

BURWASH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Working Party held in the Parish Room, Burwash, on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7pm.

Attended by: Cllr. Bob Franklin (Chair), Cllr. Lesley Elmslie, Cllr. S. Franklin, Helga Castle and Lindsay Green.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Colin Chapman and Steve Dixon.

2. Disclosures of Interest.

There were none.

3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

held 6th January 2026 were agreed at Full Council meeting on 13th January 2026

4. Speed Limits.

- a. Extending 40mph Limit (Burnt House Farm) on A265 at Burwash Weald. Bob to contact Jonathan, a resident there, for an update.
- b. Swing Gate Hill, Burwash Common – proposed speed reduction from 40mph to 30mph. The Feasibility Study has been agreed.
- c. Witherenden Hill/Pear tree Hill, Burwash Common. Copies of the photos showing recent accidents there have been sent to Highways but the response was considered poor. It is hoped to set up Speedwatch sessions at the Car Park by the Pavilion.

5. Highways and road repairs

- a. Potholes. The Clerk has reported approximately 15 potholes on the main road and other hazardous potholes on Batemans Lane to Highways.
- b. Pavers in the High Street. The Clerk has pursued this with Highways, but no response from the Highways Steward. It has been reported that a person has recently tripped on the uneven pavers in the High Street.
- c. Bollards. The Safety Team is to be asked for a copy of their Risk Assessment.
- d. Drainage. Helga reported that drain covers in the area by the bus stop in the High Street were loose and noisy. Bob agreed to look at which utilities owned these drains.
- e. Dropped kerb opposite St. Philips. Still awaiting inspection.
- f. Damage to listed properties caused by vibrations from large lorries on A265. There is a group - Action Group A262 – set up to attempt to avoid traffic damage to listed buildings. Helga to make contact with them.
- g. Road sign straddling the pavement at the new development on the Ashwood Nursing Home site. Lindsay advised this had been resolved.
- h. Missing Burwash Common sign at the Heathfield end of the A265. Lindsay has spoken to Andrew Turner to attempt to obtain the specification.

6. Speed Watch.

Bob reported that the last two sessions had been supported by police with several actual speed tickets being issued. There is still a need for more volunteers.

7. School hill report

Nothing received.

8. Active Travel.

No further action.

9. Bus Shelters.

Any proposals will be funded from CIL from next year's budget.

10. Black Cat radar.

It was suggested that Halina be asked to have the Black Cat fitted on her flagpole.

11. Quiet Lanes.

It was reported that the Local Access Forum had asked that the decision to not support Quiet Lanes should be reviewed.

12. Verges and Vegetation protruding over highways.

Goodsoal Lane. Lindsay agreed to talk to Andrew Turner about the problems of attendance by the Highways Steward.

13. Car Park

14. Implementing 20mph in Burwash Village.

15. E.V. Charging Points.

16. Drain connections on highways to Southern Water.

17. Information for Noting on a Future Agenda.

- a. Vehicles parking on the verge by the top of Goodsoal Lane are destroying the verges. *(The Clerk is aware and is looking into it)*
- b. Triangle at junction of Vicarage Road/Lane. The pine trees look unsafe and require attention.

18. Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday, 2nd June 2026 in the Parish Room.