



TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP – 24 JUNE 2025 7:00pm

Venue: Binsted Inn ('Snug' Room)

Decisions and Action Points

1. **Attendees:** Alison Melvin, Mike Mordecai, William White, Jo Ibbotson, Dominic Hearne, Alan Melvin, Julian Thomson, Ian McArdle (BHO), Dennis (Isington), PCSO Jessica Hornsby, PC Alex Routt. **Apologies:** Jason Lock, Nial Dunne, Stephanie Wilson (Frith End), Tammy Yates (Binsted), Harriet Paskell (Rowledge School), Henry Jennings (Binsted School).
2. **Approval of February 2025 TWG Minutes** - Proposed Ian McArdle, Seconded Alan Melvin
3. **Problems reported to Highways (HH)** - Alison gave updates on vegetation and road problems:
 - HH has mown various of the verges at junctions that were causing visibility issues– Mike will liaise with Lengthsmen (due 21 July) to mow the outstanding locations.
 - HH assessed the bent school warning sign on Isington Road ('The Street' & 'Church Road' junction) but judges no action is merited. Alison agreed to straighten and tighten the sign.
 - Bus stop Frith End still needs cleaning and nettle removal – HH has advised 'shelter is an EHDC one' & HCC promised to pass to EHDC for its attention (but there is no EHDC 'bus shelter team' as such!)
 - There is no news on potential resurfacing of Blacknest Road or repair of damaged verges.
4. **Police Liaison**
 - Alex confirmed he is willing to carry out periodic speed traps in Blacknest & Frith End as well as at the Binsted locations already used.
 - It was reconfirmed that the police will take no action on speed data being sent from BPC's ASW cameras (even SORN/MOT/insurance reports).
 - Mike agreed to organise further social media posts to highlight the importance of reporting burglaries, poaching and ASB incidents (quad bikes etc) to the police, to ensure police resources are appropriately allocated to the issues that our local community is experiencing.
 - It was noted that Kris Stephens has replaced Amy Giraudet as Country watch officer.
5. **Frith End and Blacknest Speed Calming Scheme**

HH has reviewed their recently commissioned traffic count data. Their next step is to start the 21-day statutory consultation for 30mph Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The timetable will depend on consultation responses, but HH is still aiming for implementation by April 2026. HH has now relocated the HGV Ind Estate grey sign on A325, as we requested. Designs for improved HGV signage in Frith End Road are also being progressed (independently to the main Frith End and Blacknest Traffic Calming project, to keep each project as simple as possible.)
6. **Action on other areas of road safety concern**

The meeting discussed what actions might be feasible to improve road safety at three further parish locations (see i - iii below), as well as discussing progress on school road safety (iv & v).

Each of the 5 locations has different needs, but all will require: data collection; design and approvals by HH teams; plus some BPC funding. It was agreed that Alison will progress requests for additional SID locations (which will be at zero cost) and will scope initial costings for the other items (that will require BPC co-funding) for discussion at next BPC Finance Committee. Mike agreed to confirm which elements of the projects can potentially be funded from EHDC and SDNP Neighbourhood CILs. In brief, the five project wishlists are as follows:

- i. **Isington Road** residents want to extend 40mph limit on Isington Road from South View cottage to join with Isington Road's existing 40mph zone and would like to obtain HH permission to locate a SID within the existing 40mph zone.
- ii. **Bentley Station Road** residents want to secure safety improvements for pedestrians and a reduced speed limit (currently 40mph). Clarifying the locations used by rail/bus replacement services is also needed.
- iii. **Bucks Horn Oak** residents would like to obtain HH permission to install a SID within existing 40mph on A325 in BHO. Ian and Alan to meet to review potential locations.
- iv. **Rowledge School** community wants a 20mph speed limit and, ideally, a pedestrian crossing. HH has reviewed the recently commissioned traffic count data that BPC initiated, which showed a mean speed of 18mph, so we hope it may be feasible to obtain a TRO for 20mph. No contact has yet been made with the HH group responsible for pedestrian crossings. There is also still no progress on our HH Nov2024 report #7184874 requesting permission for a post on Hampshire side of School Rd Rowledge onto which to attach our SID: Alison will re-contact HH about this.
- v. **Binsted School** road safety issues stem from its parking limitations. At 9 June meeting held by Jo and Alison with Henry Jennings, it was agreed to consult the school community and local residents for their ideas. Mike is organising for this joint BPC/School letter to be sent by end June, with a response deadline of 11 July. Responses will be analysed during the summer holidays.

Alison noted that she had recently contacted the HCC team responsible for School Travel Plans - no Travel Plan is currently in place for either Rowledge or Binsted.

7. Speed Cameras, SID and Speed Watch

- Alison has paused her verification of speed camera records, since the reports are not acted on by police. Alison will contact EHDC for advice – there seems little point in continuing to pay for annual data licences unless there will be a change in the police stance.
- Alan will put up the first of BPC's two new Elan City SID units and test data collection procedures.
- The time/date stamp on the old Westcotec SID is still malfunctioning. It was agreed that this unit should be sent back to Westcotec for servicing.
- The Blacknest/Frith End Community Speed Watch team is continuing its weekly sessions, but the Binsted CSW team is currently inactive. Mike will check whether the Binsted team want to put out a social media post to ask for additional volunteers.

8. AOB - None

9. Dates for next Meetings

The next TWG meeting will be held at the end of September (exact date TBC).

Further meetings with the two schools will be organised after the start of the Autumn Term