



## TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP – 4 FEBRUARY 2025 MINUTES

### 1. Attendees and Apologies

**Present:** Alison Melvin, Mike Mordecai, Dominic Hearne, Alan Melvin, Pete Day, Julian Thomson, Jason Lock, Nial Dunne, Jo Ibbotson, Stephanie Wilson, Ian McArdle

**Apologies:** William White, Graham Jones, Jonathan Bourne, Joan Beadle

2. **Approval of November 2024 TWG Minutes** Proposed: Dominic Hearne, Seconded: Pete Day.  
The significant progress made on Action Points agreed at November's TWG meeting was noted.

### 3. Traffic calming for Frith End and Blacknest

**3.1 Hampshire Highways s106 funded CFI Project** – The Concept plans received on 31 January from Hampshire Highways' (HH's) Safer Roads Engineering team were discussed. It was agreed: Alison will collate questions from TWG members by 7/2 so we can obtain clarification from HH ahead of a public 'Drop In' day that BPC will organise on 27/2 to share the Concept plans with parishioners. It was agreed that the Drop In event should be held Binsted Pavilion.

**3.2 HGVs** - HH proposals for HGV ('Unsuitable for HGVs') signage at 'Jolly' junction are still awaited. Alison will continue to press HH for these and for action to relocate A325 Black HGV/IndEst sign at Frith End (which has already been agreed by HH.)

**3.3 Collision reporting** - There is still a need to pull together the Frith End and Blacknest community reports about collisions. Alison, Mike and William will discuss further and report back. A recent planning application revealed that Crashmap does not contain all police records and it was agreed to be important for BPC to determine how to obtain police collision data.

**3.4 Maintenance of hedges and signs** - No progress on clearing vegetation at A325 Frith End junction, clearing paths to bus-stop layby or cleaning bus shelter. Mike will add these issues to the job list for the parish Lengthsman, whose next visit is due in 2 weeks.

### 4. Speed Cameras, SID and Speed Watch

#### 4.1 Plans for Police Speed Enforcement

Hampshire Constabulary has promised to run some speed traps. Thanks were expressed for William White's efforts to get Hampshire Constabulary to run some speed traps. It was agreed that it would be helpful for these to take place before 29 April APM.

#### 4.2 Existing and new SIDs

Data captured by SIDs continues to reveal shocking speeding problems: Alan noted that the recent Fullers Road data showed that 35% of 13,000 cars driving towards Rowledge village in the past 2 weeks were travelling above 35mph in this 30mph area. It was agreed these data should be shared with school and Rowledge Residents, to highlight the urgency to address this speeding problem.

- 4.2 **ElanCity (new) SIDs** - Both new units have been received. Alan will procure the extra Jubilee clips needed to install the ElanCity brackets. The SID posts need lengthening to accommodate the (taller) ElanCity units. Some of the posts are removeable, others are concreted in. Jason kindly offered to weld post extensions on the removable posts. SID volunteer team (Alan, Pete and Julian) will write an operational guide and draw up a programme for deployment/rotation of the new SIDs. Mike will liaise with SID volunteers to update the SID Risk Assessment.

**Westcotec (existing) SID** – problems with the device's timestamp are again being experienced (replacement of time battery worked well for a month but timestamp issue has now reappeared). Alan will investigate further and will advise Mike if the SID volunteers can fix problem, or whether

SID needs to be sent to Westcotec for servicing (will cost several hundred pounds). If fixable, the intention is to permanently locate Westcotec device on The Street near Binsted school junction. **A new SID location** in 40mph zone in BucksHornOak was requested by Ian. This requires HH Licencing permission. Ian and Alan will liaise on potential locations; Alison will request HH approval.

#### 4.3 Speed Cameras

Speed camera signage has now been installed by HH.

Alison is continuing to verify the records captured and to submit reports to Hampshire Constabulary. It is disappointing that Hampshire Constabulary is taking no action, even on vehicles found to be “illegal” because of lapsed MOT/insurance and driving while SORN.

No progress made to find verifiers for speed camera reports. It is felt that the difficulty in recruiting volunteers to help validate the records arises because of the futility of collecting this data. There is anger that EHDC committed public funds for its camera initiative before having any commitment from Hampshire Constabulary to act on the data generated. The cameras are also wasting the time and resources of volunteers and parish councils.

#### 4.4 Community Speedwatch (CSW)

Stephanie and Nial noted that the Frith End / Blacknest CSW team is continuing weekly speedwatch operations. It was noted that extreme potholes in Blacknest Road are slowing traffic and causing vehicles to swerve very dangerously.

Rowledge residents want to set up a CSW team, to operate in the Hampshire part of Rowledge, to complement the CSW team already operating in the Surrey part. Approval from Hampshire Constabulary is needed for the new CSW location, along with vetting/training for new volunteers. Alan has suggested potential locations, which are being reviewed by H Constabulary.

All agreed that statistics about letters sent by police because of the CSW volunteers’ operations should be more widely shared. During the 6 months since CSW operations started in the parish, our 3 locations have accounted for 3% of the total police letters sent in the East Hampshire area. Alison will prepare some social media articles on this. Thanks were recorded to all involved in CSW teams.

#### 5. Traffic safety at schools

Jo’s role as BPC’s school liaison link is proving very helpful. Jo has met both schools and problems / solutions discussed. TWG now has good clarity about the road safety issues that each school faces, which all present agreed to be serious and urgent.

**Rowledge School** - HH has now renamed Rowledge school bus parking space as Disabled parking. Progress is also being made in pulling together contacts/action from Waverley BC, Surrey & Hampshire Highways, school governors and Rowledge Residents. Alison is making efforts to resolve Surrey/Hampshire border issue regarding making approved SID location useable. It is important to capture data on traffic volumes and speeds in School Road, as these are needed prior to any application for a 20mph TRO in School Road (which is one of Rowledge’s only roads not to be 20mph.) Several potential options to achieve these aims have been identified. As a next step, Alison will set out these options for discussion by Jo and school. A zebra crossing on the road between school and its carpark would also be beneficial but has not yet been discussed with any authorities.

**Binsted School** – potential solutions for the parking and traffic issues are being explored. It was agreed that it would not be beneficial to paint parking spaces on BPC’s layby near The Wickham. It was agreed that Alison will ask HH for advice on ways to improve road line marking in Church Rd. Jo/Mike will ensure that any proposed changes being considered are shared at any early stage with all interested parties (school, church, Wickham and neighbouring properties.) **Flashing lights** are still not flashing – Alison will follow up with Highways. **Grit bin**: Mike will request an additional grit bin for the school end of Church Road.

#### 6. Wheelie Bin Stickers

District Cllr Ashcroft declined BPC’s grant application for the stickers, so these were funded by BPC. These have been received and need distributing. Ian and Nial offered to distribute them in Bucks

Horn Oak and Blacknest, respectively. Mike will arrange delivery in The Street in Binsted and will have some available from Pavilion office as backup.

## **7. SSEN verge rectification**

Alison has reported verges damaged during SSEN B3004 diversions and Nial has reported potholes. Alison push for action w.r.t. SSEN restitution of verges damaged during B3004 diversions (although Ian Ackerman (HH) is currently absent).

## **8. A.O.B.**

**8.1 SDNPA Local Plan Review:** This consultation is open until 23 March. All TWG members are encouraged to comment on Transport aspect of Local Plan Review (Transport Assessment in 'Evidence' section, <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/TP1114-MI-RP-0001-South-Downs-Transport-Study-Stage-2-TA-V3-0.pdf>).

### **8.2 Communications:**

Alison has submitted an article about Transport issues for the March Parish Magazine. Alison/ Mike will follow up on the offer from Jac (Rowledge Residents) to include a Traffic article in Rowledge Review magazine.

Social media posts to be organised about: the Traffic Calming public Drop In event; sharing CSW data across parish; and to call for additional CSW volunteers. A post to share speed concerns with Rowledge (school and residents) is also planned.

BPC website needs updating, to share CSW traffic data and SID graphs more effectively.

## **9. Dates for next Meetings**

Tuesday 25 February, 11 – 7 pm, Binsted Pavilion - Drop In information event on Frith End Traffic Calming.

Next TWG meeting will probably be in late March – timing will depend on progress with ongoing meetings with schools and progress on traffic calming.

Binsted's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 April, 7pm, Wickham Institute.