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Roads & Traffic Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 8pm on Thursday 16th July 2026

Present: Mrs J White (Chairman), Mrs A Kyle, Mr S Oversby-Powell, Mr M Sheldon

In Attendance: Mrs Kate West (Communications & Admin Officer), Mrs M Dormer, Cllr L Lloyd & Cllr M Avery

Public Question Time:

Members of the public attended the meeting and raised concerns regarding speeding traffic, vehicle exhaust emissions, and road safety within the village. They asked what actions were currently being taken to reduce speeding and emissions, and what traffic-calming measures were being considered.

Particular concern was expressed about excessive speeding along Whiteman's Green, the associated traffic noise, and the difficulty and danger of crossing the road. Residents highlighted the area around the Rose and Crown, particularly the junction with London Lane, as well as vehicles travelling at speed through the roundabout by the Co-op, as being especially hazardous.

It was noted that many existing and proposed traffic-calming measures appeared to focus on the older part of the village, with comparatively little attention given to the northern end, where residents experienced a constant and heavy flow of traffic. Concerns were also raised that the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on the High Street may simply displace speeding issues further north if similar measures were not extended to that area. Support was expressed for extending a 20mph speed limit from the Tylers Green roundabout to the Rugby Club, a distance of approximately 1.7 miles. It was noted that travelling this route at 30mph would take approximately 3 minutes and 24 seconds, compared with 5 minutes and 6 seconds at 20mph—a difference of just 1 minute and 42 seconds. It was suggested that such a measure could also help deter motorists using the route as a rat run.

Residents suggested that traffic signals on Whiteman's Green could help improve safety. Committee confirmed that this option had previously been considered in consultation with West Sussex County Council (WSCC). However, identifying the most appropriate location had proved challenging. For traffic management reasons, WSCC advised that signals could not be located near the petrol station. Conversely, if installed closer to the Rugby Club, they would be less effective in improving pedestrian crossing safety near the Co-op. It was suggested that residents may wish to undertake a survey of local users, including clubs and the nursery, to help identify the most suitable location.

RT001 To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Burton, Ceccherini and King offered their apologies which were accepted.

Cuckfield Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence on 7th May 2026, all decisions made during this meeting are done so under this power.

- RT002 To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of any matter on the agenda (*The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the course of a meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it.*)**

None

- RT003 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2026**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2026 were approved and signed.

- RT004 To note the Actions List**

All actions were noted.

- RT005 To review the budget for this committee**

Committee reviewed and noted the budget for the Roads and Traffic committee to date.

- RT006 To receive an update regarding the proposed 20mph zone within Cuckfield along London Lane/Broad Street/High & South Street**

Committee noted feedback from a recent meeting held with WSCC Highways Officers. It was advised that the proposed 20mph speed limit would be most effectively progressed through a Community Highways Scheme application. It was also highlighted that the application must be submitted before 21st July to avoid a delay of up to one year.

To support a balanced and robust application, members agreed the importance of gathering evidence of support from a wide range of stakeholders, including local residents, the Parish Council, the local MP, Sussex Police, the District Council, local schools and the Cabinet member for Highways.

It was further noted that additional supporting evidence may be submitted at a later stage if required.

- RT007 To receive an update regarding the implementation of a 30mph zone from the roundabout at Tylers Green through to the Bolnore roundabout**

Council noted that the proposed reduction to 30mph can now be progressed via a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) without the need for a new application.

It was noted that Cllr Lloyd provided support for WSCC Highways Officers to update the proposal and seek evidence of support from the local MP.

- RT008 To receive an update on the traffic projects for the Glebe Road roundabout, railings on London Lane and the yellow hatched box by the old chemist**

Glebe Road Roundabout - Councillors noted that WSCC Highways Officers will seek advice from the Road Safety Team. Any scheme would require a Community Highways Scheme (CHS); however, it was noted this was unlikely due to high cost and site complexities.

London Lane Railings – Committee noted that the installation was not feasible due to insufficient space and impact on pedestrian access. No further action.

Chemist Yellow Box - A hatched box was considered; however, faded yellow lines already prohibited parking. It was agreed the priority was to request repainting of road markings throughout Cuckfield, including roundabouts. This request was under assessment by WSCC, and the Highways Officers were due to obtain a progress update.

Ardingly Road Bend - WSCC Highways Officers raised recent accident occurrences with the Traffic Team to assess whether additional warning signage were required.

Ardingly Road Zebra Crossing - WSCC Highways Officers were due to explore the feasibility of upgrading the crossing to a signal-controlled crossing. It was noted this would be costly and would require a Community Highways Scheme (CHS).

RT009 To note the updates from the last Traffic Steering Group meeting and consider the proposed actions

Potholes – Committee noted that with improved weather conditions, permanent repairs were now being progressed.

London Lane Chevrons - Committee noted that chevrons had been installed on the railings in the bend.

London Lane Bollard – Committee noted that removal had been discounted, as it would increase danger for pedestrians crossing. No further action.

Warden Park School drive – Committee discussed ongoing restrictions of the use of the school drive, noting some inconvenience to residents but overall reduced disruption compared to previous conditions. Committee agreed to monitor the situation.

Nisa Bus Stop – Committee noted that the Local Transport Improvement Programme was due to report back on this action to install a build out for people to get on the bus and to remove the yellow 'cage' which would create two additional spaces, and to remove one space outside the Pantry which was too close to the corner. The WSCC Highways Officer agreed to follow-up.

Corner Café congestion – Committee agreed to monitor the impact of recently redrawn yellow lines.

Corner Café roundabout markings - Committee noted that the remarking works were being progressed.

RT010 To note the speed watch results

Committee noted the speed watch results and noted also that the speedwatch session had been limited in the last few months due to the weather conditions (excessive rain or heat).

RT011 To note/discuss any accidents added onto the spreadsheet

Committee noted the accidents spreadsheet report.

RT012 To receive an update on the potential installation of white gateways to be positioned coming into the village from Ansty

Committee noted that this could be linked to the 20mph Community Highways Scheme (CHS) proposal. WSCC Highways Officers were waiting on additional speed data for South Street.

RT013 To receive an update on the verge parking issues on Tylers Green Road

Committee noted that residents had been advised to use logs to deter van access. Planting bushes may also help discourage pedestrian traffic or the use of plastic matting.

RT014 To discuss the traffic survey proposed by local residents

Committee considered the residents' proposal for a traffic survey and agreed that a survey aimed at gathering residents' support through the collection of names would be the most appropriate course of action.

Committee proposed the use of QR codes to promote the survey throughout the village, enabling residents to access and complete the form electronically.

Committee agreed to establish a petition in support of the proposed 20mph speed limit scheme, to be distributed across the village under the title: "20's Plenty in Cuckfield – Do You Agree?"

It was further agreed that the petition would be made available online and that a ballot box would be placed at the Queen's Hall to allow residents to participate. In addition, copies of the petition would be distributed door-to-door to maximise community engagement.

Committee resolved to develop a coordinated campaign plan to support the petition, utilising a range of communication channels and engagement methods to ensure widespread awareness and participation.

RT015 To discuss moving the 30mph sign at Whitemans Green to include Mill Hall

Committee considered moving the 30pmh sign subject to permission granted by WSCC Highways.

RT016 To receive an update on the traffic meeting held on 15th June

Committee noted the updates from the Steering Group meeting, as previously circulated.

RT017 To consider the proposed traffic calming measures under S106, Local Community Infrastructure (LCI)

Committee made their recommendations regarding traffic calming measures to be decided at the EGM on 6th August 2026.

RT018 To note items arising after the preparation of this agenda which the Chairman agrees to take as urgent. Such matters will be for noting only or deferral to a future meeting only

None

The meeting closed at 9.24pm

Signed: _____

Next Roads and Traffic meeting: 8th October 2026