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**Willingdon and Jevington Parish Council SLR Meeting
(Strengthening Local Relationships Liaison)
Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 10am
At the Parish Office, The Triangle, Lower Willingdon.**

Present: Cllrs – Christine Payne MBE (Chair), John Pritchett BEM (JP), Cllr Dionne Daniel, Stephen Shing (SS), Andy Watkins (AW).
ESCC – Sam Crowhurst (SC)- Highway Stakeholder Liaison Officer), Jo Reed (JR) Traffic and Safety Manager.

Also present: Karen Crowhurst (KC -Parish Clerk).

Item	Subject	Action By
SLR26/01	Welcome, Apologies for Absence and Introductions Cllr Christine Payne welcomed all in attendance. All attendees introduced themselves. Apologies were received from Cllr Ben Clennell – Willingdon and Jevington Parish Council, and Riley Grevatt – Highway Steward.	
SLR26/02	Eastbourne Road – Trees cut back Cllr Pritchett apprised all in attendance of the areas of trees causing concern, the trees mentioned are located on Eastbourne Road, from the BP Garage upwards up to Church Street. Sam Crowhurst agreed to talk to the winter management team to establish what can be done. The Parish Clerk will send the locations via report a fault. It was also reported that there is currently a high-water level flow at the junction at Huggett's Lane and Eastbourne Road traffic lights. Sam Crowhurst agreed to investigate this once the Parish Clerk has sent the location.	SC KC SC KC
SLR26/03	Central white lines Jevington The Chair apprised all in attendance the purpose of this item and highlighted the email the Clerk sent to Samantha Crowhurst on 26th January, regarding this matter. Members and residents of Wannock, Jevington and Filching wanted to know why a consultation was not carried out with the residents of Jevington? And why it was decided to reinstate the white line and in a central position on the road? Jo Reed read out a lengthy email she had drafted which once it had been cleared she would send to the Clerk. The Clerk requested Jo's agreement that she could disseminate the email to the appropriate people involved. This was agreed. Jo advised that there is no legal requirement to conduct a consultation.	

	The meeting moved to discussing the newly painted central white lines as Members and residents felt it a breach of National Policy. Jo advised that there has been no breach of National Policy The Chair asked if a reduction to the speed limit to 20mph would help or if speed humps were installed? The response given was that it is very hard to do more than 30mph through the village by the very nature of the road. Jo also advised that a 20ph speed limit may not be welcomed by the residents. Also, that speed humps create more noise. Jo and Cllr Shing suggested the Council carry out a speeding check and use the speeding loop system at a cost of £450.00. The Council would then get a report for the time the speeding loops are installed. Jo agreed to send all the information to the Clerk. It was agreed to place the speeding loops as an item on the agenda for the next Amenities Committee meeting. Jo agreed to send the Clerk the relevant information. A safety audit of the C40 was requested. Jo informed Members that Safety Audits are not carried out unless there is a variation or change to an established road.	JR KC
SLR26/04	Flexi bus service - Transportation to new Medical Centre and how this will work and benefit the residents of Willingdon and Jevington. What checks are made by officers following repairs to the highway to ensure that work is carried out correctly? An explanation was provided by Members regarding the proposed Flexi Bus Service. Jo Reed and Sam Crowhurst confirmed that the aim of the bus was to help those residents who are not on established bus routes and used Jevington as an example. The aim of the service is to provide transportation to those who need the service to get to the intended Medical Centre because they are not on a main bus route. There was a brief discussion regarding the Mornings Mill development. No actions were agreed.	
SLR26/05	Rubbish at Bus Sheter outside the BP Garage The Chair advised that there is a bin outside the BP Garage on Eastbourne Road, which fills quickly and rubbish is often strewn across the verge. A lady near the area has previously cleared up the rubbish and is now unable to do so. Cllr Shing advised that the bin in question comes under the responsibility of Wealden District Council. Cllr Shing agreed to contact the relevant person regarding this to establish the frequency of emptying the bin and to see if a larger bin could be installed in the area and report back to Members.	SS
SLR26/06	Work to uneven grass verges; and the narrowing of footpaths because the edges are not cut back. Cllr Pritchett reported that verges on Eastbourne Road from the pelican crossing at Church Street and other areas where the pavements have been narrowed due to the sidings not being maintained. Cllr Pritchett expressed concerns that the loss of the verge sidings could cause a trip hazard, which is a cause for concern for residents and other users of the paths. Sam Crowhurst agreed to investigate the areas and try and get the maintenance of the verge sidings reinstated.	SC

SLR26/07	HPEMAC – What other improvements can be done to the A2270 and other roads in Willingdon	
	Cllr Pritchett informed the meeting that HPEMAC stands for (Hailsham, Polegate Eastbourne Movement Access Corridor). This was outside their remit and Sam Crowhurst agreed to refer this to the relevant Officer. A concern was raised on learning recently that a condition has been lifted to allow people to move into properties on the Hindslands development prior to completion. The condition will increase traffic and slow down the traffic flow, as well as creating increased traffic movement in Lower Willingdon. It was stated that the current traffic calming measures which the Developer paid for are not working. Concerns were also raised about the impact additional traffic will have in the residential areas especially when it is time for pupils to leave school and that a ‘rat run’ developing around both the senior and junior schools (Broad Road/Farmlands Way/Coppice Avenue) Concerns were also raised about the increase traffic needing to turn right from the Hindslands development on to the Eastbourne Road. Members anticipated that unless something was done to address these concerns there would be a serious accident or worse still someone could be killed. Did this have to happen before anything could be done? Jo Reed informed Members that she would follow up whether the current traffic calming measure at Coppice Avenue is working. Jo Reed informed all in attendance that a new Local Transport Plan is being worked upon, which should be available from October. Jo mentioned the availability of corex signs which can be used throughout Willingdon reminding road users of the speed limit or requesting traffic to slow down. It was agreed that Jo will send an email to the Clerk as they are free and can be used on East Sussex County Council lampposts. Members of the Council agreed to look at suitable locations and to add this to the next Amenities Committee agenda. Jo Reed advised that the signs can only be displayed for three months.	JR KC Amenities Committee
SLR26/08	Local Government Reorganisation – impact on who to contact as well as effect on reporting and services	
	Sam Crowhurst advised that there is nothing to report and it is “business as usual” at present.	
SLR26/09	To request a Safety Audit and Wannock Lane and The Dean	
	Jo Reed advised that a safety audit can only be conducted if there is a change to the road.	
SLR26/10	Frequency of Meetings	
	Council Members were advised that two SLR meetings can be held per year.	

SLR26/11	Any other business The opportunity of funding for Electric Charging Points for Meadowburne was raised. Cllr Shing advised that this could be applied for through Wealden District Council. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had agreed to invite Rupert Clubb to the Councils Annual Parish meeting.	
SLR26/12	Date of Next Meeting It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting to be held be Monday 29 th June at the Broyle.	
SLR26/13	There being no further discussions the meeting closed at 10.59am	

Signed Chair: _____ **Date:** _____