



Working for the Community in Rotherfield, Mark Cross, Eridge Green, Boarshead and surrounding areas

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS, LIGHTING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH APRIL 2026 AT 7:30PM IN LIBRARY ROOM AT ROTHERFIELD COMMUNITY HUB (MEMORIAL INSTITUTE)

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cllr Paul Beach (Chair) Cllr Beverley Johnstone Cllr Robert Harris
Cllr Douglas Johnstone (Vice Chair) Cllr Jerry Gosney

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None.

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Hardy (Clerk to Rotherfield Parish Council)

1. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCILLORS & OFFICERS.

The Councillors and Officers introduced themselves.

2. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: -

a) Public forum.

None.

b) Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85).

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Peter Kember and Cllr David Hiles

It was **RESOLVED** that the reasons for absence be accepted.

c) Declaration of personal, prejudicial, and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda, and updates to members' register of interests

Cllr Robert Harris declared a pecuniary interest in item 3v as he owns a property that borders Footpath 22.

d) To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 13th January 2026 , be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes were a true record of the meeting, and the Committee Chair signed them.

e) Budget report to date for this Committee and consider any actions required.

The Clerk reported changes to the budget since it was presented at Full Council on the 26th March 2026.

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- f) **Report and updates regarding matters arising and actions from previous meetings.**
- The Clerk confirmed that he had notified the New A272/A267 Road Safety Group that the council would like to work in partnership.
 - The Clerk reported that he had shared the approved Speed Indication Device (SID) deployment locations with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee. He further reported that he had purchased additional brackets for the solar powered SID. The Chair asked if the locations could be circulated to the whole committee. **Clerk** to circulate approved SID locations.
 - The Clerk confirmed that East Sussex Highways were open to a feasibility study regarding speed reduction measures for the approach to Rotherfield village. The Highways Committee would have to agree what measures to consider and at what locations. Cllr Jerry Gosney asked what this would mean and if traffic lights to assist with traffic flow could be considered. The committee felt this would be difficult to achieve, and other options such as gateways and further speed reduction measures should be investigated. It was **AGREED** to look again at this again at future meeting following the annual meeting of the council in May.
 - The Clerk lobbied East Sussex Highways again about the repainting of the lines on the Mayfield Road and Station Road junction. Highways do not believe they meet the requirements for repainting at this time. Cllr Robert Harris suggested that we should offer to pay for it like we did on a previous occasion. **Clerk** to contact Highways and arrange this.

3. TO CONSIDER INFORMATION AND MAKE DECISIONS ON ACTIONS AND EXPENDITURE AS REQUIRED REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

i. Discuss and consider requests for solar lights in parish owned bus shelters.

Documents relating to this item had been circulated to councillors ahead of the meeting.

The Clerk updated the committee on correspondence between Cllr Georgia Taylor (East Sussex County Council) and a resident who had raised concerns about bus stops and shelters in Eridge and Boars Head that had no lighting. It was **RESOLVED** to install some solar lights in the bus shelters that are owned by the Parish Council and see how effective these were. Cllr Paul Beach offered to instal the lighting at the bus shelters at the Forstal junction in Eridge. **Clerk** to notify Cllr Georgia Taylor.

ii. Discuss and review Speed Indication Device (SID) locations and consider purchase of an additional battery unit Speed Indication Device.

It was **AGREED** that the Smiley SID would be moved to Sherrif's Lane to monitor traffic movements on the road.

It was **RESOLVED** to get quotes for a new battery powered SID that could be deployed more easily. **Clerk** to investigate and obtain quotations.

iii. Discuss the Road Safety Parish Council Toolkit and consider further actions.

Documents relating to this item had been circulated to councillors ahead of the meeting.

It was **AGREED** that we would include one item from the toolkit to explain more about in the Parish Magazine and online. **Clerk** to create articles.

iv. Receive an update on the A267 Road Closure

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The Chair reported that SGN was ahead of schedule with the works. The A267 is now open again with traffic lights and the Bicycle Arms Road is closed. It is hoped that the works will be completed soon.

The Committee wished to record how well the stakeholder liaison had worked with SGN compared to our experience with other utility providers. We are very grateful for the meetings that have kept us updated.

v. Discuss and consider further actions in relation to Footpath 22.

Documents relating to this item had been circulated to councillors ahead of the meeting.

Cllr Robert Harris reported that some work had already taken place on the footpath by the Parish Council contractor. It was **AGREED** that the footpath would be inspected by councillors and further actions agreed.

Cllr Beverley Johnstone expressed concerns that the area of this footpath that needed most attention in this part along by the pond. Cllr Robert Harris would inspect this area also.

4. TO AGREE ON FIVE POINTS FOR THE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY DOCUMENT

1)	The Parish Council has agreed to install solar lights in the parish bus shelters on the Forstal at Eridge.
2)	The Council are considering the purchase of another, more portable Speed Indication Device (SID).
3)	The Parish Council will be producing monthly news articles regarding different aspects of the Highways and who is responsible for them.
4)	The Council are pleased to report that the gas works on the A267 are nearing completion.
5)	The Council has agreed to tidy up Footpath ROT/22/2 which runs behind Court Meadow Close. This is an East Sussex Rights of Way responsibility but funds have not been allocated to this footpath this year.

5. TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE.

Tuesday 9th June 2026 at the Rotherfield Community Hub (Memorial Institute) at 7:30pm.

6. REPORT DETAILS OF ITEMS AND ISSUES FOR INVESTIGATION, FURTHER ACTION OR FOR FUTURE AGENDA.

- Cllr Robert Harris asked, having recently read an article from Goudhurst Parish Council, if our lorry ban was on the Sat Navs of lorry drivers. The Clerk confirmed this was the case, but would be happy to double-check. **Clerk** to enquire if the lorry ban for Rotherfield is active in HGV Sat Navs.
- Cllr Robert Harris asked if we could organise a schedule for treating and maintaining the parish owned bus shelters. It was **AGREED** that Ian Basset be asked to assess the bus shelters and then provide a quote for treating and maintaining the two that are in most need.
- The Clerk reported that he planned to propose a new committee structure at the Council's Annual Meeting to address the difficulty of being quorate for committee meetings. The Clerk will propose a joint Highways, Recreation & Burial Committee

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merging the two committees under two co-chairs, one with portfolio responsibility for Highways matters and the other for Recreation & Burial.

The meeting closed at **20:39**

Signed:

Date:

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