

Local Community Network

**Minutes of a meeting of the Avalon & Polden Highways Working Group held
Wednesday 25 June 2025 10am, via Microsoft Teams**

Attendees:

Chair: Graham Croucher

Jenny Lawrence, Ashcott PC

Somerset Council Officers

Michelle Brooks Link Officer

Apologies:

Ian Bagg, Georgie Terry

1. Introductions (including any apologies for absence)

Apologies were received as noted above.

2. Actions from Last Meeting

Maintain and grow information for the A&P LCN Hwys - Add relevant links to the A&P LCN website: Crash / collision data, who does what and report it

Action: MB

Better visibility of planned highways works, highways mapping portal could help with this.

Action: LCN Officer / MB

Clarity on the future of Enhanced Highways

Action: MB

3. What is next for the Highways Working Group

The Chair and Jenny discussed the next steps for the working group, with a view to developing a forward plan:

- Flood preparedness for winter 2025/26 Managing A39 traffic diversions
- In the event of road closures / accidents along the Polden Ridge
- Section Ashcott – Bawdrip

- Improvements to the Confirm software functionality
- Delivery of projects Working Group to promote recent clarity of ways

4. Date of next meeting

Only 2 members of the working group were present, the Chair proposed a date to be circulated to the Avalon & Poldens Highways Working Group – 27 August 2025.

Action: Link Officer

Summary of Actions – see Annex A

Meeting closed at 10.45am

Annex A – Summary of Actions

| 25 June 2025 | Action | Who | Completed by |
|--------------|--|--------------|----------------------------------|
| | Draft notes and send to the Chair for approval, before circulating to all group members | Link Officer | |
| | Send Highways Map Portal of scheduled work to GC/GB & JL | MB | 1 July 2025 |
| | Clarity on the future of Enhanced Highways, circulate letter to co-chairs and add to the notes for all working group when circulated | Link Officer | Send to co-chairs 1 July 2025 |
| | Add relevant documentation to website page | MB | 1 July 2025 |
| | Local items / issues for discussion to be shared with the Co-Chairs & Link Officers | All | |