents.

694. Annual Meeting of the Town

Members considered the feedback received from the focus groups at the Annual Town Meeting and discussed whether any of the proposals should be progressed by the Traffic and Transport Group. The following items were raised:

Cycle Crossing – Bedlands Lane / Bear Lane

A suggestion had been made for a safer cycle crossing between Bedlands Lane and Bear Lane. It was suggested that consideration of a crossing should be deferred until the B3178 became a restricted route in the vicinity of Evans Field, at which point a request could be made to the DCC Transportation Group. It was noted that a signal-controlled crossing could cost approximately **£250,000**. ES agreed to speak with J Hlland in the Transportation Group to establish what crossing options might be available.

Pedestrian Routes and Traffic Calming

It was noted that there were plans to upgrade the pedestrian route between East Budleigh and Budleigh Salterton.

Members discussed the use of speed bumps. DCC advised that these were not currently permitted, as they could be difficult to install correctly and at the required height.

Raleigh Wall, Marine Parade: a suggestion to improve access between the seafront and the town was considered. It was suggested that the owner of the wall be approached to explore whether improvements could be made to the route between the beach and High Street, with the aim of improving pedestrian access for residents and visitors.

695. Any other business

B3178 – Restricted speed limit

It was noted that a new, lower speed limit had been agreed for the B3178 in the vicinity of Evans Field.

Granary Lane

Reference was made to correspondence received from a resident regarding speeding on Granary Lane and a discussion followed regarding the possibility of this road becoming 20mph, one way or no through road and in general how this area could be made to feel safer.

It was noted that the first port of call in relation to speeding or dangerous driving is to report this to the police either 111 or via 999.

It was suggested that drivers are not going at 30mph, rather it is perception with drivers not driving in accordance with road conditions. It was agreed that Devon Highways would take a look at the data to see if there is anything to support changes in the road permissions.

696. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Tue 24th Nov at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber and via Teams (upon request).

There being no other business the meeting closed at 4.06pm

Chair

Date