

WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Lighting Committee Meeting held on Monday 3rd February 2014 at 7.30pm in Russell House, Market Square, Westerham

Present: Councillors: Mrs L Rodgers (LR) Chair
Mr D Le Breton (DIB)
Mr N Moore (NM)
Mr S Wilkie (SW)
Mr R Buckley (RB)

In attendance: Assistant Clerk: Mrs D Rogers (DR)
One members of the public

Item		Action
1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> None	
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u> None	
3.	<u>Minutes of the Meeting on 25th November 2013</u> Were approved at the Council meeting on 9 th December 2013.	
4.	<u>Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</u> None	
5.	<p><u>Highways</u></p> <p><u>5.1 CRASH/Crockham Hill speeding</u> The SID is now working. Cllr Wilkie commented that the SID positioned at the South end of road (nearer to Edenbridge) is very slow to activate. Assistant Clerk to discuss with KCC whether the activation sensor can be improved.</p> <p><u>5.2 M25 Widening – Junctions 5 – 7</u> All eight superspan gantries were now in place. Night-time entry and exit slip road closures along the M25 between Junctions 5 and 7 continued. However, there had been no further complaints received from residents regarding noise, traffic, or damage to properties due to traffic being re-routed and travelling through the Westerham High Street.</p> <p><u>5.3 KCC Lorry Watch</u> A meeting had taken place on 7th February, with Tim Middleton (TM) Freight Officer, KCC, Cllr Rodgers, The Clerk and Assistant Clerk. A draft signing proposal from TM was circulated for discussion. The proposal was to install improved signage within the Town regarding the weight restriction on London</p>	DR

	<p>Road and to direct vehicles travelling to the Industrial Estate via Beggars Lane. Members of the Committee agreed to the proposal pending clarification that the sign by Costa Coffee will be pointing down the High Street and not London Road. Assistant Clerk to clarify with TM.</p> <p>A further Lorry Watch campaign will take place in March/April 2014. The Assistant Clerk to contact volunteers and include Lorry Watch article in the March Newsletter.</p> <p><u>5.4 Drainage Issues</u></p> <p>The Clerk had spoken to KCC regarding further flooding of Croydon Road. Smith Lane leak had not been resolved despite East Surrey Water Company (ESWC) visiting the site. Assistant Clerk to contact Jamie Finch for a resolution and to request an additional gully.</p> <p><u>5.5 Highways Fund</u></p> <p>Richard Parry had agreed that the bollards in the Town would be repainted.</p> <p><u>5.6 Campaign for 20mph speed limit and Brasted PC traffic petition</u></p> <p>No further update.</p> <p><u>5.7 Westerham Hill – Accidents</u></p> <p>No further update.</p> <p><u>5.8 Parking in Westerham – Parking Working Group</u></p> <p>The proposal for a 15 minutes “Pop & Shop” had not been accepted by SDC. However there will be up to three hours free at Darent Car Park.</p> <p>Cllr Rodgers, The Clerk, and Jane Hunter (JH), Westerham Town Partnership, had met with Oliver Porritt, Sevenoaks Chronicle, to discuss their disappointment on the outcome of the parking review consultation. An article will appear in the local paper shortly. An email from JH to SDC regarding the car parking proposals was circulated for comments. H&L Committee agreed to the email and will formulate their own response.</p> <p><u>5.9 Speed Checks</u></p> <p>A speed check was carried out in London Road Westerham on 2 January, between 08:50 and 09:30hrs. 1 motorist was exceeding the 30mph speed limit during this time.</p> <p><u>5.10 Madan Road Parking</u></p> <p>It was noted by Committee that this item had been passed to APOS.</p> <p><u>5.11 Government Consultation on Local Parking Strategies</u></p> <p>Committee to provide feedback by 13th February. Cllr Rodgers and Assistant Clerk will then complete the survey on behalf of the H&L Committee.</p> <p><u>5.12 KCC Road Reduction Strategies Consultation</u></p> <p>Committee to provide feedback by 13th February. Cllr Rodgers and Assistant Clerk will then complete the survey on behalf of the H&L Committee.</p> <p><u>5.13 Christmas Tree – Crockham Hill Gardens</u></p> <p>The residents of Crockham Hill had requested a Christmas Tree with lights within Crockham Hill Gardens for Christmas 2014. The residents would fund the tree, lights and electricity. However, there was no electricity supply near to the site where the tree will be positioned. Therefore a micro trench was required on/near to Smiths Lane to enable power to the Christmas tree. The Committee was happy to support the project further to costs being received for work to Highway. Assistant Clerk and Cllr Wilkie to discuss further with KCC and obtain quote for work.</p> <p><u>5.14 Black Eagle Close – Parking</u></p> <p>Cllr Moore, reported that a resident had raised concern about double parking and it stopping emergency vehicle access to Black Eagle Close. The resident had asked about more yellow lines being painted along one side of the road.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>DR</p> <p>DR</p> <p>LR</p> <p>DR/LR</p> <p>DR/LR</p> <p>DR/SW</p>
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	<p>Cllr Rodgers advised that this issue had been raised previously by residents who after investigation by WTC had decided not to proceed with their request for further yellow lines being painted as this would have greatly reduced the amount of car parking space available to them. Cllr Moore to speak with the resident and highlight the pro's and cons of more yellow lines in Black Eagle Close.</p>	NM
6.	<p><u>Street Lighting</u> <u>6.1 Lighting Repairs</u> Minor Repairs had been undertaken. Priority 1 items of Maintenance Inspection Report almost complete. <u>6.2 New Light for Westerham – London Road</u> Light installed and working. <u>6.3 Smiths Lane, Crockham Hill</u> KCC had now confirmed ownership of street lights in Smith's Lane. Once the lights had been fixed, the Clerk will look into WTC taking ownership of them. <u>6.4 KCC Part night Consultation</u> This will only affect Black Eagles Close. Residents had been given a KCC leaflet regarding the KCC part night consultation.</p>	AH
7.	<p><u>Sevenoaks District Council</u> <u>7.1 Sevenoaks Joint Transport Board Meeting - 11.12.13</u> Agenda and Minutes from meeting were available from the Assistant Clerk if any Committee Member required a copy. <u>7.2 SDC Questionnaire for Parking Restrictions Results</u> No further update from SDC at present. <u>7.3 Oak Road – Parking Issues</u> West Kent Housing Association were looking into the cost of concreting & grass crete. The Clerk to get quotes for the work. <u>7.4 Parking for Motorcycles in Westerham</u> No further update.</p>	AH
8.	<p><u>Consultations</u> None</p>	
9.	<p><u>Financial Statement to 30th October 2013</u> The Financial Statement had been circulated and there were no queries.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Correspondence</u> None</p>	
11.	<p><u>Reports from Councillors</u> Cllr Rodgers reported that the application for the new Sainsbury's and Tesco Supermarket's will be discussed further at a Development Control Committee Meeting on 27 February at 7pm, SDC Offices. Sainsbury's had confirmed to WTC that Sainsbury's delivery vehicles to the Edenbridge store would route from the M25 J6 then via the A22, B2029 and B2028 via Lingfield in order to reach the store from the South, thus avoiding Westerham and Crockham Hill.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Newsletter and web-site</u> March– Lorry Watch Update & KCC online Pothole reporting tool.</p>	DR
13.	<p><u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u></p>	

	To be copied into all correspondence regarding parking in Westerham	
14.	<u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u> Action points from meeting with Steven Noad, Traffic Engineer, KCC, Cllr Rodgers and Assistant Clerk to be circulated to committee members.	DR
15.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> Monday 28 April 2014	

The meeting was concluded at 9.06 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:
Chairman