

WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Lighting Committee Meeting held on
Monday 2nd February 2015 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)
4 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 24th November 2014</u> Approved at the Council meeting on 8 December 2014.	
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 Speed Watch Campaign</u> Westerham's speed watch volunteers carried out a roadside observation on the 15th December 2014 and recorded 71 observations of speeding vehicles. These observations generated three letters of advice, issued by Kent Police. The Town Council thanked the speed watch team for the valuable contribution to help improve local safety in the community. Further speed watch observations are planned during the spring/summer months.</p> <p><u>5.2 Drainage Issues</u> Cllr Wilke reported that the Smiths Lane water leak had been resolved.</p> <p><u>5.3 Parking in Westerham (Parking Working Group)</u> Cllr Rodgers reported that a meeting with SDC had taken place to discuss the Darent overflow Car Park. SDC had agreed in principle to pay for improvements to the overflow car park, e.g permanent fencing and grass crete. Action: The Clerk to follow up.</p> <p><u>5.4 Request for new Salt Bins Winter 2015</u> A request had been received from a resident in Darent Gardens for a Salt Bin.</p>	AH

	<p>After discussion it was agreed by the H&L Committee to request a salt bin for Darent Gardens and also Crockham Hill. Assistant Clerk to submit requests to KCC.</p> <p><u>5.5 Brasted Landfill Site (Westerham Golf Course)</u> A request had been made to KCC for the road cleaner to continue cleaning up to Beggars Lane and for road signage along Westerham Road to be cleaned. KCC had advised that Westerham Road will need to be re-surfaced once the work was complete at the Golf Course.</p> <p><u>5.6 Goodley Stock Road – Request for HGV signage</u> A request for signage had been made to KCC. This was to be jointly funded by WTC, the Highways Fund and residents of Goodley Stock Road.</p> <p><u>5.7 Speed Sign A25/Goodley Stock Road Junction</u> A meeting had taken place on 15th January with Steven Noad, KCC Traffic Engineer. Assistant Clerk to circulate action points from meeting to H&L Committee members.</p> <p><u>5.8 “GO 20” Campaign</u> In response to concerns raised by residents with the Community Warden and the Town Council regarding speeding. WTC would be implementing “GO 20” a campaign run by Brake, Road safety Charity. The campaign aims to get drivers slow down to 20mph or below around homes, schools and shops even where the speed limit is 30mph. Assistant Clerk met with Deputy Head of Churchill Primary school on 30 January to discuss campaign which is to be piloted along Rysted Lane.</p> <p><u>5.9 Road Safety Week, 23-29 November 2015</u> Noted. Assistant Clerk to register WTC for the event.</p> <p><u>5.10 KCC Road Closure – Hosey Common Road</u> Noted. Assistant Clerk to request further details from KCC and request residents in the surrounding area are written to.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>DR</p> <p>DR</p> <p>DR</p>
6.	<p><u>Street Lighting</u></p> <p><u>6.1 Lighting Repairs</u> Minor Repairs had been undertaken.</p> <p><u>6.2 Service Inspection Report</u> Noted and agreed to proceed.</p> <p><u>6.3 Request for New Light for Oak Road</u> Quote receive from UKPN for £1,022.40 plus cost of new column approx. £800.00. Residents to be formally consulted with.</p> <p><u>6.4 New Light along footpath SR344</u> Awaiting costs.</p>	<p>DR</p>
7.	<p><u>Sevenoaks District Council</u></p> <p><u>7.1 Sevenoaks Joint Transport Board Meeting 10th March</u> Cllr Rodgers to attend and will request to speak about the proposed parking restrictions for Westerham.</p> <p><u>7.2 Proposed Waiting Restrictions Consultation</u> WTC had been very disappointed that SDC had not taken into account WTC's response. Assistant Clerk to forward SDC's consultation response to H&L Committee.</p> <p><u>7.3 Parking Consultation – The Green</u> Several residents attended the meeting to raise their concerns about the proposals of double yellow lines outside the church. Residents suggested a</p>	<p>DR</p>

	<p>white line not a double yellow line and putting up a sign stating driveway of number 15 in constant use. It was also suggested making the Green a one way system may improve traffic issues. Residents were advised by WTC to put their objections in writing to SDC.</p> <p>The Assistant Clerk & Cllr Rodgers would submit a response to SDC on behalf of WTC for double yellow lines outside property number 15 only. If the proposal was not acceptable then WTC suggested a white line to replace the double yellow line proposal. WTC would discuss with homeowner of property 15 the use of appropriate signage to deter vehicles from parking and blocking their driveway.</p> <p>Cllr Rodgers advised that due to the complexity of parking issues on the Green she will request that KCC keep The Green consultation separate from the other parking consultations being considered at the Joint Transportation Board on 10th March.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>LR/DR</p> <p>LR</p>
8.	<p><u>Consultations</u> None.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Financial Statement to 31st December 2014</u> Noted.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Correspondence</u> <u>11.1 Motorway Junction Working Group</u> Noted. Brasted will be joining group. Assistant Clerk to request Brasted keep WTC updated. <u>11.2 Parking Market Way</u> Noted. Assistant Clerk to discuss with Simon Humphrey's, PSCO.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>DR</p>
12.	<p><u>Reports from Councillors</u> Cllr Rodgers advised that the car park opposite the former Kinara Restaurant had been purchased with the sale of Pitts Cottage. Car parking will be available to residents and local office workers on a yearly lease from the property's owner. Cllr Rodgers advised that an electricity bill for St Mary's Church lighting had been received. The cost is much higher than last year. The Clerk to advise which electricity company supplied the electricity and which church lights (internal or external) WTC are paying for. Cllr Le Breton advised that the Church footpath light under the yew tree church was now working. Assistant Clerk to obtain update from Street Light Contractor.</p>	<p>AH</p> <p>DR</p>
13.	<p><u>Newsletter and web-site</u> 13.1 National Speed Limits on Country Roads - noted 13.2 GO SLOW - article for March newsletter 13.3 Speed Watch – article for March newsletter</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>DR</p>
14.	<p><u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u> Cllr Rodgers to discuss parking consultations with Cllr Maskell.</p>	<p>LR</p>
15.	<p><u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u> None.</p>	
16.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p>	

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The meeting was concluded at 9.11 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman