

## MENHENIOT PARISH COUNCIL

### TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

## Meeting Notes | 27 August 2025

Time: 3pm

Location: Mine Hill, Menheniot

Attending: Cllrs Adrian Cole, Steve Roberts, Jerry Tucker. Parish Clerk John Hesketh. PCSO Steve Edser.

Apologies: Peter Luck

#### Purpose

Walkabout centre of Menheniot village to discuss concerns about road safety and traffic management. The group was joined by passing residents.

|   | Topic                            | Notes   | Actions  |
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| 1 | Mine Hill speeding vehicles.     | Consider chicanes, but SE explains problems with large (farm) vehicles passing through – they need a wide road without restrictions. Does it make a difference if the chicanes are only at the bottom of Mine Hill?<br><br>SE: it is possible to obtain data on average vehicle speeds from CC without Highways installing pressure pads. | JH: check emails from Will Glassup.<br><br>JH: investigate with CC Highways.   |
| 2 | Mine Hill Parking                | Mews Court is private land and only allows parking of private (not commercial) vehicles.<br><br>Resident suggested bolder signage to warn about parking.  | SE: advises residents with concerns about badly parked vehicles to take photographs (to show number plate and location) and forward to him.<br><br>JH: source metal advisory signs to replace current plastic laminates for installation opposite Southview Cottage. |
| 3 | Mine Hill Parking Legal remedies | A resident asked about the scope for prosecution for illegal/dangerous parking. SE cautions against because it is a lengthy, expensive process and usually not a priority for the police. See 2 above. Police will support cautionary letters to persistent offenders and will make home visits if necessary.                             |  |
| 4 | Traffic ones                     | Installed by PC (opposite Southview Cottage) and have no legal standing but they are effective in deterring people from parking vehicles directly. Need occasional  | JH: check emails from police about legality. See notes below.  |

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|   |                                  | <p>replacement due to damage from road users. SE cautions against double yellow lanes because they would restrict legitimate parking of resident's vehicles and are difficult to enforce.</p> <p><i>Residents report that the cones are very effective in keeping this area clear of vehicles.</i></p>  |   |
| 5 | Blue Badges                      | What is the situation with vehicle owners displaying blue badges? And are disabled parking bays viable?   | JH: find out more.  |
| 6 | East Road                        | Parking outside the school at peak drop-off and pick-up times noted as a perennial problem. Road markings in the approach to the school (in both directions along East Road) have been recently renewed, but the large parking bay adjacent to the village hall is unmarked, so leading to careless parking and wasted space (Renew white lines?) | AC: will progress this with Cllr Sean Smith.                          |
| 7 | Double yellow lines <sup>1</sup> | See notes below. SE advised caution in proposing new lines, but agreed that they can be a deterrent and are enforceable against persistent offenders. Asked that the PC submit photographs of suitable locations to CC – Police will support in principle, and in practice where practical.   | AC: identify potential locations for DYL for consideration by T&H WG. |
| 8 | Passing on information           | Two residents joined in the meeting and explained that residents in Mine Hill were often unaware of what actions could be/would be taken.   | JH: Local newsletter for Mine Hill and wider publication?             |
| 9 | No waiting signs                 | Unclear road markings at Central Villas leading to 'one-way' confusion. Warning signage or double yellow lines?   | AC: will progress this with Cllr Sean Smith.                          |

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## Notes

### Traffic Cones

In the UK, traffic cone laws mandate that cones adhere to Chapter 8 regulations and BS EN 12899-1 standards, including specific heights, reflective sleeve proportions, and fluorescent colours (primarily orange) for visibility on different road types.

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*Placing cones on public property without authorization is illegal under the [Highways Act 1980](#) and can result in fines, as public highways are for general use, not private reservation. Cones must be stable, weighted for stability, and comply with CE marking for safety and reliability.*

### **Blue Badges**

National blue badge scheme provides parking concessions for people with certain disabilities. Blue Badge holders may be allowed to park on double yellow lines for up to three hours, provided the badge is displayed, the blue parking disc shows the arrival time, and there are no loading bans in place.

### **Double Yellow Lines**

In Cornwall, as throughout the UK, double yellow lines mean you cannot wait, park, or stop at any time, unless specific signage indicates otherwise. While generally prohibited, there are exceptions for loading/unloading or picking up passengers if allowed by signs, and for Blue Badge holders under certain conditions. You must always check for nearby signs, as they override the general rule and specify any permitted times or activities.

General Rule for Double Yellow Lines

No Waiting:

The fundamental rule is that you must not wait or park on double yellow lines.

Applies at All Times:

This prohibition applies continuously, including Sundays and Bank Holidays, unless a sign modifies it.

Exceptions and Considerations

Permitted Times:

Look for nearby signs that may indicate times when waiting is permitted.

Loading and Unloading:

Some locations with double yellow lines may allow loading or unloading of goods or picking up/dropping off passengers, provided a sign permits it.