



Meeting Notes

Highways and Transportation Working Group Friday 10th July 2026

1. Working Group members present - Cllr Peter Richardson (Chair), Cllr Frances Gaudencio, Cllr Ian Weir, Andy Hansen, Paul Shepherd

Also present - Deputy Clerk – Helen Valler, Community Engagement - Louise Coles, and a resident of the public.

2. Apologies for absence – Cllr Maria Angelaki-King, Bob Kenhard (HCO), Cllr Erika Woodhurst-Trueman (WS)

3. The following items were discussed:

3.1 Traffic problems on Lodge Lane

A resident of the public attended the meeting to discuss the traffic problems on Lodge Lane and would like HPC' support. There are 2 issues: 1. HGV accessing and 2. Speed issues. These have been ongoing with the increasing volume of HGV's passing through (not just delivering). There is an old sign in place regarding restrictions for height, but it is not particularly visible and/or adhered to. Police need to enforce but do need evidence which is difficult to collate i.e. the resident has already been asked by police to collect plate licenses and video footage.

Frances suggests finding out from the police what kind of evidence/how much etc. Build a better case. Then to ask WSCC to also renew signs.

Ian commented that any restriction signs for HGV should be placed earlier at Clayton.

Speed issue - Peter referred to Lodge Lane initially being included in the current 20mile speed project, but it did not meet WSCC criteria i.e. if speeds are under 26 miles an hour HPC can just make simple speed sign changes. Lodge Lane did not meet the criteria.

HGV Access Action/s:

- Louise/Helen will contact the police to ask further advice
- Louise/Helen to ask Erika about the possibility of installing an advanced sign for HGV's notice near junction of Clayton Hill and New Road.
- The resident was advised to gather signatures/do further community consultation and keep gathering video evidence.
- Louise/Helen to contact construction sites in the area (letter/visit) to highlight the issue

Speed Action/s:

- The resident was advised to start again regarding record keeping of issues with HGV and speed.

- It was noted that this issue could possibly be an extension of the current speed project for the next Communities Highways Scheme which would now be July 2027.

3.2 New Road Signs

WSCC need to approve and requested photographs front/back.

Peter has done a schedule of all the signs which has been circulated - what is there now, proposal for new wording, and mock-ups of “new” proposed signage etc. His aim was to focus on standardizing the signage and keep simple.

Agreed proposal from H & T is needed first to then take to the G & E.

A discussion took place on each of the proposed 11 locations including the need to standardize the signage, keep Keymer wording included for Keymer residents, and keep 2 central twinned signs.

Andy was keen to see “please drive carefully” kept in but it was felt these signs should be information only focused.

Action/s:

Peter to amend/simplify the schedule and take to G & E. Paul will Chair the next meeting 30th July.

The following was agreed:

Include Welcome to Hassocks on 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. Not needed for 5!

Agreed on 7 & 8 and to keep twinning wording

9 keep as is

10. To keep existing signage and just ensure the overgrowth is cut regularly.

11. Not needed so delete. Idea to save funding for 10 and 11.

3.3 Consultation needed to progress the DYL on Keymer Rd

A TRO for the DYL’s on Keymer Road/Saxby needs to be resubmitted further to a request for more community consultation.

It was agreed to now also include the no loading outside Sussex Grocer issue as part of this revised TRO.

Action/s:

- Staff to take photos of cars parking in the no loading area when possible
- HPC to undertake Social-Media/website consultation and possible house to house consultation. LC to discuss with Alastair.
- Frances will mention at the Council meeting that HPC will also be undertaking consultation regarding the Sussex Grocer offloading issue.

3.4 Bike Racks

Andy provided an update, but the bike proposal was also circulated in advance of this meeting.

Site 1 - outside Sainsburys 2 Sheffield racks – 4 bikes.

Site 2 - Corral bike stand at the junction with Keymer Rd/Chancellors Park. An indicative cost for one design is £2,250. The design might change depending on the space available once any ground works are quoted for.

Erika, Andy have had an initial discussion with Thomas Spokes from WSCC who is encouraging HPC to apply to CHS by 31st July.

Action/s:

Site 1.

Funding already allocated for Site 1 and subject to S115 licence outcomes.

Already have received stats for underground etc.

It was agreed that HPC can action this now.

Site 2.

Andy will be having another call with Erika and Thomas next Thursday and possibly a site walk. He will enquire about the public consultation aspect. Andy will report back.

3.5 Stafford Way Parking

The Manager of St Anne's flats has complained about the parking on the grass verge of Stafford Way. He would like birds fencing to be installed. WSCC agreed in principle for bird fencing to be done 3 years ago but have no budget. HPC have no budget for this, and it could set a precedent. H & T feel that yellow lines is the best option.

Action/s:

Helen to email the resident manager that HPC cannot fund – it is private property etc. To reenforce that DYL would be the most appropriate. The mgmt agency needs to put a proposal to HPC as a group, and we could support DYL and a TRO. HPC could also potentially submit the TRO. Also, that they should start collecting evidence.

4. Any other matters

Andy mentioned the 21st July Peoples Emergency meeting - registration via Eventbrite and encouraged attendance. He will send Helen a poster to put on HPC's website.

5. Agreed date of next meeting

TBC

Hassocks Parish Council - Rationalisation of local road signage location information V4

Appendix 7

Location No	Location description	Existing						Proposed				Ref
		Sign dims	Ht above ground	Distance to carriageway	'Hassocks' font ht	Support post cond'n	Existing wording	Proposed wording	New sign type	Suggested size	Comments	
1	A273, London Rd, southbound from Burgess Hill, S of "Allwoods"	1300 x 470	1600	900	140	good reuse	CLAYTON PARISH HASOCKS Please drive carefully	Welcome to HASOCKS	A	1300 x 500 font 60/140	New sign Reuse existing posts	1A
2	A273 Brighton Rd, northbound, from Pyecombe, N of Tates garden centre	1400 x 480	1300	1800	150	good reuse	CLAYTON PARISH HASOCKS	Welcome to HASOCKS	A	1300 x 500 font 60/140	New sign Reuse existing posts	2A
3	B2116, Hurst Rd, eastbound, from Hurstpierpoint, near Talbot Field	1300 x 650	1300	1200	100	good reuse	Welcome to HASOCKS Twinned with Montmirail & Wald-michelbach Please drive slowly	Welcome to HASOCKS	A	1300 x 500 font 60/140	New sign Mount on existing white "gate" S side of road. (no space available for new posts on N side of road)	3A
4	Ockley Lane, southbound from Burgess Hill, (top of Ockley Hill)	1300 x 840	2200	800	140	good reuse	KEYMER TWINNED WITH WALD-MICHELBAH AND MONTMIRAIL	Welcome to HASOCKS Keymer Village	B	1300 x 700 font 60/140/100	New sign Reuse existing posts	4B
5	B2116, Keymer Rd, westbound from Ditchling, near Beaconhurst	1300 x 740	1800	1100	100	good reuse	Welcome to WEST SUSSEX	Welcome to WEST SUSSEX HASOCKS Keymer Village	C	1300 x 600 font 140/100	New sign Reuse existing posts and mount below existing sign, leaving "Welcome to WEST SUSSEX" intact	5C
6	Lodge Lane, northbound from New near South Downs Way Camping & Caravan Park	1400 x 570	1800	1400	140	poor corroded replace	HASOCKS Keymer Village	Welcome to HASOCKS Keymer Village	B	1300 x 700 font 60/140/100	New sign New posts req'd	6B
7	B2116, Keymer Rd, westbound, from Keymer, near "The Sussex Grocer"	1200 x 780	2850	600	100	good reuse	Keymer Parish HASOCKS Twinned with WALD-MICHELBAH and MONTMIRAIL	HASOCKS Twinned with WALD-MICHELBAH and MONTMIRAIL	Not req'd D	as is 1200 x 780	Cover "Keymer Parish" wording Sign to otherwise remain as is including national flags	7D
8	B2116, Keymer Rd, eastbound, from railway bridge, near mini roundabout	1200 x 780	3100	1200	100	good reuse	Clayton Parish HASOCKS Twinned with WALD-MICHELBAH and MONTMIRAIL	HASOCKS Twinned with WALD-MICHELBAH and MONTMIRAIL	Not req'd D	as is 1200 x 780	Cover "Clayton Parish" wording Sign to otherwise remain as is including national flags. WSCC may wish to relocate slightly	8D
9	B2116, Keymer Rd, eastbound, from Hassocks, near Wilmington Cl	1100 x 380	1350	1700	140	good reuse	KEYMER	KEYMER	Not req'd E	as is 1100 x 380	Existing sign to remain as is	9E

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10	Underhill Lane westbound ~100m E of old waterworks bldg entrance	1200 x 380	2000+	900	140	good reuse	CLAYTON	CLAYTON	Not req'd F	as is 1200 x 380	Very overgrown and partially obscured Ensure vegetation regularly cut back	10F
11	Underhill Lane eastbound from A27 No existing sign.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	—	Not req'd		No signage deemed necessary	

Reuse of existing posts assumes suitable structural condition.

Those considered unsound to be replaced with new posts.

All fixings and brackets to be new to suit new signs.

All signs - black lettering on white background, capital text height 140mm (& 100mm), to comply with Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016, and Chapter 7 Traffic Signs Manual 2018.