

## WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Lighting Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 24th November 2014 at 7.30pm in Russell House, Market  
Square, Westerham

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

In attendance: Assistant Clerk: Mrs D Rogers (DR)  
11 Members of the public

Item		Action
1.	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> Cllr Wilkie due to business commitment	
2.	<b><u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u></b> None	
3.	<b><u>Minutes of the Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014</u></b> were approved at the Council meeting on 13 October 2014.	
4.	<b><u>Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</u></b> None.	
5.	<p><b><u>Highways</u></b></p> <p><b><u>5.1 Lorry Watch</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BP Tanker delivery route to Wolfe Garage, London Road</b> Following a complaint by a resident, BP had reviewed its delivery route for tankers delivering to Wolfe Garage. BP will now be re-enforcing the primary route instructions to its drivers to use Beggars Lane and not London Road unless there is a problem on Beggars Lane such as an accident or road closure. The Town Council had thanked the resident for raising the issue with BP.</li> <li>• <b>Lorries on the A25 at Westerham</b> The Council had received a number of complaints from residents regarding the large number of lorries using the A25. There are two developments locally that are contributing to the increase in heavy earth moving lorries, one at Cherry Lodge Golf Course, Biggin Hill and the other is at Westerham Golf Course, Brasted. Both developments will be continuing into 2015.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>5.2 Speed Checks/Watch</u></b></p>	

	<p>Cllr Rodgers requested more volunteers for Speed Watch. All Speed Watch volunteers had been trained. A speed board had been loaned from SDC and the locations had been risk assessed by Kent police. The volunteers were now organising speed watch sessions.</p> <p><b><u>5.3 Drainage Issues</u></b> Smith's Lane drainage issues continue.</p> <p><b><u>5.4 Parking in Westerham (Parking Working Group)</u></b> Westerham Parking Review Report from SDC was noted. SDC were proposing more yellow lines within the Town (Item 7.3). Concerns were raised that any proposals will reduce parking spaces in an area that already had a shortage of parking spaces.</p> <p><b><u>5.5 Christmas Tree Lights – Crockham Hill Gardens</u></b> WTC would not be able to assist with funding for this project.</p> <p><b><u>5.6 KCC Highways and Transport Survey 2014</u></b> Feedback was received from Committee Members. The survey will be completed by the Assistant Clerk and Cllr Rodgers and submitted prior to the deadline of 19 December.</p> <p><b><u>5.7 Salt Bags &amp; Bins Winter 2014</u></b> The Town Council will receive a 1 ton salt bag from SDC. It will be delivered to Darenth Gardens. The KCC salt bin criteria was noted. Requests for new salt bins must be sent to KCC by Spring 2015. KCC grit bins will be filled once and then only if resources allow.</p> <p><b><u>5.8 Lollypop Person</u></b> No further update.</p> <p><b><u>5.9 New Road Crockham Hill – Request for two way mirrors</u></b> A request had been made to KCC.</p> <p><b><u>5.10 Brasted Landfill Site (Westerham Golf Club)</u></b> A complaint had been received from a resident about the lorries coming in and out of Keltbray and the damage they are causing to the roads. WTC to request that Westerham Road, A25 be cleaned more than once a day. WTC to write again to Cllr Parry on the effect the earth moving lorries are having on the towns roads.</p> <p><b><u>5.11 Beggars Lane Road Closure</u></b> Beggars Lane had been closed from 17<sup>th</sup> November for emergency repairs by KCC. There had been an increase in traffic using London Road. KCC had given assurance that the road will be re-opened by 27 November.</p> <p><b><u>5.12 Goodley Stock Road</u></b> A number of residents attended the meeting to discuss the advisory signage for HGV's that had recently been installed by KCC at the Crockham Hill end of Hosey Common Road. Since it had gone up the residents felt that the number of HGV's using Goodley Stock Road had increased. The residents made a request for the same signage at both ends of Goodley Stock Road. Cllr Rodgers advised that WTC supported the request and had put in a request to KCC for advisory signage. However, KCC had advised that due to budget cuts they no longer had the ability to pay for signage unless there is a history of crashes at the site and the intervention would reduce these. KCC were currently only considering new works that were deemed safety critical. KCC had advised the Town Council that they had no record of crashes involving HGV's in the last 3 years at Goodley Stock Road and therefore the location would not gain priority funding at the current time. Cllr Rodgers advised that the Town Council had recently become aware that</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>DR</p>
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	<p>the Police do not always advise KCC of crashes happening therefore KCC would not have an accurate crash record. Cllr Rodgers advised the residents present at the meeting to report any accidents direct to KCC and copy WTC into the information.</p> <p>The request for speed restrictions for Goodley Stock Road was discussed at the meeting. It was noted that the national speed limit of 60mph applied to Goodley Stock Road.</p> <p>Cllr Rodgers advised that WTC will contact Cllr Parry to request advisory signage via the local member fund.</p> <p>Assistant Clerk to obtain costings from TM on advisory signage.</p> <p><b><u>5.13 Speed Sign A25/Goodley Stock Road Junction</u></b></p> <p>A meeting had been requested with Steven Noad, Traffic Engineer, KCC to discuss sight lines at Goodley Stock Road and replacing the existing 30mph SID on the A25 with a sign that shows a drivers speed.</p> <p>Request Mr Warde cuts hedges to improve sight lines. Assistant Clerk to contact.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>DR</p> <p>DR</p>
6.	<p><b><u>Street Lighting</u></b></p> <p><b><u>6.1 Lighting Repairs</u></b></p> <p>Minor Repairs had been undertaken.</p> <p><b><u>6.2 Request for New Light for Oak Road</u></b></p> <p>Street Lighting Contractor would be carrying out a site visit this week.</p> <p><b><u>6.3 Haven Power Contact Renewal</u></b></p> <p>Noted</p> <p><b><u>6.4 New Light along footpath SR344</u></b></p> <p>Street Lighting Contractor would be carrying out a site visit this week.</p>	
7.	<p><b><u>Sevenoaks District Council</u></b></p> <p><b><u>7.1 Sevenoaks Joint Transport Board Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Rodgers and Cllr Buckley had planned to attend KALC Area Committee Meeting to discuss HGV's. However, the meeting had been cancelled at short notice.</p> <p><b><u>7.2 Oak Road – Parking Issues</u></b></p> <p>No further update.</p> <p><b><u>7.3 Proposed Waiting Restrictions in Consultation</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Bartlett &amp; Delagarde Road</u></b> No public attended the meeting. If residents were happy with the proposals WTC supported the proposed changes.</li> <li>• <b><u>Black Eagle Close</u></b> Several residents attended the meeting to raise their concerns about the proposals of double yellow lines. Residents present at the meeting felt more yellow lines were not necessary and would make the situation worse. WTC does not support the proposals however the Town Council felt that the existing double yellow lines if extended slightly on both sides only in line with the edge of Osprey House may help to improve sight lines.</li> <li>• <b><u>Farley Nursery and Westbury Terrace</u></b> Several residents attended the meeting to raise their concerns about the proposals of double yellow lines. Cllr Rodgers attended the site today (24<sup>th</sup>) and found that none of the residents she spoke to supported the proposal. WTC does not support the proposal.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b><u>The Green</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Minor amendment to parking bays to create a gap</u></b> WTC fully supports the proposal as it will help the disabled and those with prams to access the path across the Green more easily.</li> <li>• <b><u>Relocation of existing police bay outside Costa (No1)</u></b> The mobile police vehicle was no longer required on the Green. Police sessions are held at Wolfe Garage, London Road. Feedback from Traders was that the change would cause problems with access and was not wanted. WTC felt that the reason for the change was no longer valid and if the change went ahead would cause difficulties with vehicular access for traders around the Green therefore WTC does not support the proposal.</li> <li>• <b><u>The Paddock – request for disabled bay</u></b> If there is a need for a disabled parking bay and the resident meets the criteria for one WTC supported the proposal.</li> </ul> <p>WTC to write to Companies at Osprey House, Brewery House and Falcon House to request that staff park in their office car parks.</p> <p><b><u>7.4 Path Across The Green</u></b> See 7.3</p> <p><b><u>7.5 Free parking dates for Christmas</u></b> Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov from 5pm, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December.</p>	DR
8.	<p><b><u>Consultations</u></b> None</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014</u></b> Noted.</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>Budget 2015/16</u></b> Proposed 2015/16 budget agreed by Committee.</p>	
11.	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p><b><u>11.1 M25 Motorway Night Work Junctions 5-6, November 14 – Spring 2015</u></b> Noted</p> <p><b><u>11.2 Notes from KCC Highways Seminar – 17 November</u></b> Notes taken by the Clerk were circulated and noted by Committee.</p>	
12.	<p><b><u>Reports from Councillors</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Rodgers discussed Westerham Town Council's Lighting Strategy. WTC currently had sodium lamps throughout Westerham. Our lighting contractor had advised that to replace (not convert) lanterns with LED versions involved a five year payback on the investment. The Council would explore LED lighting further in the future.</p> <p>The Council were currently awaiting the results of this year's Street Light Inspection report. The Chair of H&amp;L requested agreement from the Committee that the Chair and Assistant Clerk could proceed with scheduling works for Priority 1's items identified in the Inspection report once it is received. Priority 1 items were high risk issues that may be a hazard to public safety. Committee agreed with this request.</p> <p>Cllr Breton raised the issue of a shelter for the bus stop outside the Commodore Restaurant on the High Street. The Committee noted the request but felt that it was not practical.</p>	

13.	<b><u>Newsletter and web-site</u></b> Reporting traffic accidents to KCC	
14.	<b><u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u></b> Brasted landfill Site (Westerham Golf Club)	
15.	<b><u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u></b> New Salt Bin Request – KCC	
16.	<b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b> Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2015	

The meeting was concluded at 9.58 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman