

Report from Multi-Parish Traffic Meeting

On 2nd June 2026 Councillor Forward and myself attended a meeting of five neighbouring parish councils to discuss highway and traffic issues. The first order of business was to approve the membership of Burlescombe parish council to the group, which now means that a representative (usually me) will be invited to every meeting. This will allow us to raise issues affecting our parish as well as contribute to discussions affecting our neighbours which also impact us.

Points discussed in this meeting included:

A resolution to include district and county councillors in the group.

A joint petition to reduce the speed limit from 60mph on the B3181 at Uffculme to be presented to Devon highways. To be drafted by the clerk for approval by all councils.

Information sharing between councils, particularly around speeding, was approved.

A joint letter to local MPs and Secretary of State for Transport to be drafted, to raise concerns around the large number of houses and other development planned for J27 and J28 of the M5, and the need for major improvements to the road network around them to manage the expected increase in traffic.

Councillors to continue collecting feedback from the public about highways issues affecting their parishes.

The safety of pedestrians on roads without pavements, especially considering most of these roads throughout the parishes are 60mph limit.

The next meeting is planned for mid-September.