

## Correspondence for 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 PC meeting

### a. School Lane and speed signs

*Below is the copied email thread between Cllr Peter Weston and a resident*

#### Original email from resident

Good Morning Peter, hope this note finds you well?

I see from the draft minutes of February that at (232), there is a comment with regard to the siting of the speed signs. I recall from a previous conversation that you said that the signs could not be put in place further north than they were previously, i.e. not in School Lane closer to the recreation field. However we are still desperately trying to find a strategy to slow down this traffic, and on speaking to Wealden to try to acquire some more signage recently they pointed out that we should site the speed signs to capture the information, clearly they didn't realise the conditions?

This does though beg the question, can we site them further north? I think the village would be amazed at the speed that would be confirmed.

Additionally I note in January's minutes there was a comment with regard to the road surface, it is poor all the way along and this does not help the noise factor especially as a high number of the vehicles travelling at speed on School Lane have trailers.

I see you have had some potential success with traffic on the A272, so congratulations!! A lot of effort I'm sure to achieve that, there now remains the issue of enforcement which is the problem of course in School Lane.

As always very best regards and I look forward to hearing from you.

#### Response from Cllr Weston

Good afternoon

I use School Lane infrequently, but when I do I am always amazed at the speed of some vehicles; so appreciate your concerns. There are two main issues regarding a more northerly location for a SID:

a) The regulations that we have communicated about before. However, if you let me have the 'what.three.words' location of where you think a sign might be located I will have another look.

b) The cost. The license, cost of erection of a suitable post etc come to more than £1,000. There is no provision in the Parish Council budget (2025/2026) that would cover this, but if there is a suitable site then we could perhaps explore alternative funding sources.

I look forward to hearing from you re a possible location (or locations).

#### Response from resident

Good evening Peter, and many thanks for your response.

Rog has identified the three words , they are 'suspend lamppost feasting', just a little further south than us but a reasonable distance inside the 30mph sign at the North end of the village to give drivers the opportunity to slow and equidistant approx, between the school and the playing field to make that point.

Also Rog thinks there is space slightly off the pavement to make a hole. We are quite happy to discuss with neighbours too to ensure that they are not unhappy with this intention!

Also, Rog is quite happy to erect the post, we think they are steel poles and presume they are concreted in to a spec?

Can't help with a licence? But.. we are so keen to help in any way, we don't intend to moan and then do nothing, so just let us know?

You're most welcome to pop into us at anytime if you're around! And we do support your work in the PC to make things happen!!

#### Responses from Cllr Weston

Good morning,

Thanks - very helpful. There are two posts close to this spot (an electricity pole and the 'playground/30mph sign) both on the grass area - do you know who owns this land?

As regards the post that would be required, the regulations require that it is removable so NAL socket etc required - I have attached the spec for information. I will go down to have a look in the next few days and come back to you again then.

Kind regards

Peter

Apologies for the delay but I am still waiting for East Sussex Highways to get back to me regarding any changes they have made to the regulations covering SIDs (I think that the spot you identified is too close to the deregulated zone, but I need to check). Will keep you informed of progress.

Kind regards

Peter

#### **b. High Weald Nature and Community Fund**

Great news! The [High Weald Nature and Community Fund](#) is now open for new applications, offering support for work that benefits nature and people across the High Weald National Landscape, including the villages and towns in and around it. Whether you're a community group, CIC, school, charity, church, Parish Council or other non-profit body, this is your chance to make a real positive change in your corner of the High Weald – both for today and for future generations.

Grants range from £500 up to £20,000, with larger amounts available for large-scale, multi-year projects.

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### **What can I apply for?**

The High Weald Nature and Community Fund aims to:

- **Create wildlife-friendly spaces** like community gardens, pocket parks, allotments, orchards, and school growing areas, especially in towns and villages.
- **Enhance habitats** through pond creation, wetlands, tree and hedge planting, wildflower meadows, and wildlife boxes.
- **Support habitat restoration**, including hedge-laying, coppicing, and removing invasive species.
- **Engage communities** in managing green spaces, volunteering, and provide training for conservation projects.
- **Improve access** for underrepresented groups, including young people, those with physical or mental health challenges, and people living with disabilities.

The Fund is managed by the High Weald National Landscape Partnership and funded by Lund Trust.

### **How does it work?**

1. Please read the [Grant Criteria and Guidance document >>](#)
2. Use our simple online enquiry form to register your interest in the Fund: [SUBMIT AN ENQUIRY FOR 2025 >>](#)
3. Sign up for one of our informal webinars to learn more about the application process for the Fund, assessment criteria and the type of projects that could be funded: [Book your place >>](#)

For more information and project inspiration, visit our dedicated webpage:

<https://highweald.org/grants/high-weald-fund>

The deadline for submitting your application is 15 July 2025. Good luck!

### **c. Overhanging Trees at 13 St Marks Field**

My mother and I have moved into 13 St Marks Field, and now the sun is out we are really hoping to enjoy the garden attached to the property. However the adjacent forest area is encroaching on both the land and also any sunlight. We spoke to the warden at St Marks Church and they informed us this land belongs to the council and you would be best to contact. We note that the council has already cleared some other land next to this piece of forest.

We would love to get to work clearing the garden, however the overhanging branches are blocking any sunlight and causing a nuisance. Unfortunately due to the height and positioning of the trees, we are unable to safely prune them ourselves. We would therefore be very grateful if the council could arrange for the trimming and maintenance of this land as soon as possible.

I am more than happy to provide further photographs, and to arrange a time for the appropriate people to carry out any work from our garden if necessary.

