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Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting with Chailey Parish Council (CPC), and East Sussex County Council Highways held on 10th March 2026 –

Present: Parish Cllrs: Cllr Mark Evans (Chair), Cllr Jo Smart & Cllr Ken Jordan, Nicola Menniss (Clerk)
ESCC: Judy Deane, SLO; Corinne Black, Highway Steward; Jo Reed, Traffic & Safety Manager.

- 1. Welcome, apologies, for absence and introductions**
Cllr Matthew Milligan was absent.
- 2. Re-surfacing of the A275 from Brickworks north to Markstakes Lane – Road is dangerous causing concern to cyclists as well as motorists.**

As documented in previous meetings (Minutes 16 Sept 2025), the A275, particularly the section heading north from the Brickworks, remains in a deplorable state. Judy Deane (JD) confirmed that resurfacing of this stretch of road has been proposed by the Asset Management Team for the 2027 maintenance program. The details of which will be confirmed shortly on the East Sussex Highways website. JD & her team have not been involved in the recent investigation works carried out by Balfour Beatty but will continue to pass back observations about the condition of the road and build data off the back of resident reporting. Corinne Black (CB) advised that she has already raised several potholes along this stretch that meet the criteria for repair and will continue to do her monthly driven inspection and raise repair reports as and when required.

Action: Until such times as the road is re-surfaced, CPC & residents are urged to continue reporting potholes & concerns online to Highways.

- 3. A275 Footpath. Ref HED005513 between Brickworks and South Chailey Shop**

As documented in previous meetings (Minutes 16 Sept 2025), CPC has received many complaints regarding this footpath. One resident met another walker whilst pushing a pram & there was no safe way to pass. Also, the white lines which identify the edge of the path, which is significantly raised above the road, are not visible. Another resident pushes a Wheelchair along this path, which is currently wet & slippery with leaves. JD & Jo Reed (JR) confirmed that they continue to chase the Highways Land Information Team regarding adoption of this footpath so CB can raise it as a location for works. It must be investigated and updated against the mapping system before any works can commence. **Action: Cllr Evans will send the resident complaints to JD to be forwarded onto the Highways Land Information Team. JD & JR will continue to pursue this matter.**

4. Mill Lane: Speeding Through

Signage options to alert drivers to the 30mph restriction were discussed. JR advised that they no longer hire out Temporary Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). Town & Parish Councils now have the option to purchase these devices & a license to be used at various specified locations from ESCC. These devices are intended to be portable so that they can be moved on a 3 monthly basis around the specified locations. Some of these devices also record speed data.

Action: JR will feedback information on costs & work in practice. Clerk to contact local Parish Councils with SIDs & feedback user experience.

The feasibility of chicane, traffic calming measures were also discussed. JR will put this option for Mill Lane through their LTP4 assessment process to see if it reaches the benchmark for consideration. This is based on several factors including crash data, environs such as schools, shops, residential homes, hospitals, playgrounds etc. If Mill Lane does not reach the criteria to be funded by ESCC, it will remain on the listing and could be referenced by the Development Control Team, any future development & other potential for external funding. However, JR did advise that once criteria met, the implementation of these could take two years. Under S278, the Parish Council could fully fund the scheme. **Action: JR will put Mill Lane through an LPT4 assessment, and all the options will be documented in the response submission.**

5. A272 North Chailey

Further to resident comments forwarded to Michael Higgs (speed management programme) (Minutes 16 Sept 25 AOB) Cllr Evans enquired if the road is still under consideration for a reduced speed limit to 40mph rather than 50mph. JR advised that there is an ongoing 2 year program assessing speed limits across A & B class roads in the area and this stretch of road has been identified for a proposed reduction to 40mph. However, the May 2026 Elections will postpone the initial consultation to Parish Councils & the public before any proposed implementation.

6. Dropped kerb – siting at both sides of the A275 by Markstakes Lane junction. Currenty no safe crossing for disability scooters/wheelchair users to cross the road to access Village Hall & 5 Bells pub.

The Clerk submitted a request for a drop kerb application to the Contracts Management Group in July 2025, but the advice was that due to budget limitations, they would not be able to review until April 2026. JD advised that the Contract Management Team will be reviewing this in April and they will then come back to us.

7. Pedestrian Crossing, Mill Lane: Update on Wigwags proposed.

CPC have expressed a commitment to provide some of the funding for these flashing signs but have received no further information from Infrastructure Planning since Chris Tree's retirement. JR's team have done an assessment and identified where the Wigwags can go. The current quote for these is at £7,038.53 but will increase with inflation in April. There is generally a 6- 8 week turnaround on installation of these.

Action: JR will liaise with Andrew Keer, Local Transport Schemes Manager regarding the funding possibilities for these & will advise in due course. JR will share the plans & all information & get a requote.

AOB

Resident concerns – Oxbottom development traffic

Cllr Evans has received concerns from residents that development traffic might use Lower Station Road to turn out into the main road. JR advised that the planning permission should identify a route for works traffic. **Action: JD will send the email details for the Transport Development Planning Team to the Clerk, so that CPC can contact them directly.**

Resident Concerns – Footpath opposite the road to Holford Manor.

Following concern from residents, this footpath continues to be completely submerged by mud and leaves and in desperate need of clearing.

Action: Clerk to report to LDC and request Road sweeping of this footpath. Once this is done, CB can check it for any further required repairs.

Action: JD will provide CPC with a recording link to the recent Highways webinar.

Speedwatch Signage

The Speedwatch team have produced 6 proposed locations for check your speed signage.

Action: Clerk to provide the details to Steve O’connell, Sussex Police for his assessment. If Steve is happy with these, he will liaise with JReed at their monthly meeting.

Grass Cutting on Verges

CPC receives two verge cuts from ESCC annually; however, certain corners experience more growth than others. JD mentioned that if there are areas of concern in addition to the cuts performed by ESCC, these can be brought to the attention of either JD or reported through the system. If these areas pose safety risks, ESCC can arrange for them to be cut.

Face to Face SLR Meetings

Whilst some Parishes have their SLR meetings on teams and only once a year, it was agreed by all that it is useful to continue with our present arrangement as these provide opportunity to discuss/explain issues which are better handled this way.

Cllrs Evans, Smart, Jordan and the Clerk thanked Judy, Corinne & Jo for attending the SLR meeting and look forward to meeting with them in 6 months.

17. Next Meeting – September/October 2026 (date and time to be advised) Venue – Chailey Parish Council Offices.