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MINUTES

Meeting of Lakenheath Parish Council 6th January 2025 held at the Methodist Church, Lakenheath

Present:

Cllr G Kelly (Chairman),

Cllr N Smith (Vice Chairman)

Cllr A Gyte

Cllr P Gyte

Cllr J Hastings

Cllr W Overy

Cllr M Rowntree

Cllr D Smith

In attendance: Sqn Ldr A Eaton, C/Cllr C Noble, C Shimmon (RFO),

N Glading (Parish Clerk) and five members of the public

2025/128 Chairman's welcome, confirmation of recording and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Cllr I Frost and Cllr Hugo.

2025/129 Public Participation: Representations from Members of the Public

Limited to 3 minutes each person: it is advised that generally no decisions will be made

(i) The Chairman introduced Mr Paul Rijckmans, who has taken the lead on litter picking in the village. Mr Rijckmans told the meeting that he is one of the `Wombles` in the village. In addition to the normal monthly litter picks, he is trying to organise a village spring clean in April, invoking residents community spirit, asking people to clean/ look after the front garden and footpath in front of their house, taking before and after photographs. There are some areas which need organisational effort, e.g. Station Road footpath is grassed over. An article to go into Lakenheath Times, posted on relevant Facebook pages, Noticeboards. Councillors supported this excellent idea.

2025/130 Reports & Questions

a. Update from Suffolk County Council Councillor, C/Cllr C Noble

The County Council is busy setting its budget, dealing with the increase in National Insurance.

Devolution: Extraordinary meeting this Thursday. Proposal is a combined authority covering Norfolk & Suffolk. Probable vote May 2026. Council elections May 2025 likely to be suspended. Current arrangement came into force in 1974 and the world has changed A big part is what is a local Mayor responsible for? Unitary authority would be responsible for e.g. strategic transport, strategic growth. Sub division of areas to be confirmed. There will be opportunities for LPC. Cllr Kelly confirmed that the government has broadcast that those who are early joiners in will get more of a say in the arrangements.

Q: How does this affect our new school?

A: Should have little effect, it is very frustrating, section 106 agreements are signed, planning has been given and need for a new school is there.

Q: Is it likely we will be joiners?

A: I cannot prejudice my position. I will produce blog. This is coming, due to government insistence.

Q: What about the money/budgets?

A: No funding will come from the government. This is not about government money. In the longer term, there will be a more efficient, streamlined structure in place but there are high initial costs, e.g., redundancies, computer systems, negotiation of contracts.

Q: If a District Council has a pool of money, will that pool of money just be absorbed?

A: Suffolk County Council is not running at a deficit. You could argue that the Districts are healthier than County, but not that much in the scale of things, plus the reserves of the Districts are relatively small.

C/Cllr Noble was reminded by the Lakenheath Times editor, Cllr D Smith, that the Spring deadline is 1st February.

C/Cllr Noble left the meeting

b. <u>Update from RAF representative Sqn Ldr Adam Eaton</u>

It is a US National Day of Mourning on Thursday, so it will be a no fly day. Drone activity before Christmas: firstly, thanks you all for your forbearance, it was a strange situation. Secondly, we are clearly not at war, it is illegal to fly drones over an airfield without express permission. One particular group has justifiable reason to fly drones. If

you do see any suspicious activity then please contact the Police, as it is a criminal activity. The perpetrators remain unknown.

Q: Suggest an article in the Lakenheath Times, for clarity.

A: Will produce an article with map and submit.

Sqn Ldr Adam Eaton left the meeting

c. Update from PC Andy Green, Suffolk Constabulary

No real issues, no burglaries, Caudle Avenue have deterred further Incidents.

Q: Speed Indicator Device: (information from SID is passed to Police). Volunteers were changing battery, as the verge is narrow, a risk assessment meant that a car is parked on the appropriate side of the of Eriswell road, to protect the volunteers, who are working approximately half a metre from oncoming vehicles moving at speed. A motorcyclist vehemently complained.

A: Must report this to the police in future, use common sense. It is not illegal.

In future, use the Gator, plus bollards.

Q: Do you do road safety for children? On 19th December a child ran straight out into the road. My husband was driving. I told the school. A: This happens outside every primary school. We remind schools once a month about road safety. It is really down to good parenting.

d. <u>Update from West Suffolk District Councillors</u> (D/Cllr T. Whitehand and or D/Cllr G Kelly) D/ Cllr Whitehand was not present.
 D/Cllr Kelly reported that in terms of Diff Two, applicants have been contacted with an offer, it is up to potential recipients to accept or reject. One examples of potential beneficiaries is an electric rickshaw;

the majority are solar panels and batteries on community halls.

2025/131 Matters relating to previous Minutes

a. The accuracy of the minutes of the Parish Council held in December 2024 were unanimously **AGREED** as an accurate record and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same.

2025/132 Financial Matters (Appendix A)

- a. The Bank Reconciliation was unanimously AGREED
- b. The Summary of Payments was unanimously AGREED
- c. Councillors discussed setting of the Precept for Financial Year 2025/26

 It was unanimously **AGREED** that the RFO would submit a precept

application at 2.9%. The Chairman and Clerk signed the precept request.

2025/133 Speed Indicator Devices and related Reports (Appendix B)

- a. Station Road SID Report (November 2024) was RECEIVED.
- b. Eriswell Road SID Report (November 2024) was **RECEIVED**.

Q: will there be a timed 20 mph limit at the new school? Suffolk County Council maintain that there won't be a problem with traffic, insisting that this comes from the Police.

PC Green will speak to the camera van speed team. The Speedwatch Team do have a CSW site at the building site entrance, however, it is not a safe place to stand. PC Green parks at Woodlands may be able to assist by arranging for the site to be improved. There is a noticeable decrease in speeding on Monday mornings, thought to be because drivers are aware that the Speedwatch team are out. It was noted that new repeater signs have been installed on Station Road.

c. Speedwatch Team Report: covered

2025/134 Matters related to Planning

- a. **NOTED** the decision from the recent Planning Sub Committee considerations:
 - (i) DC/24/1716/TCA Trees in a conservation area notification -a. one Sycamore (T1), nine Horse Chestnut (T2-T7, T9, T11 and T12), one Beech (T8), one Yew (T10) crown lift to 5.2 metres b. one Box (T13) fell at Hall Drive Lakenheath Suffolk Decision was to Approve
 - (ii) DC/24/1318/FUL conversion to respite facility: concerns around increase of vehicles

Decision: Objection withdrawn

2025/135 **Updates**

To receive reports/ updates from:

- a. Chairman
 - (i) Sign on the Green: no further information
- b. Clerk

(i) <u>Update on defibrillator at Sedge Fen:</u>

A Sedge Fen business, RST Irrigation, has agreed that the Sedge Fen defibrillator (which lacks electricity) may be re-sited at their premises. The clerk spoke to RST prior to Christmas, and was asked to shelve installation until RST return from their Christmas closure on 6th January 2025 (yesterday). Bell Engineering has been asked to quote for the work. Chairman agreed to go forward with the work as soon as possible. Cllr Overy suggested that an article go into Lakenheath Times. The management of the debs has been delegated to an individual and this needs to be reviewed at the next meeting.

(ii) <u>Triangle area planting:</u>

Deferred until February meeting

- (iii) <u>Persimmon Sponsorship offer</u>: (email sent to Cllrs 19/11/2024) The Chairman deferred this until later on in the meeting
 - (iv) <u>Update on Sedge Fen Church/ Village Hall</u>: The Chairman deferred this until later on in the meeting.
- (v) <u>Replacement of High Street bins</u> offered by West Suffolk Council: Bins are for litter and Dog waste. Clerk distributed pictures and Councillors **AGREED** on second (red top) option. Clerk to inform WSC. There are extra bins available: two bins have disappeared for unknown reasons. Clerk to inform WSC of the following locations for replacement/ extra bins:
 - 1. Hall Drive (entrance)
 - 2. Mutford Green
 - 3. B1112/ Undley Road Playpark (in the car park)
 - 4. The new Bennetts development at the top of Briscoe Way
- (vi) <u>Playground repairs</u>- to make good the wood surrounds and replenish bark: quotations to be taken under exemption
- c. <u>Lakenheath Times</u> (Cllr D Smith): I have already started on the next edition; submission deadline is 1st Feb 2025.

Include phone number for Community Policing number which is 101 or use the website.

d. <u>Neighbourhood Plan Committee</u>, including High Street Regeneration Scheme: Cllr N Smith- ongoing

- e. <u>Streetlights</u> installation of LED units and other refurbishment to the streetlighting units- no reported outages.
- f. Mobile network infrastructure (Cllr I Frost had given apologies)
- g. Christmas 2024 Decorations (Appendix C)

Cllr J Hastings reported that decorating the High Street this year proved most challenging with several storms and bad weather which resulted in a lot of repairs and replacements of decorations. Both Hall Drive Tree & the Church Tree worked very well and were prominent and well lit. The Molas event went ahead and was well received by everyone. Thanks to all those volunteers that helped out on the day and particularly to Molas for their hospitality. The Village Sign decorations worked well thanks to Nicky and again was a welcome addition to lights at that end of the village. Icicle Lights for Shops and businesses- I think this can be celebrated as a success as nearly all took part and displayed them well. Thank you to Cllrs Nick and Denise Smith for their hard work in organising and planning this. The soldiers on the posts stayed up and looked impressive.

The not so good parts were the flag poles and flags blowing down and banners being torn from the fixings, but these are issues we will look at for next year.

All in all, not quite as good as we had hoped for but the problems were really beyond our control. The Christmas team hope to have all the decorations removed this week and over the next month will hold a debrief meeting to discuss events.

The Chairman commented that this year was an improvement on last year.

h. <u>LPC Facebook page</u> Cllr M Rowntree told the meeting that Lakenheath Times is a huge success- in a similar way, Facebook has had less push back. Both have been a great way of getting messages out.

A parishioner had posted wishing the PC a happy new year, thanking the PC for everything they do in the background.

2025/136 Matters relating to Lakenheath Cemetery (Appendix D)

a. The Report from the LPC Cemetery Committee was **RECEIVED**Cllr Hastings had been asked to pass on compliments from a parishioner, the cemetery is looking better than ever.

The fence belonging to the Housing Association needs to be replaced. Clerk to write.

2025/137 Matters relating to the Play area

- a. The December 2024 Playground Inspection Report was **RECEIVED**. It was **NOTED** that the Skatepark Report has been sent to the LPFA Chairman.
- b. Carpark refurbishment- waiting for quote from West Suffolk.

2025/138 Correspondence and Items for Future Meetings

- a. Correspondence
 - (i) White paper- Devolution sent to all cllrs 17/12/2024
 - (ii) Disappearance of red dog bin email to cllrs 30/1/2024

2025/139 <u>Such other business which, in the opinion of the Chairman</u>, should be considered as a matter of urgency

Cllr A Gyte feels that the tree stump on the green needs grinding and removing. Joshua Tree had reacted quickly in an emergency situation.

2025/140 Information: none

2025/141 MATTERS TO BE TAKEN UNDER EXEMPTION

The public left the meeting Cllr W Overy left the meeting

Meeting closed 9pm

Appendix A

LAKENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT JANUARY 2025

- a. Please find bank reconciliation for month end 30 th November 2024 attached.
- b. Please find a summary of payments, for authorisation attached.
- c. The Tax Base Figures is yet to be confirmed by West Suffolk Council but the precept request has been completed as approved at the December 2024 meeting with a 2.90% increase to the Parish Council's element of the council tax bill. Once authorised, Chairman and Clerk to sign please.

Clare Shimmon Responsible Financial Officer

Bank Reconciliation 30th November 2024

Balance at 31.10.2024	£436,293.38
Uncleared payments from previous period	£597.41
	£435,695.97
Income	£2,956.27
	£438,652.24
Less Expenditure (Chqs, Online Pmts + D/Ds)	£16,231.82
	£422,420.42
Represented by:	
Balance in Current Account	£2,243.36
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	£35,721.10
Balance in Unity Trust Bank Deposit Account	£79,720.08
Balance in Nationwide Deposit Account	£86,866.60
Balance in Cambridge Building Society	£82,259.68
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account -	
Speedwatch	£652.71
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account - NP	£0.00
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account -	
Lakenheath Times	£6,163.89
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account - Street	
Lighting	£129,329.28
	£422,956.70
Less Payments not Presented	
HMRC	£536.28
	£536.28

£422,420.42

LAKENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

6th January 2025

		COUNCIL	bili January 2025	
Date	Transaction	Payee	Description of Supply	Amount
Receipts				
November			Interest Payments	£304.17
November			Lakenheath Times Advertising	£492.10
November			Cemetery Cottage Rent	£950.00
November			Cemetery Fees	£1,210.00
Payments				
Made				
06.12.2024	Debit Card	Amazon	Bags & Tape	£5.99
12.12.2024	Debit Card	Amazon	Paper	£16.69
16.12.2024	Direct Debit	EDF Energy	Electricity - Cemetery Chapel	£33.00
24.12.2024	Online	Staff	Salary Payments - December	£2,636.91
07.01.2025	Direct Debit	British Gas	Electricity - Public Toilets	£68.95
10.01.2025	Online	BT Payment Services	Parish Office Telephone & Broadband	£89.96
10.01.2025	Online	Michael Murfet	Mole Catcher - Lakenheath Cemetery Open & Closing Public Toilets & Cemetery Work - December	£65.00 £331.76
10.01.2025	Online	Sunrise Cleaning	Village Cleaning - September & October	£405.00
10.01.2025	Online	Cllr D Smith (reimbursement)	Christmas Thank you - Lakenheath Times Printers	£50.00
10.01.2025	Online	Lakenheath Peace Memorial Hall	Hall Hire - 19th December 2024	£18.00
10.01.2025	Online	Cllr N Smith (reimbursement)	Christmas Thank You - Christmas Volunteers	£48.60
10.01.2025	Online	Cllr J Hastings (reimbursement)	Christmas Banners	£44.70
10.01.2025	Online	R H Landscapes & Maintenance Services Ltd	Village Maintenance	£720.00
10.01.2025	Online	R A Cash	Cemetery Cottage -Door & Window Repairs	£367.00
10.01.2025	Online	Anglian Water	Wings Road Public Conveniences	£110.08
10.01.2025	Online	Wing Song	Performance - Christmas Light Switch On	£50.00
10.01.2025	Online	Cllr P Gyte (reimbursement)	Christmas Thank You - Christmas Volunteers	£28.99
10.01.2025	Online	G Bell	Christmas Thank You - Christmas Volunteer	£50.00
10.01.2025	Online	Homefix Express	Cemetery Cottage - Call Out / Toilet Repair	£90.00
10.01.2025	Online	Cllr A Gyte (reimbursement)	Christmas Tree Lights	£79.99
10.01.2025	Online	Birketts LLP	Professional Services	£345.60
10.01.2025	Online	N Glading (Clerk reimbursement)	Land Registry, Mobile Phone, Google Storage, Postage & Lakenheath Times Volunteers Christmas Thank You	£78.25

Lakenheath Parish Council

	Actual	Budget	Projected Year	Proposal	%	
	2023/24	2024/25	End	2025/26	+/-	
			03/2025		,	
Receipts						
Cemetery	5,595	5,000	2,500	3,000	-40%	1
Other (Inc. Bank Interest,	29,367	20,000	167,000	47,000	276%	2
Grants & VAT)	7	,,,,,,	,,,,,,,	,		
·	34,962	25,000	169,500	50,000	100%	
Payments						
Staff	62,740	30,000	35,000	34,000	13%	3
Village Keeping		13,000	15,000	15,000	15%	4
Cottage/Chapel	17,363	10,000	8,000	5,000	-50%	5
Cemetery	4,304	10,000	5,000	15,000	50%	6
Street Lighting	48,181	53,000	100,000	116,000	100%	7
Admin	6,169	3,500	5,000	4,500	28%	8
Insurance	3,421	3,000	3,700	4,000	33%	9
Subscriptions	1,105	1,200	1,200	1,200	0%	
Training	60	500	100	500	0%	
Newsletter	11,092	7,500	9,600	12,000	60%	10
Grants	6,541	12,000	6,000	12,000	0%	
Playground	11,527	25,000	20,000	25,000	0%	
Village Facilities	21,278	12,000	20,000	17,500	45%	11
St Mary's	320	10,000	1,000	10,000	0%	
VAT	19,569	42,500	35,000	40,000	0%	
Professional Fees	4,221	5,000	16,000	10,000	0%	12
Neighbourhood Plan/High St	1,732	9,000	1,000	9,000	0%	
Regeneration						
Trees		8,000	6,000	6,000	-25%	
Green Spaces	692	1,000	1,000	500	-50%	
	188,580	256,200	286,600	337,200	31.6%	
Reserves						
Earmarked Reserves						
Street Lighting		25,000	107,000	20,000		13
St Marys		13,000	13,000	13,000		
Cemetery Cottage/Chapel		5,000	5,000	5,000		
Training		1,000	1,000	1,000		
Children's Play Area		5,000	5,000	5,000		
General Reserves		58,500	36,900	26,950		14
		107,500	167,900	70,950		
Precept		177,500	177,500	190,250		
Projected Income		25,000	169,500	50,000		
Decrease/Increase Reserves		(53,700)	60,400	(96,950)		
Projected Expenditure		(256,200)	(286,600)	(337,200)		

PRECEPT SETTING 2025/26

1	Administration	Clerk/RFO Admin Insurance Subscriptions Professional Fees	£34,000.00 £4,500.00 £4,000.00 £1,200.00 £10,000.00 £53,700.00
2	Cemetery	Cottage/Chapel Cemetery	£5,000.00 £15,000.00 £20,000.00
3	Disused Churchyard/Memorials	St Marys	£10,000.00
4	General Services	Village Keeping Trees / Green Spaces Village Facilities	£15,000.00 £6,500.00 £17,500.00 £39,000.00
5	Grants to Other Bodies	Grants	£2,000.00
6	Leisure Services/Sports Facilities	Playground/Playingfields	£30,000.00
7	Other Expenses	Training Newsletter VAT NP/High Street Reg	£500.00 £12,000.00 £40,000.00 £9,000.00 £61,500.00
8	Street Lighting	Street Lighting	£116,000.00
9	Village/Memorial Hall/Other Property	Village Hall	£5,000.00
10	Transfer to/from Reserves TOTAL	Decrease Reserves	£337,200.00 £96,950.00 £240,250.00

Appendix B November 2024 SID Report Station Road

On 15 June 2023 at 10:00 the new SID was installed on the B1112 on the pole located on Station Road. The SID was positioned to monitor traffic coming into Lakenheath from Wangford.

Traffic speed and counts were measured from 00:00 on 31 October 2024 up until 23:59:59 on 30 November 2024. The measurement point **is 450m past** the point where the 30MPH zone starts.

There were between 2900 and 3700 vehicles per weekday passing this point heading into Lakenheath.

There were between 1900 and 2300 vehicles per day over the weekend heading into Lakenheath.

The busiest times during the week are 07:45-08:45 (Avg. 266 cars p/h) and 16:00-17:00 (Avg. 336 cars p/h).

The 85th Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below **33.8 MPH** past his point.

The 50th Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below 28.1 MPH past his point.

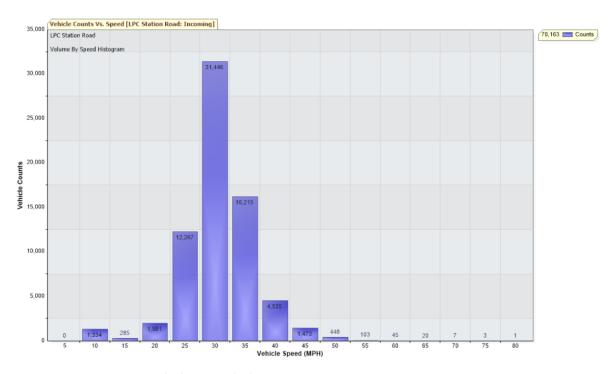
The fastest speed recorded this month was 80MPH (x1), 75MPH (x3), 70MPH (x7). There were 627 vehicles exceeding 50MPH. Due to the battery voltage falling below operational limits and not enough sunshine for the solar panel to recharge the battery, the SID did not monitor traffic for one week (04/11 to 10/11)

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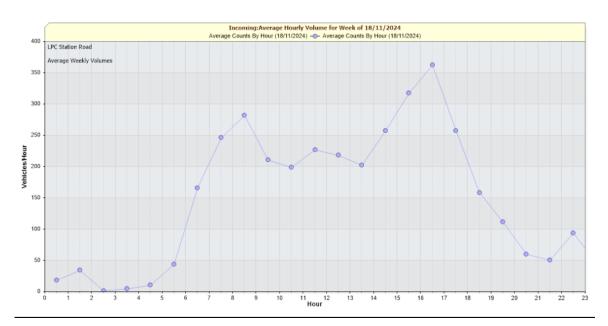
- Speed vs vehicle counts at the point listed above.
- Typical hourly volumes passing this point
- Typical daily volumes passing this point.
- Speed exceedances of 35MPH for this period

The Battery measured 11.9V on 03/12/2024.

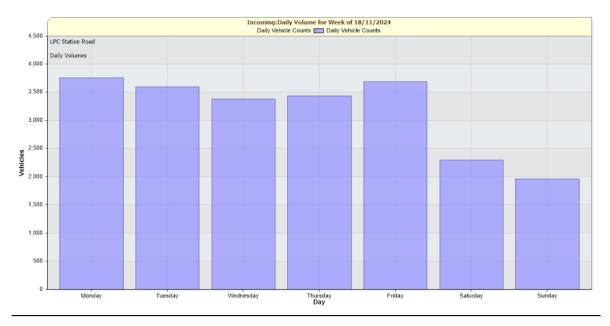
For the most effective use of the Solar PV panel, and safe access for operations personnel, a pole should be erected at https://what3words.com/shun.petty.plank and the SID and PV moved to this location. Safe access to SID via Woodlands Drive.



31/10/2024 to 30/11/2024 on Station Road - Traffic from Wangford



Average hourly volumes heading into Lakenheath from Wangford



Typical daily volumes heading into Lakenheath from Wangford

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0 - 1	3	1	6	4	4	11	3
2 - 2	0	1	4	1	8	9	6
2 - 3	1	3	0	5	8	7	5
3 - 4	2	1	5	2	5	1	3
4 - 5	9	12	6	13	6	11	3
5 - 6	26	46	34	33	23	13	7
6 - 7	50	65	78	73	80	32	8
7 - 8	59	60	68	69	82	61	8
8 - 9	25	32	63	58	73	74	33
9 - 10	26	44	54	48	67	64	35
10 - 11	49	51	38	43	57	71	35
11 - 12	42	33	43	28	66	58	35
12 - 13	60	32	78	61	75	49	29
13 - 14	59	38	41	57	63	52	50
14 - 15	53	36	73	67	74	74	52
15 - 16	72	73	64	72	103	76	48
16 - 17	59	56	60	63	91	48	39
17 - 18	52	59	43	53	52	35	32
18 - 19	52	45	68	51	59	34	27
19 - 20	35	38	42	26	64	35	40
20 - 21	33	31	32	24	47	42	31
21 - 22	22	27	37	25	45	27	12
22 - 23	21	20	19	22	36	27	6
23 - 24	17	29	24	18	19	16	13
Totals	827	833	980	916	1207	927	560

Exceeding Speed of 35MPH - November 2024

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November 2024 SID Report Eriswell Road

On 28 June 2024 at 11:00 the new SID was installed on the B1112 on the pole located on Eriswell Road. The SID was positioned just after the entrance to the pavilion to monitor traffic coming into Lakenheath from Lords Walk.

Traffic speed and counts were measured from 00:00 on 30 October 2024 up until 23:59 on 29 November 2024. The measurement point is **740m past** the point where the 30MPH zone starts.

There were between 3700 and 4300 vehicles per weekday passing this point heading into Lakenheath.

There were between 2300 and 2700 vehicles per day over the weekend heading into Lakenheath.

The busiest times during the week are 07:45-08:45 (Avg. 211 cars p/h) and 16:00-17:00 (Avg. 431 cars p/h).

The 85th Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below 29.9 MPH past his point.

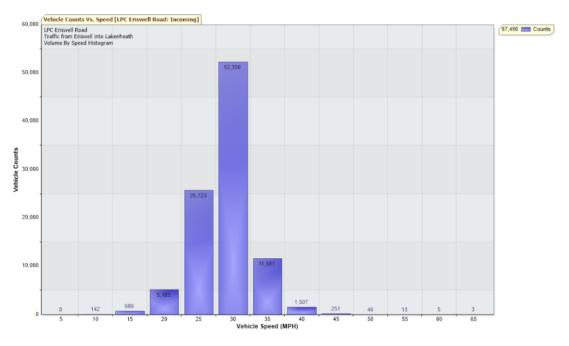
The 50th Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below 26.6 MPH past his point.

The fastest speed recorded this month was 65MPH (x3). There were 69 cars exceeding 50 MPH.

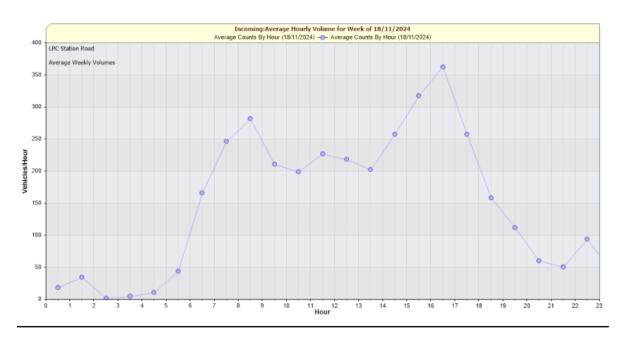
The next pages show:

- Speed vs vehicle counts at the point listed above.
- Typical hourly volumes passing this point
- Typical daily volumes passing this point.
- Speed exceedances of 35MPH for this period

The SID Battery measured 12.1V on 30/11/2024.

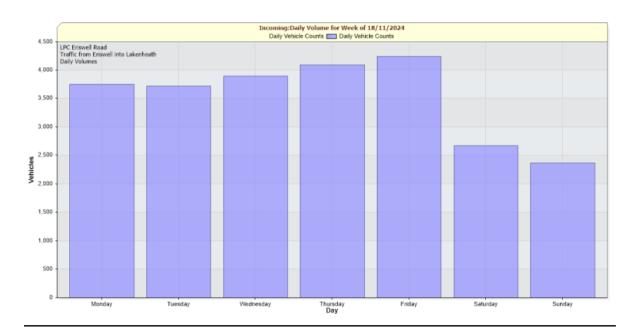


31/10/2024 to 29/11/2024 on Eriswell Road - Traffic from Lords Walk (*)



Average hourly volumes heading into Lakenheath from Lords Walk

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Typical daily volumes heading into Lakenheath from Lords Walk

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0 - 1	12	8	17	9	11	7	11
2 - 2	3	6	6	3	2	4	4
2 - 3	2	1	1	3	1	9	5
3 - 4	2	2	1	1	4	7	6
4 - 5	4	5	7	5	2	7	8
5 - 6	15	9	12	14	15	6	1
6 - 7	20	17	29	20	17	15	17
7 - 8	11	19	30	35	17	16	5
8 - 9	16	1	12	17	14	19	14
9 - 10	7	13	13	13	9	10	19
10 - 11	11	9	15	11	7	13	19
11 - 12	12	12	14	18	10	15	9
12 - 13	6	5	20	14	8	8	16
13 - 14	12	9	7	10	5	10	18
14 - 15	10	8	21	8	4	20	21
15 - 16	8	5	7	6	4	8	20
16 - 17	1	8	4	6	8	16	10
17 - 18	6	10	9	1	5	13	13
18 - 19	9	7	6	11	5	14	21
19 - 20	17	15	8	10	19	13	18
20 - 21	14	11	24	17	19	11	12
21 - 22	10	22	20	6	18	8	10
22 - 23	5	15	12	13	11	11	10
23 - 24	3	11	10	11	11	16	6
Totals	216	228	305	262	226	276	293

Exceeding Speed of 35MPH - November 2024

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Appendix C Christmas report

Cllr J Hastings reported that decorating the High Street this year proved most challenging with several storms and bad weather which resulted in a lot of repairs and replacements of decorations. Both Hall Drive Tree & the Church Tree worked very well and were prominent and well lit. The Molas event went ahead and was well received by everyone. Thanks to all those volunteers that helped out on the day and particularly to Molas for their hospitality. The Village Sign decorations worked well thanks to Nicky and again was a welcome addition to lights at that end of the village. Icicle Lights for Shops and businesses-I think this can be celebrated as a success as nearly all took part and displayed them well. Thank you to Cllrs Nick and Denise Smith for their hard work in organising and planning this. The soldiers on the posts stayed up and looked impressive.

The not so good parts were the flag poles and flags blowing down and banners being torn from the fixings, but these are issues we will look at for next year.

All in all, not quite as good as we had hoped for but the problems were really beyond our control.

The Christmas team hope to have all the decorations removed this week and over the next month will hold a debrief meeting to discuss events.

The Chairman commented that this year was an improvement on last year.

Appendix D Cemetery Report <u>Trees</u>- During the last few weeks the trees down the main avenue of the cemetery have been pollarded and now look tidy and fresh. The cut back has not interfered with the nesting boxes so we hope these will still be in good use. <u>Leaves</u>- We seem to have these now under control after the working party removed the mountain of leaves at the bottom near the hedges. The committee are planning to purchase an industrial size leaf blower/collector asap.

<u>Fencing</u>- We are going to replace several panels of fencing in the new part of the cemetery as the gaps seem to encourage the children to come through. The resident's fence at the rear of the cottage garden storage area needs replacing for security reasons.

The cemetery looks as well as possible for this time of year although the deer have pulled out a number of the floral tributes but the graves look well attended and very festive.