

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 24th June 2024 at 7.00pm.

1. Election of Chair.
Cllr Gilbert was elected.
2. Chair's Welcome:
Chair: Gilbert.
Councillors: Bradley, McDevitt and Jenkins.
3. Apologies for Absence.
Cllr Martin.
4. Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to items on the agenda and requests for dispensation.
No declarations were made.
5. Public Participation session - items do not need to on the agenda.
No members of the public at the meeting.
6. Update from representatives of the Speed Watch groups in Ford End and Great Waltham.
Ford End
Report was received and read out by the Clerk.
 - A new recruit to the team.
 - Difficult to get teams together as a minimum of three people required but they are able to meet once a week.
 - Occasional police presence at Speed Watch sessions.
 - Provision of a team one day a week and on that day normally average 12 speeding cars per one hour session.
 - Wig-wags outside the school still not fully operational (the unit nearest the Village Hall is not working).**Great Waltham.**
 - Limited number of volunteers in the group.
 - A new member is undergoing training this month.
 - Next event is Friday. Police will be running some speed checks this month.
7. To receive updates on all open Action Tracker items (based on the Tracker document circulated with the agenda).
The Tracker was reviewed and updated with actions undertaken.
8. To note the progress on highways and transport matters being considered and tracked by the full Council.
These were discussed during the tracker update.
9. To consider the current position in relation to approved Local Highways Panel schemes.
These were discussed during the tracker update. No additional schemes were noted. Discussion on the concrete footway between Duffries Close and Cherry Garden Road being in a poor state.
10. To consider a response to the proposed use of the B1008 as the diversionary route for the overnight closures of the eastbound A120 between 28th August and 5th September 2024.
Ford End residents have received a letter from National Highways about four planned diversions from the A120 for road marking renewals, with one (28/08/2024 to 05/09/2024) using the B1008 as the diversionary route.

Confirmation to be sought on whether a two-stage closure when the work is not between Great Notley and Rayne junction, as the B1256 could still be used then.

It is a nighttime diversion – 20.00 to 06.00 for one week and volumes are not insignificant.

[From previous work the Council was informed that on an average week night there are approximately 1500 cars and 150 HGVs travelling on this section of the A120, so with a single carriageway closure the B1008 would receive half of these figures as additional traffic during the proposed closure period].

Resolution: Cllr Gilbert to raise consideration with National Highways to consider changing the diversion away from Ford End during the final week when work on the A120 between Great Notley and the Rayne junction is not being undertaken.

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

Meeting Closed 19.46
Will Adshead-Grant
Clerk to the Council.