

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 13th October 2025 at 7.30pm.

1. Chair's Welcome:

Chair: Gilbert.

Councillors: Martin, Stephenson, Jenkins, McDevitt and Bradley.

2. Apologies for Absence.

All members present.

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 be on the agenda.

There were no members of the public present.

5. Update from representatives of the Speed Watch groups in Ford End and Great Waltham.

- **Ford End Speed Watch** - In the last two years we gained 5 people and also lost 5 people (2 moved away, 2 only attended 2 sessions each, 1 may be temporarily unable to continue but has been off since May. Of the 6 active members 2 are in full time employment, 2 are in part time employment and the other 2 have a bit more free time.

An invitation was extended to the people from Ford End to find out what activities go on at the village hall and village to encourage more participation. Speed Watch did not gain any more volunteers on the evening although we made sure, we were more visible, and our newest recruit got involved in this event.

During the Summer we had difficulty arrange sessions for quite a few weeks because of lack of volunteers and holidays. We are now back on track with weekly results. Recent numbers of felonies are between 5 and 15. Having recruits with more flexibility in their availability would enable us to gather more recorded speeding incidents

- Cllr Martin has been looking into the use of Tracam in Ford End, and we are setting up a meeting with the CSW to discuss sites because currently only one of the Speed Watch sites can be used for Tracam.
- **Great Waltham Speed Watch** – The team has not been able to get out and run any sessions. Noted that the Broomfield Speed Watch team were looking to work together to support sessions.

It was suggested that advertisements should be run again in Parish News to find new volunteers. An option could be for the Parish Council taking a more active role to support and manage Speed Watch.

It was noted by members of the Committee that one of the other sites at the bottom of the hill at Ford End had been used recently for a Speed Watch session.

Resolution: Clerk to confirm with Ford End Speed Watch that there are 5 sites available in the village.

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

The tracker was reviewed, and items were noted and closed as appropriate.

7. To note the progress on highways and transport matters being considered and tracked by the full Council.

The tracker was reviewed, and items were noted.

8. To receive an update on submissions to the Council's mechanism to record details of road traffic collisions and road closures in the parish.

There is an existing survey loaded on the website. There has been only one report. Improvements to be made to highlight the reporting tool.

Resolution: **The Parish Council needs to be more active on social media and signpost the website and reporting tools available.**

Resolution: **The website should be improved to make the navigation to the surveys clearer and easier to locate. The Clerk to investigate options.**

9. To discuss and agree any recommended actions for the Council in relation to the nature and volume of traffic on the B1008 at Ford End.

It was noted that a permanent traffic count unit is located near the Felsted turn of the B1008. Discussion around running a new Automatic Traffic Count (ATC) so that data periods can be compared.

Resolution: **Clerk to request the permanent traffic count data from Essex Highways department.**

Resolution: **To add an item to the next monthly meeting's agenda to consider commissioning a new ATC survey in Ford End.**

10. To receive a report on a complaint received by a parishioner in relation to motor vehicles driving across and parking on a green space in Cherry Garden Road without consent.

There have been only a small number of complaints since the letter drop undertaken by the Council.

Resolution: **The Committee will continue to monitor the situation.**

11. To receive a report on the results of the survey conducted to obtain parishioners' views on 20mph speed limits and on the Council's response to SERP.

A survey was run through Survey Monkey – the Parish Council's survey tool of choice. A note of thanks for the 157 residents who took part in the survey. The responses to the questions were noted:

- Do you regularly walk or cycle where you live?
 - 98.09% answered Yes – 154.
- If you answered yes, do you feel safe walking and cycling where you live?
 - 75.97% answered No- 117.
- Is the speed of traffic a concern to you when you walk or cycle where you live ?
 - 83.97% answered yes – 131.
- Would you support a lower speed limit where you live ?
 - 84.08% answered yes – 132.
- Would you support a 20mph speed limit in residential areas/your community?
 - 82.69% answered yes – 129.
- What is the current speed limit where you live ?
 - 89.81% answered 30mph – 141.

Resolution: **Clerk to share the results with SERP.**

Resolution: **Clerk to load the results on the Parish Council website.**

12. To receive an update on TruCam speed enforcement results.
Consider displaying speed camera signs due to enforcement activity.
The monthly speed enforcement data was viewed:
- September:
 - 20 Captures – Highest speed recorded 47mph.
 - August:
 - 13 Captures – Highest speed recorded 41mph.
 - July:
 - 30 Captures – Highest speed recorded 47mph.
 - June:
 - 8 captures – Highest speed recorded 48mph.

Meeting Close 21:15
Will Adshead-Grant
Clerk to the Council.

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