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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 9th February 2026 at 7.30pm.

1. Chair's Welcome:

Chair: Gilbert.

Councillors: Martin, Stephenson and Bradley.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs McDevitt and Jenkins.

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.

Two members of the public attended to discuss item 12.

Highlighted concerns in Church Lane.

- Noted the 'big dip' had been repaired which has improved the road flooding issues.
- However, issues remain with flooding near VG150, a damaged drain, grounding of vehicles near the 'chicane' and the road surface generally needs cleaning.
- It was noted that the City Council road sweeper has not travelled the length of Church Lane.
- Poor pavement from the Ford End Village Hall towards Barnston. The vegetation growth has reduced the width of the pavement. Pedestrians feel unsafe using the footway.

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

No reports were received for the meeting.

Speed Watch's Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator for Essex gave a presentation to the Chelmsford Association of Local Councils (CALC). She indicated that recruitment across Essex is variable with some groups having 25 volunteers that allows sessions to be run twice a day. However, several other areas are struggling to recruit any volunteers.

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

The tracker was reviewed and updates noted to the existing resolutions and actions.

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

The tracker was reviewed and updates noted to the existing resolutions and actions.

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.

It was noted that there has been little feedback from the members of the public. The website is to be reviewed to ensure that the reporting function is obvious which, with the backing of a media scheme to raise awareness, may improve usage.

9. To note the results of the 2025 Parish Survey as they relate to highways and traffic management matters and agree to any actions arising (see document circulated with the agenda).

The Parish Survey was reviewed but noted that the response level was one of the lowest we have had. This skews any data extrapolation which was planned to create actions. However, traffic management issues were highlighted as ones the Council should continue to concern itself with.

10. To note the publication and consider the implications of the Department for Transport *Pavement parking options for change: government response* document (see document circulated with the agenda).

The publication was reviewed and considered. However, the actions will be on the higher authority rather than the Parish Council.

11. To receive an update on TruCam speed enforcement results.

The figures for January are the lowest enforcements since the patrols started. It was noted that there has been some road works at the bottom of the hill in Ford End which may have led to both lower speeds and traffic queues being created.

Resolution: Clerk to contact the Trucam team for a 6-month review and discussion on alternative sites.

Resolution: Clerk to contact the Ford End Speed Watch coordinator again and/or the Essex's Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator for details of all Ford End approved sites which could be used by TruCam.

12. Discuss the issues raised by a resident concerning the condition of Church Lane, Ford End and agree recommended next steps.

The concerns raised and discussed during the public open session were reviewed through both the report and pictures presented to the meeting.

The damaged drain and others work need to be highlighted to Essex Highways and the City Council for action.

Resolution: Clerk to contact our County Councillor for any insight he may have on progress under the outstanding reported defect.

Resolution: The Committee recommends the concerns raised should be raised with the Council for discussion.

Resolution: The Committee agreed to recommended that the Council reports the deteriorated condition of the footway along the B1008.

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

Meeting closed 20.30.

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Clerk to the Council.