

Great Waltham Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Great Waltham Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th April 2022 in the Ford End Village Hall, Main Road, Ford End at 7.30pm.

22/1067 Chairman's Welcome

Chair Jackson

Councillors Gilbert, Dunn, Martin, Jenkins, McDevitt, Steel, Huggins

22/1068 Apologies

Cllrs Lockwood, Cllr Palmer, and Cllr Micklem

22/1069 Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to items on the agenda and any request for dispensation.

There were no declarations

22/1070 Public Participation session (Items do not need to be on the agenda)

23 Members of the Public - For Clarity, the public comments have been consolidated.

Ringtail Green

- Traffic issues – volume and size
- Damage to fences due to HGV passing
- Hairpin Bend – does the bend need chevrons?
- What is happening with the quiet lane?

Ford End – Public Footway

- Public footway from Kings Farm to the Village and through to Bury Lane.
- Volume of HGVs through the Village and they mount the kerbs to pass each other.
- Can the footway vegetation be cleared?
- 40MPH limit at one approach to the village – when will it be installed at the other end of the Village?

Ford End – Road defects

- Road signs- 30MPH sign down in Pleshey road near the playground – reported.
- Water running down the road from Barrowdale .

Ford End – Roads

- Concerns about traffic volume,
- The speed and number of HGV. – Can we put a weight restriction on this road? Houses shake when HGV pass.
- Signage was removed from Sheepcoates, M11 and HGV advisory avoiding Ford End route.
- Can we have Speed Camera signs at each end of the Village?
- Speed Camera warning signs on the traffic activated signs. Traffic lights on Sandon hill are not working.
- Can the PR1 route be challenged?
- Sight lines are poor for pedestrians and drivers
- Can driving mirrors for improved sight lines around corners. Parking of cars in the village or at either end to create a chicane.
- Can we get a 20MPH limit the same as London and some Suffolk and Norfolk Villages?
- A safe crossing point is required to cross the road – can we get a pelican crossing?
- Blind corner for the bus stop outside the school.
- Can 30MPH repeaters be put all through the route?

Local Highways Panel – 14 Councillors, 4 District – Budget £770k for the whole LHP (14 LHP in Essex- total budget £6.4m pa)

Cllr Reps and one parish Council rep. Understanding the difficulties is clear, but the difficulty is finding solutions.

Suggestions

- Challenge the DFT on the PR1 status
- Ask the DFT to pay 50% of the cost of the average speed cameras
- The Parish Council can raise the required Funding for average speed cameras through the Precept or Public works board.

22/1071 Review the Parish council's position on the need for traffic calming measures for Ford End and discuss the actions taken to date:

A PowerPoint presentation was shown (this is on the website with the minutes)

Noting that when the A130 route was changed and the road through Ford End was redesignated as the B1008 it remained a PR1 with no weight limit.

The Carriageway through the village is narrow with insufficient lines of sight.

Actions undertaken at the request of the Parish Council:

- Introduction of a 40 MPH at the Great Waltham End of the Village
- Introduction of a 40 MPH at the Great Dunmow end has been approved – install before end of FY 2022
- The introduction of a 30 MPH limit in the Village of Ford End
- SID poles installed
- Vehicle activated signs (activated by excess speed)
- Village Gateways at both end of the village
- 20MPH advisory limit outside the school
- Speed watch group
- License to Plant Flowers in the center of the village
- Resurfacing of the road at regular accidents sites
- Work in progress – Average Speed Cameras – approximate cost of £128,000

Resolution The Parish Council will continue to try to find solutions to the traffic problems in Ford End with all relevant agencies.

Meeting closed: 21:30

Will Adshead-Grant

Clerk to the Council

Next Planned meetings:

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| Monday 25th April | Monthly Parish Council meeting at the Pavilion at Great Waltham Recreation ground @ 7.30PM |
| Monday 16th May | Finance and General Purposes Meeting at the Pavilion at Great Waltham Recreation ground @ 7.30PM |
| Tuesday 17th May | Great Waltham Parish Annual Assembly @ 8PM at FORD END VILLAGE HALL |