

Minutes of the meeting of the **Highways and Transport Committee** held at the **Shire Hall** on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025** at **7pm**.

## **Councillors:**

Present: Cllrs. Ruth Leach, Katharine Turner, Simon Sadler and Mike Sutton.

Apologies: Cllrs. Geoff Holdcroft and Tom Rogerson.

In Attendance: Town Clerk (Mr G E Diaper), Cllr. Robin Sanders, and thirty-four members of the public.

### **1. To elect the Chair of Committee for the Civic Year 2026/27.**

Cllr. Katharine Turner was elected as the Chair of the Woodbridge Town Council Highways and Transport Committee for the Civic Year 2026/27.

Cllr. Turner thanked Cllr. Leach for her work as Chair during the 2025/26 Civic Year.

### **2 To elect the Deputy Chair of Committee for the Civic Year 2026/27.**

Cllr. Simon Sadler was elected as the Deputy Chair of the Woodbridge Town Council Highways and Transport Committee for the Civic Year 2026/27.

### **3. Apologies for Absence.**

The Committee agreed to approve the apologies of Cllrs. Geoff Holdcroft and Tom Rogerson.

### **4. Request for declarations of interest.**

Cllr. Ruth Leach declared that as the County Councillor for Woodbridge, she is engaged in the majority of the items to be considered this evening, some which she will be funding from her Highways budget.

### **5. Request for dispensations.**

The Committee agreed that Cllr. Leach may engage fully in all discussion and voting on items on the agenda.

**6. Public Question Time.**

A resident of Queens Head Lane addressed the Committee in regard of concerns about the impact of the Active Travel Woodbridge proposals on traffic in the Market Hill/ Seckford Street/ Theatre Street area.

A resident of Seckford Street addressed the Committee in regard of potential changes to the parking restrictions for that road, as well as general concerns about the Active Travel Woodbridge proposals.

A member of the public addressed the Committee about concerns regarding the Active Travel Woodbridge proposals.

**7. To agree and approve the minutes of the meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

The minutes of the Highways and Transport Committee meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were approved as a true record.

With the agreement of those Members present, the Chair re-ordered the agenda to allow for the consideration of the items of interest to those members of the public present.

**16. To receive updates on:**

County Councillor Leach provided updates on the following Highways related matters in Woodbridge:

- a. Illegal parking on Little St John's Street
- b. ASB concerning speeding and revving of motorcycles
- c. SCC Highways Budget
- d. Woodbridge Parking review
- e. Active Travel Woodbridge
- f. A12 MRNI

**8. To note issues raised by Cllr Simon Sadler regarding Thursday Market day parking on Market Hill and agree appropriate next steps.**

The Committee noted the issues raised by Cllr. Sadler regarding parking for traders at the Woodbridge Thursday market, and agreed the following actions:

- Cllr. Leach to investigate the potential of East Suffolk Council Parking Services provided a license in order that market traders may park on the Market Hill during market days.
- Cllr. Turner and the Town Clerk be mandated to spend up to a maximum of the £500 from the Committee budget (5200) to secure permission from East Suffolk Council to install improved signage on the Market Hill confirming the parking restrictions on market days.

**9. To discuss Traffic management interventions for Woodbridge when A12 closes at the three individual roundabouts.**

The Committee agreed to seek a meeting with Suffolk Constabulary and SCC Network Assurance as a means to discuss the development of traffic management interventions for Woodbridge upon the closure of the A12 (Grove Road).

**10. To propose a plan of action to change the Google Sat Nav routes or to request that they reflect unsuitability for lorries through Woodbridge.**

The Committee agreed that Cllr. Sadler be asked to research technological solutions (updates/ changes to Sat. Nav routes) as a means to minimise the use of the Woodbridge during the closure of the A12.

**11. To identify a list of streets where complaints of speeding have been reported and to consider speed restriction interventions such as road cushions.**

Cllr. Leach requested that in the next seven days, Members email her with roads which they considered there to be inappropriate driving and speeding being undertaken.

Cllr. Leach will investigate and report back on the speed restriction interventions which could be installed in Woodbridge.

**12. To discuss whether there is support for funding for community speed watch schemes.**

The Committee agreed that Cllr. Leach investigate further how a Community Speed Watch scheme could be set up in the town.

**13. To consider the use of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) in Woodbridge to monitor speeding.**

The Committee agreed that Cllr. Leach investigate the installation of SIDS and ANPR cameras in Woodbridge as a means to monitor speeding vehicles in Woodbridge.

**14. To consider supporting a Woodbridge wide Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for further double yellow lines and waiting restrictions.**

The Committee agreed its supports the investigation of a Woodbridge-wide TRO to enable the installation of double yellow lines within the parish. The following roads are proposed for inclusion at this time:

- Grove Road (layby)
- Naverne Meadows j/w Castle Street
- Collingwood Road
- Deben Road
- Seckford Street (Fen Meadow access gate)

**15. To agree support for the closing of the exit from the Deben Car park onto the Avenue**

The Committee agreed that it supports the proposed closure of the exit from the Deben Car park onto the Avenue

**17. Closure.**

The meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

Councillor Turner  
Chair