

MARESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

REPRESENTING THE VILLAGES OF MARESFIELD, NUTLEY &
FAIRWARP

DRAFT Minutes of a Meeting of Maresfield Parish Council's Road Safety Committee held on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 11:00am in the Parish Office, Nutley

Present: Cllr A Strevens (Chair), Cllr Dr B Smith, Cllr T Lewin, Mrs L Mitchell (Clerical Assistant)

- 1 **Public session** – None.
- 2 **Apologies for absence** – None.
- 3 **Declarations of interest** – None.
- 4 **Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting.** N/A.
- 5 **Matters arising from these minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda.** None.
- 6 **Road Safety Issues in: -**

1. Nutley.

Cllr Dr B Smith reported that speeding is still a problem on Crowborough Road. Cllr Smith also suggested that more appropriate school signs were required outside of Nutley CE Primary School on the A22.

It was also noted that the A22 by Long carpark which is under Forest Row Parish Council needs resurfacing.

ACTION: Clerical Assistant to report request for more appropriate school signage to East Sussex Highways.

2. Fairwarp.

Cllr A Strevens reported that the B2026 is being used as a cut through by Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV).

3. Maresfield.

Cllr Strevens reported the cracking of the road surfacing at all three roundabouts on the Maresfield bypass. A reassessment required and agreed by all councilors on the lane marking at the Blackdown roundabout when approaching the roundabout from Uckfield.

ACTION: Cllr Strevens to request East Sussex Highways to look into the road markings and resurfacing of the tarmac at the roundabouts.

Cllr T Lewin reported an issue with flooding on the road south of Burrells Lane.

ACTION: Clerical Assistant to report flooding at Burrells Lane to East Sussex Highways.

Discussion was held around the reporting of potholes by parishioners across all three parishes.

ACTION: Cllr Smith to create a social media post explaining how to report potholes and to share across the parishes.

Discussion was held around the weight limits of HGV using the Crowborough Road, the B2026 at Fairwarp, Batts Bridge Road, Maresfield and School Hill, Maresfield.

ACTION: Cllr Strevens to contact East Sussex Highways requesting the restriction and reduction in size limit by HGV on the use of these roads.

7 Discuss creating a liaison group with surrounding Parishes on shared road problems.

Purpose of the Road Safety Committee to look at all problems faced by the Parish and where concerns arise across other parishes, to liaise with those Parish Councils to create a consolidated approach.

ACTION: Clerical Assistant to contact the Clerks of the following Parish Councils, Buxted, Forest Row and Fletching to arrange a joint Road Safety meeting.

8 Speedwatch update.

Discussion was held about the possibility of using Road Safety Committee funds to have a new permanent Speedwatch sign in situ on Crowborough Road.

ACTION: Cllr Strevens and Clerical Assistant to research and price alternative speedwatch signs.

Cllr Smith reported that John from the Speedwatch Awareness Group has requested the need for more members as well as closer interaction with the Road Safety Committee.

ACTION: Cllr Smith to create a social media post asking for new members and to share across the parishes.

ACTION: Cllr Lewin to contact Sussex Express newspaper about advertising the need for members.

ACTION: Clerical Assistant to post a news item on the Parish website advertising the need for more members.

Communications – None

9 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 23rd April 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:05pm.