

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 Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7.30pm.

1. Chair's Welcome:
Chair: Gilbert.
Councillors: Martin, Stephenson, Bradley and McDevitt.
2. Apologies for Absence.
None required.
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.
There were no members of the public.
5. Update from representatives of the Speed Watch groups in Ford End and Great Waltham.
 - Ford End Speed Watch is currently inactive with no co-ordinator.
 - Great Waltham Speed Watch – status is unclear, but the number of volunteers is limited.
6. To receive updates on all open Action Tracker items (based on the Tracker document -(Cllr Gilbert).circulated with the agenda).
The action tracker (covering previous decision of the committee) was reviewed. The Committee was updated with actions taken. Several items were closed as completed.
7. To note the progress on highways and transport matters being considered and tracked by the full Council.
The action tracker (covering previous decisions of the Council) was reviewed. The Committee was verbally updated with actions taken.
8. To note the Council's response to the Essex Safer Speeds Strategy consultation.
The Council's response was issued and was acknowledged by Essex County Council.
9. To receive an update on TruCam speed enforcement results.

	Patrols	Captures	Highest Speed
Mar-26	4	17	44
Feb-26	5	8	49
Jan-26	4	6	40
Dec-25	4	22	41
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It was noted that the Automatic Traffic Count in Ford End has completed and the cables removed.

Resolution: **Clerk to chase up the results from Essex Highways.**

Resolution: **For comparison purposes, the Clerk to investigate the availability of and access to the traffic count data from the permanent Felsted turn-off site for the same period as the temporary ATC survey.**

Resolution: **Review locations and times of the TruCam sessions with the new co-ordinator. Include running a 'one hundred' test on alternative Speed Watch locations.**

10. To discuss and make recommendations in relation to the condition of and damage to and Black Chapel Lane, North End (this matter having been referred to the Committee by the full Council at its meeting on 16/03/2026).

There are 6 protected lanes within the Parish of Great Waltham:

- Humphreys Farm Lane.

- Hoe Lane.
- Lark's Lane.
- Black Chapel Lane.
- Littley Green Road.
- Littley Green Park Lane.

It was noted that the EB-086 guidance document from Essex County Council (ECC) and Chelmsford City Council (CCC) has not been updated since September 2009. However, EB-088, which was published in November 2017, confirms the methodology for determining the protected lanes and is an appendix to the 2009 report. The policies of both CCC and ECC are aligned. CCC focus on potential impacts under planning applications, while ECC consider the operation of lanes in the context of preserving their historical value.

The policy is clear that any breaches are to be declared to the respective enforcement teams for action.

Resolution: **Noted that breaches of planning has been reported to Chelmsford City Council concerning work along Black Chapel Lane.**

Resolution: **Noted that an obstruction on the highway along Black Chapel Lane has been noted by Essex County Council for materials from an expired planning application.**

Resolution: **Cllr. McDevitt to draft and circulate to Committee members an article for submission to Parish News to raise awareness of and provide information on the parish's protected lanes, and on how to report any potential breaches of the relevant regulations.**

11. To discuss the potential for direct Council involvement in organising Speed Watch groups in the parish.

There are several registered Speed Watch groups across Essex. These range from entirely independent groups to ones co-ordinated through parish councils, with some large volunteer group operating on an almost daily basis.

It was noted that there is a team of volunteers being built to restart the Ford End Speed Watch group.

Resolution: **An article on Speed Watch to be posted in the Parish News when likely future arrangements of existing parish groups is established.**

Resolution: **Clerk to contact the Great Waltham Speed Watch co-ordinator to establish the position on its current/likely future status.**

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

Meeting close at 20:50

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Clerk to the Council.