



# Local Community Network Burnham LCN meeting notes

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Berrow Village Hall  
6.30pm till 8.00pm

## Attendees

Alan Sharp (Chair) (Woolavington PC)  
Cllr Bob Filmer (Brent Knoll PC)  
Hayley Bullock (SASP)  
Alex Lyons (SASP)  
Lilly Keeley Watts (SALC)  
Greg Broadhurst (Berrow PC)  
Paul Williams (Berrow PC)  
Richard Young (Burnham without PC and Woolavington PC))  
Larry Chrisfield (East Brent PC)  
Carol Roberts (East Huntspill PC)  
Margaret Sims (Pawlett PC)  
Caroline King (Waffle Hub)  
Caroline Bullock (TKAS)

## Apologies

Charmaine Dyne (Avon & Somerset Police)  
Liz Loud (Spark)  
Lesley Millard (Burnham and Highbridge TC)  
Sam Matthews (Pawlett PC)  
Sally Diaz (Puriton PC)  
Jane Macpherson (Morland Hub)  
Shona Stone (Live West)

## 1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees and noted a number of new faces. Introductions were made around the room and online.

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## 2. Actions from the Previous Meeting

An update was provided on actions from previous meetings:

- Invitations to speakers had been progressed; Caroline Bullock (King Alfred's School) attended this meeting.
- Parish clerks were reminded to confirm their correct contact details with Streetworks to support more effective highways communications. Members were asked to confirm once this had been completed so the action can be closed.
- Highways Working Group actions were reviewed; several actions were now complete and closed.

- The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has been invited to attend the June meeting as a guest speaker. Members were invited to submit questions or areas of interest in advance.
- Ongoing discussions continue regarding planning matters and social value.
- Actions from the December meeting were reviewed, including circulation of SASP materials, survey development, progress on the Enhanced Highways Scheme, and parish engagement around devolution and support for smaller parishes.

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### **3. SASP – Hayley Bullock and Alex Lyons**

#### **Children and Young People and work with King Alfred's School**

SASP (Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership) presented an overview of their work to increase physical activity and movement across Somerset, funded by Sport England.

Key points included:

- SASP's focus is on physical activity and movement in the widest sense, not just organised sport.
- Evidence shows that every £1 invested in community physical activity delivers significant returns in health, wellbeing, community cohesion, and the local economy.
- Somerset has been selected as one of 18 national Place Partnerships, with a funding bid of £2.4m (decision expected at the end of March).
- Priority themes include embedding physical activity into everyday life, active travel, tackling inequalities, positive experiences for children and young people, and system-wide partnership working.

Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge were identified as priority areas based on national and local data. SASP stressed that neighbouring parishes would also benefit indirectly due to shared facilities and travel patterns.

Discussion highlighted:

- Concerns from smaller and outlying parishes regarding access, transport, and inclusion.
- The importance of active travel links and perceptions of safety.
- The need to better understand how residents from surrounding villages use facilities in Burnham and Highbridge.

SASP emphasised that projects would be co-designed with communities rather than imposed and invited LCN members to engage with the Place Partnership stakeholder group. If you are interested in joining in the stakeholder group please email Hayley at [hbullock@sasp.co.uk](mailto:hbullock@sasp.co.uk)

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### **4. Caroline Bullock – Assistant Head, King Alfred's School**

#### **Understanding our community and its impact on young people's outcomes and opportunities**

Caroline Bullock shared detailed insights from King Alfred's School, focusing on closing the disadvantage gap and understanding the impact of the local community on young people's outcomes.

Key themes included:

- The Burnham and Highbridge area is more complex than it appears, with significant disparities between postcodes.

- GCSE and post-16 outcomes show clear differences between Burnham and Highbridge cohorts, impacting access to sixth form, further education, and long-term opportunities.
- Many Highbridge students progress to college rather than sixth form, often due to GCSE outcomes rather than aspiration alone.
- Aspirations can be limited by geography, transport, family experience of education, and perceptions of opportunity.

Work undertaken by the school includes:

- Detailed community mapping and asset analysis.
- Listening campaigns with stakeholders.
- A strong emphasis on student voice, attendance, enrichment, and pastoral support.
- Strengthening careers education, employer engagement, and links with colleges and local industries.
- A renewed focus on attendance, including positive incentives and whole-family engagement.

Caroline stressed that schools cannot address these issues alone and welcomed community partnership working to support aspiration, safety, access to opportunities, and engagement.

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## **5. Working Group Updates**

### **Highways**

An update was provided on recent activity, including:

- A presentation on the Highways Information Portal, which enables parishes to view planned works, information layers, and forward programmes.
- Clarification of responsibility at road and bridge interfaces (highways versus bridge owner).
- Use of collision data (rolling five-year dataset) to identify safety concerns; a dedicated session will be arranged to explore this further.
- Ongoing engagement with highways officers and improved responsiveness.

Members were reminded of an upcoming face-to-face highways meeting at Woolavington Village Hall, where further updates (including Junction 22) will be shared.

### **Active Travel**

A written report was shared on behalf of the Active Travel Group. Key points included:

- The current countywide focus is largely on town-to-town routes rather than village-to-village connectivity.
- Activity in Burnham and Highbridge has focused on routes in and around the towns.
- Mapping exercises and public engagement are underway to inform future priorities.

Members expressed concern that rural routes and village connections are not yet sufficiently represented. It was agreed that:

- Clearer guidance is needed for LCN representation within the Active Travel Group.
  - Active travel priorities should be community-led rather than top-down.
  - This will be added as a dedicated agenda item at a future meeting.
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## **6. Update on LCN Engagement Review Workshops and Local LCN Survey**

An update was provided on recent engagement review workshops. While changes are anticipated, details of how these will impact LCNs are not yet available. Further information will be shared once confirmed.

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## **7. Information and Signposting**

Updates included:

- Asian Hornet alert: Members were encouraged to download the Asian Hornet Watch app and raise awareness locally due to significant environmental and public safety risks.
  - Somerset Council Parish and Town Council survey: One response is requested per council to inform future support and engagement.
  - Community Health and Wellbeing roadshows: Forthcoming roadshows and partnership events were highlighted.
  - Small parish council grants: Councils with a population of under approximately 1,000 were reminded of the availability of small grants (up to £1,000) for summer community activities.
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## **8. Any Other Business**

No additional items were raised.

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## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 23 June 2026

Guest speaker: Clare Moody, Police and Crime Commissioner

Venue: Woolavington Village Hall

Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm

**NB Action tracker below**

Date		Action	Responsibility	
30/09/25	4	List or guide of prices for enhanced highways tasks for parish councils from highways dept in time for precept setting.	Link officer/ highways dept.	Action within HW's group update
	7	Invite PCC to future LCN meeting	Link officer	Invite extended to the June AGM as guest speaker. Please let the Link officer know if there is anything you would like her to focus on?
	8	Consider topics/themes/issues for LCN to address and submit to link officer at any time	All	Ongoing
	9	Invite Somerset Council Planners	Link officer	Ongoing – in discussion with planning management. Idea suggested that we consider an overarching question such as ' What is the strategic view from a planning perspective?
10/03/26	15	Attendees wishing to join the SASP stakeholder group to contact Hayley Bullock	All	
10/03/26	16	Any questions for the PCC Clare Moody to be shared with LCN link officer before 16 <sup>th</sup> June	All	

