



## DITCHLING PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Ditchling Traffic Committee Meeting held at Ditchling Village Hall (lower hall), Ditchling on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 2.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Stapleton (Chair), Barna, Farrands and Orme (Ditchling Parish Council)  
Cllr. Mills (Westmeston Parish Council)  
Mrs J Goodbourn (Underhill Lane Community Association- UHCA)

Tracey Euesden (Clerk)

#### Public Participation:

2 Members of the public were present.

008.	<b>Apologies for absence.</b> Were received from Mrs M Flynn
009.	<b>Declarations of interest.</b> There were no Declarations of Interest.
010.	<b>To Receive the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025.</b> The minutes were Noted and signed by the Chair.
011.	<b>To Review and update on Priority Projects.</b>  <b>11.1 Mobile Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS).</b> To consider Instructions for Wilbar and Associates. Cllr Stapleton reported that Wilbar and Associates has provided an estimate of £520.00 to act as the Parish Council's agent to apply for the necessary licences and permissions and to arrange the installation of the SIDs at the two locations agreed with the ESCC@s Road Safety Engineer. The style of machine was discussed and it was agreed that these should be the "Smiley/ Grumpy face with the speed displayed". It was <b>RESOLVED</b> <b><i>That the Chair and the Clerk would make the necessary arrangements with Wilbar to approve the proposals and progress the project.</i></b>  <b>11.2 Village Gateways.</b> Update on Underhill Lane Project and to consider Instructions for Wilbar and Associates. The matter of the installation of gateways at both ends of the lane had been discussed at a recent meeting of Westmeston Parish Council (WPC) but Cllr Mills explained that alternative proposals for the eastern end were being considered. Mrs Goodbourne reported that several residents of the Lane had contacted WPC to express their dissatisfaction at that decision. UHCA has carried out a survey amongst all 33 residents of the lane with 23 responses and 21 in favour of the gateways at both ends of the lane. Cllr Mills suggested WPC's position may change if assurances are given that it will not be asked to contribute towards the cost of the gateways and Mrs Goodbourne confirmed that an application for match funding would be made to ESCC but no contributions are expected from either parish council, apart from the cost for the feasibility assessment by Wilbar which will be funded by DPC.

	<p>Cllr Stapleton suggested that the matters between UHCA and WPC need to be resolved prior to any further work being undertaken by Wilbar.</p> <p>Mrs Goodbourne confirmed that the preferred style of the gateways to be the JACS Sloped Picket Fence Gateway as per the example options provided by Wilbar. The preferred signage is VG-08 A &amp; B and VG-09 A &amp; B and this was <b>NOTED</b>,</p> <p><b>11.3 Village Crossroads.</b> Update.</p> <p>Referring to the modified idea of installing buff coloured tactile pavers with raised surface to indicate crossing points, Cllr Stapleton reported that discussions with ESCC are continuing.</p> <p><b>11.4 Extension of 20 mph Speed Zone.</b> Update.</p> <p>Cllr Stapleton has been in contact with the Chair of Alfriston Parish Council whose campaign for a 20 mph speed limit throughout the village had been successful. It seems that ESCC had agreed to fund this particular project after extensive and persistent lobbying by the Parish Council. Cllr Stapleton suggested that other community groups and organisations may be approached to support DPC's efforts for a similar project in Ditchling. Cllr Orme enquired what visual changes had been made in Alfriston in terms of signage or street lighting/ furniture but this was not known.</p>
012.	<p><b>To Consider proposal to ask the Council to raise additional funds to help finance the Priority Projects by increasing Parish Precept.</b></p> <p>Cllr Stapleton described his intention to propose that DPC raise funds to help finance the priority projects by making incremental increases to the precept over the next 4 years. Cllr Orme reminded him that the Finance Committee will be meeting in October to consider budget requirements for the 2026 /2027 and suggested that the Council should consider whether some form of community engagement is necessary prior to making decisions about significant increases to the Precept. The Clerk was asked to add an agenda item for the Full Parish Council meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July in order for this to be discussed.</p>
013.	<p><b>Report on approaches received from resident groups regarding non-priority traffic proposals</b></p> <p><b>13.1 Lewes Road</b></p> <p>Cllr Stapleton reported that residents of Lewes Road would like to see the existing traffic calming measures restored and repaired where necessary. This is a matter that has been raised with the ESCC Road Safety Team and would need to be followed up.</p> <p><b>13.2 East End Lane</b></p> <p>Residents have reported several incidents of large vehicles entering East End Lane from the east and encountering issues when the road narrows as they travel west. Other issues with vehicles turning right from East End Lane onto the High Street have also been reported.</p>
014.	<p><b>Any other business.</b></p> <p><b>Safety of Horse riders.</b></p> <p>Cllr Stapleton referred to comments made during the public participation session prior to the meeting about the safety of horse riders on the roads. A questionnaire has been handed out to 80 riders with 53 responses received. It was reported that 114 horse riders have to use the roads in Ditchling and Westmeston to reach the bridleways and various safety issues have been identified.</p>

	<p>A meeting has been booked for 11<sup>th</sup> September and members of DPC, WPC, and Streat Parish Council would all be welcome to hear more about the issues faced by horse riders.</p> <p><b>Temporary Signage</b></p> <p>Cllr Stapleton reported that ESCC will no longer be available to arrange and install temporary road safety posters and are inviting parish councils to take over the process. The Parish Council will be asked to consider taking part in this new initiative at its next meeting.</p>
015.	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>To be arranged.</p>

The meeting closed at 3.30 pm.