

Great Waltham Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Highways and Transport Committee of Great Waltham Parish Council held in the Pavilion, South Street, Great Waltham on Monday 25th September 2023 at 7.30pm.

1. Chair's Welcome:

Chair: Gilbert.
Councillors: McDevitt, Martin, Jenkins, and Bradley.

2. Apologies for Absence.

None were received.

3. Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to items on the agenda and requests for dispensation.

There were no declarations.

4. Public Participation session - items do not need to on the agenda.

1 Member of the public for item 5.
Ford End Village Hall committee are considering placing some restrictions on the use of the car park to prevent airport parking use.

5. Update from the Speedwatch representatives from Ford End and Great Waltham.

- Ford End.
 - The previous coordinator, sadly passed away in August 2023. The Council acknowledges and appreciates the work she did for the parish in association with the village Speedwatch team.
 - Team of 7 – go out once a week. Five local residents.
 - Recruitment drive on Parish News and Facebook.
 - School layby is an ideal position.
 - Catch 5-15 drivers speeding in the hour of monitoring.
 - Speeds between 36-53 mph in the sessions.
 - Two serious accidents since August 2023. A barrier was hit by a pickup truck on the wrong side of the road (early hours). Then, a car in the ditch beyond the school.
 - 2022 the School wall was knocked down while classes were in session.
 - Can some coordination between the SID movements and the Speedwatch teams be created?
 - Speedwatch can be a two-person team as long as they have a mobile phone. Three people is preferred.
- Great Waltham.
 - School holidays restricts the deployment of the team.
 - Five members.
 - Additional site at Church End towards the cricket ground investigated. 100m sight line either way required. Request has been sent in for approval.
 - A new camera made available and will be issued to the team.
 - Another advert to be run in the Parish News for volunteers.
 - Usually get between 30-40 drivers exceeding the speed limit in the one-hour session.
 - New Police reporting form (Version 10) is currently being used.
 - Three warning letters from the Police in response to Speedwatch reporting can then escalate to request to attend speed awareness course.

6. Update from the Parish public transport representative.

No update received.

7. To receive updates on all open Action Tracker items (based on the Tracker document circulated with the agenda).

The updated tracker will be released with the minutes.

8. Discuss the public footpaths around the Parish and discuss options to improve the cutbacks potentially via a parish footpath partnership.

The PROWs (Public Right of Way) officer is available for a meeting to discuss the parish footpath partnership.

Resolution: Clerk to arrange a face-to-face meeting on Monday 16th October 10.30am.

Resolution: Cllr Bradley and McDevitt to coordinate and gather information for an informal agenda.

9. To review recent SID reports and its deployment schedule.

SID is currently stuck at the Hatchfields site due to the current road works.

Resolution: The Clerk to add the SID reports to the website. Suggested that a new page with contact details for the Speedwatch teams is added.

Members – Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Martin, Cllr Palmer, Cllr McDevitt, Cllr Jenkins and Cllr Bradley.

Next Meetings:

Monday 9th October	Great Waltham Parish Council Finance and General Purposes @ 7.30pm ** Budget Meeting **
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Meeting Closed: 21.01
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