



Box Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE AT 7PM ON 16th FEBRUARY 2026, AT BOX PAVILION

1. Councillors Present:

Cllr R Leach (Chair)
Cllr N Ingledew (VC)
Cllr R Duncan
Cllr R Davies
Cllr H Parker
Cllr I Johnston
Cllr T Walton

Cllr P Chamberlain (Wiltshire Council)

Clerk – S Vickery

2. Apologies: The Committee was quorate.

3. Absence: Nil.

4. Public Question Time. There were 12 members of the Public were present. There were two topics that the public wished to raise:

a. Hazlebury Hill No Waiting Restrictions:

- i. The 1st member commented that the scheme will remove 10 to 12 car parking spaces. This will cause safety, obstruction and massive issues for the limited parking in Box. It will impact on the other areas of the Parish.
- ii. 2nd member encouraged Box PC to respond. They were troubled by the quickness of the turnaround by Wiltshire Highways. There were questions over the timeframe and the 6 month comment. Two working days to produce the report was also queried.
- iii. 3rd member wished to echo the issues raised by the 2nd member. Questioned the evidence base and the lack of LHFIG involvement. The authenticity of the Fire Engine pictures were questioned. Speeds were a concern and a new safety hazard if speed calming measures are not considered.
- iv. Cllr Chamberlain responded by noting the strong level of objection. The Parish Council did not support the Issue so Wiltshire Council (WC) would be funding the scheme based on the Highways report. The Cabinet member would be making a decision based on Officer's report. He was minded to accept the recommendation. Cllr Chamberlain commented on the unintended 2nd order matters that do need to be raised again. He also clarified the 'call in' comment. 'Call in' concerned the due process and 10 x Wilts Councillors are required to support this procedure. Nonetheless, he noted comments from members of the Public. Accept/Reject or Amend were the current options. He was unsure whether WC had the full amount of knowledge.

b. **Traffic Speed Issues**

- i. 1st member from Box Hill requested that the PC to review speeds across the Parish. Quarry Hill etc. A Strategic review was required as there are incoherent speed limits across the Parish. Beech Road is a pinch point near the bus stops. Hedgesparrow Lane is also an issue. Quoted from his letter to the Council.
- ii. 2nd member raised speed limit through Middlehill at 60mph and is far too quick. There are no kerb stones. The Gardens back on to road. There is a spring Toad crossing issue, plus a farm which hosts children.
- iii. 3rd member - previous metro survey was done in a quiet period. Narrow little roads. Middlehill Lane should have a reduced speed.
- iv. 4th member. Spoke about a TRA with an ambulance at Beech Road / A4 exit with the lack of a solid white lane. Question to consider about the bus stop at Hedgesparrow Lane regarding the 50 mph limit. Motor homes in car parks were raised.
- v. 5th member spoke about a new entrance on the A4. Planning application has already passed, but concerned about the process by Wiltshire Highways.
- vi. The Chair emphasised the Council's campaign to see speed reduction across the Parish and the residents comments above were fully appreciated. The process to get a change was challenging. The former chair also reiterated how difficult it was to obtain a change. Cllr Chamberlain spoke about a County wide initiative to review speed limits with the new Lib Dem council. Please raise and contact the Clerk with concerns.

5. **Declarations** of interest relating to items on the Agenda. There were no conflicts.

6. **Previous Minutes.** The Minutes of the previous **Highways Committee on 17th November 2025** were taken as read and signed.

7. **Items of Correspondence** (Extraordinary Item). Hazlebury Hill.

- a. The Council wished to respond to WC by opposing the proposal. It introduced less safety measures by creating unintended 2nd order hazards, causing significant safety issues. There was a lack of objective and material evidence from the Fire and Ambulance services. The rejection of the compromise view were disappointed. LHFIFG were aware that Box PC had objected to the scheme. Why has the issue waited this long if this is so significant. One Cllr disagreed. Residents have been proactive in managing the space. A 2nd look would be greatly appreciated. The proposal is within a [within a](#) Conservation area. Copy the response to the MP.

8. **LHFIFG Outputs.** The ongoing outputs from LHFIFG

- c. Topo survey of the A4 Layby opposite Bugdens. Likely in spring, will be costed.
- d. Five x SID locations acrossed the Parish (LHFIFG funded). Metro counts awaited. Clerk will chase up metro counts and cost. Minutes need clarity.
- e. Issues at: (Leafy Lane poor kerbs)
 - i. Valens Terrace, DYL. Delayed . Late summer work.
 - ii. A365 DYLS at Chapel Lane.
 - iii. A365 Bus Stop bay marking.
 - iv. Middlehill, A4 entrance. Dropped kerbs. Costly due to bridge changes. Box PC may cost £2.5k.

- v. Old Jockey crossroads safety.
- vi. Kingsdown Road and Ditteridge – horse and deer signage.
- vii. White Ennox junction warning signage. Combined in to a priority order.
- viii. Removal of metal barrier at Rudloe. Unintended consequence could be speeding bicycles; the Parish is aware of the issue.
- ix. Rudloe Estate. Metro count. New policy and County review. New areas seem to have 20mph zone so disadvantaged older estates.

9. Car Parks.

- f. Abandoned cars and 24 parking limit. Enforcement action to be considered. The 24 hr over night parking should be excluded from the new sign. The Chair wished to highlight his concern about the potential misuse. Should the SORN vehicles. No motor homes. Policy (Nigel). Need the new sign.
- g. Potential Height barrier to Recreation car park. Hills could have access to a height barrier. Can you comply with this? Box Hill. Need to consider the Highways Working Group. Obtain a quote.
- h. Disabled Spaces and Potholes. Pothole work now completed. Disabled bay marking has been paused due to wet weather; this includes the switch of disabled bay at the Market Place as agreed with Wiltshire Council.
- i. EV charging. To note that having an EV point is a future aspiration. LEVI seminar, NI attending.
- j. Parking on pavements. A police matter and not illegal. This might become a legal issue at County level.

10. Speed reduction campaign.

- k. Further requests for speed reduction have been received from residents at Quarry Hill and Box Hill. Covered earlier. The Committee wished to see speeds reduced, particularly at Box Hill. BANES and Somerset Council policies were quoted which are very different to Wiltshire. Recommendation. Issue sheet for Box Hill (Motors to Leafy Lane). Clerk to submit. Middlehill speed reduction. Box Hill Garage to 30mph. Double white line extension. Recommendations.
- l. HGVs not using the B3109 as per Wiltshire Council guidance. The Chair outlined the context stating that many companies do not comply to the guidance avoiding the B3109. Chair will write on this topic to Wiltshire Highways. Action:
- m. Improved speed warning signage on A4 and A365. To consider a proposal. To use warning signs akin to other areas. Either count down signs or speed warning signs. Police evidence at CAB is the justification for this approach. Action:
- n. The formation of a Road Safety Highways Working Group. To be termed the Highways Working Group. Can invite parishioners to WG. Some areas of the County are 20 mph. Further detail on the review. Cllr Smith is undertaking the review. Action: write to Cllr Smith. Stated in the LHFIFG minutes. TW will chase up. Develop a Parish-wide strategy. Develop TORs. Venue and a date. Committee invited.

11. Correspondence. To receive any urgent correspondence.

- o. Box Hill resident written letter of speed concerns (as above Item 7a). Done.

p. From Cllr Chamberlain: the Bargates 'rat run' and a safe pedestrian crossing for the A365. 2023 was the genesis of this request, with 50 people required per hour; this was deemed a poor threshold and would be challenged. One for the HWG.

12. **Forward Plan.** To review and to note the latest Forward Plan, including the Policy matrix and Risk Assessments. HWG will help to populate.

13. **Future Agenda and Items to report.** Items of report and future Agenda items.

q. Stolen Farm warning sign. RD send to PC.

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14. **Date of next meeting** – 7pm on Monday 15th June 2026.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

Dated.....

Chair.....