

WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Lighting Committee Meeting held on
Monday 25 April 2016 at 7.30pm in Russell House, Market Square,
Westerham

Present: Councillors: Mrs L Rodgers (LR) Chairman
Mr N Proudfoot (NP)
Mr D Le Breton (DLB)
Mr A Holman (AH)
Mr S Wilkie (SW)

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

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 1st February 2015</u> Approved at the Council meeting on 21 March 2016.	
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 Parking in Westerham, Parking Working Group</u> Assistant Clerk had discussed with Richard Parry at the Annual Town Meeting. Richard Parry agreed to look into and discuss with SDC and KCC.</p> <p><u>5.2 Goodley Stock Road - HGV signage</u> The knocked/blown down signs had been re-installed and blown down again. The issue of the posts being fit for purpose had been raised by the Assistant Clerk with KCC.</p> <p><u>5.3 A25/Goodley Stock Road Junction</u> KCC advised that the worded "Caution, Concealed Roads" sign suggested by WTC would not be official. However, Alan Gibbons, KCC Highways Steward had agreed to install a red triangle staggered junction sign on the A25 to advise drivers of Farley Lane and Goodley Stock Road.</p> <p><u>5.4 Speed Watch Campaign</u> Cllrs Bates and Bird had attended speed watch training. Goodley Stock Road residents present at the meeting said that they would be interested in attending training to become speed watch volunteers for Goodley Stock Road. Agreed that Assistant Clerk would contact Kent Police to enquire if Goodley Stock Road would be a suitable speed watch site</p> <p><u>5.5 Brasted Temporary 30mph signs</u></p>	DR

<p>Temporary 30mph signs had been put up along the A25 at as part of Brasted's speed watch campaign. The parish council had purchased them at a cost of approx. £600.</p> <p><u>5.6 Hosey Hill traffic calming petition</u></p> <p>Fifteen residents of Hosey Hill were present at the meeting to the discuss traffic calming petition raised by Mr Coates following the tragic accident on 25 March on Hosey Hill when a cyclist was killed.</p> <p>Proposed traffic calming measures;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Lengthen double yellow lines on Hosey Hill. Yellow lines to be extended/joined between Hosey Ridge and Wayside. The point where the fatality on 25 March took place. Reason - Line of sight is impaired by parked vehicles. 2) Move 30mph speed limit back to the top Hosey Hill Car Park. Reason - To reduce speed of vehicles coming down Hosey Hill. 3) Install 30mph signage at the bottom of Hosey Hill with the junction of High Street, Westerham (A25) – currently no speed signage in place. 4) Install Flashing speed sign on Hosey Hill, showing vehicle speed. Reason - to advise drivers of their speed coming down Hosey Hill. <p>H&L supports the traffic calming petition and has written to SDC, KCC and MP Michael Fallon requesting traffic calming measures. Assistant Clerk to forward WTC's correspondence to Mr Coates who has been given permission to speak on the issue at the next joint transportation board meeting to be held on 26 May.</p> <p>The Assistant Clerk reported that a Hosey Hill resident is regularly reporting HGV's using Hosey Hill despite the advisory signage. Assistant Clerk had contacted KCC to ask for their support in contacting the companies to advise that whilst there is no limit or restriction the road is unsuitable for HGV's. The KCC lorry watch/freight team had agreed to do this.</p> <p><u>5.7 Speed Limit Goodley Stock Road</u></p> <p>Three residents were present at the meeting to discuss their request for the National Speed limit to be lowered along Goodley Stock Road. Emails had also been received from most of the Goodley Stock Road residents in support of the request.</p> <p>Cllr Rodgers clarified that the issue must be dealt with separately to Hosey Hill. The Town Council had made a request to KCC to lower the speed limit. Reference KCC 210413 and had been advised by KCC that the first stage would be a speed survey costing approximately £500-700. This could be paid for by Richard Parry under his KCC members Fund and carried out by either KCC or an approved private company. Approved signage would also need to be paid for. Cllr Richard Parry has asked his Highways Engineer to advise on how best to proceed.</p> <p><u>5.8 Bollards in Westerham</u></p> <p>Julian Cook, KCC had advised where possible they will look to replace like for like. Julian suggested contacting Richard Parry to see if he would partially fund the replacement of bollards via the Community Grant Fund. The Clerk is obtaining quotes for the work. It will need to be discussed further by Council which budget (APOS or H&L) the remaining cost for the work will be paid from if not totally paid for by KCC.</p> <p><u>5.9 Market Square – Resurfacing</u></p>	<p>DR</p> <p>AH</p>
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	<p>Resurfacing work by KCC noted.</p> <p><u>5.10 Drainage issues – 27a High Street Westerham</u> The poor quality of the recent pothole fix was being investigated by KCC with the contractor and the hole and drainage issue had been re-done on the 21 April.</p> <p><u>5.11 Road Surface, Hortons Way</u> Assistant Clerk to write to all companies about the poor state of the road surface.</p>	DR
6.	<p><u>Street Lighting</u></p> <p><u>6.1 Lighting Repairs</u> Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>6.2 Cormorant Place – replacement light .</u> Developer does not wish to wish to proceed with purchasing new light due to cost.</p> <p><u>6.3 New Street Lights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Vicarage Hill</u> Awaiting costing and permission from Church to place light on grounds of property. • <u>Replacement light under Yew Tree, St Mary’s Church</u> Assistant Clerk awaiting alternative lighting options and costings. • <u>Linden Homes Development</u> Cllr Rodgers had spoken to the lighting contractor of Linden Holmes to discuss adequate lighting on the development including at the entrance and at the junction with London Road. The matter of who will take on ownership of the lights was also discussed. WTC requested written agreement of this once it had been established. 	
7.	<p><u>Sevenoaks District Council</u></p> <p><u>7.1 Sevenoaks Joint Transport Board Meeting March 2016</u> Cllr Proudfoot attended as an observer.</p> <p><u>7.2 New labels for parking meters</u> Noted.</p> <p><u>7.3 Changes to parking charges</u> Noted.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Public Transport</u></p> <p><u>8.1 Buses4U</u> Noted.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Consultations</u></p> <p><u>9.1 Review of KCC Funded Bus Services</u> No changes to Westerham.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Financial Statement to 31st March 2016.</u> Good spend this year noted by Chair. It was discussed and agreed to roll over £790 into the LED Conversion Programme for 2016/2017.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p><u>11.1 SDC Response – Lower Thames Crossing</u> Noted.</p> <p><u>11.2 West Kent Wheels2work – Moped Loan Scheme</u> Noted.</p> <p><u>11.3 Letter from Caroline Coker re: Lorries on A25</u> Noted.</p> <p><u>11.4 KCC Street Lighting Consultation Report</u> Noted.</p>	

	<p><u>11.5 End of the road for pavement parking.</u> An article from the Times newspaper dated 16/4/16 was circulated at the meeting for information. Key points noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minsters are considering extending an all-out ban on pavement parking in London to the rest of England. There will be circumstances that allow Councils to seek exemptions to the rule. • Minsters confirmed plans to scrap pelican crossing in favour of "puffin crossings" <p><u>11.6 Temporary Street Closure Order – 29th May 2016</u> A temporary street closure letter had been received from SDC to close Hosey Hill and Vicarage Hill, Westerham, between 3.30pm to 4.00pm, to enable a Walk of Witness procession on Sunday 29th May. This was noted by the Committee.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Reports from Councillors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Rodgers read an email from John Strachan, SDC Parking Services Manager regarding a proposed change to parking tickets at the Darent car park. Currently drivers have to key in part of their vehicle registration into the pay machine to obtain the up to three hours free parking ticket. SDC want to simplify the process by removing the need to key in registration information and reduce inconvenience to users. The H&L Committee agree that this was a good idea. • Cllr Rodgers advised that SDC are planning to resurface the Darent car park during the next few months. The work is likely to take 2-5 weekdays. During the work vehicular access to the main car park and bus stand will be prohibited. Alternately parking for bus and coaches is being looked into by SDC. 	
13.	<p><u>TN16 Magazine, web-site and Facebook</u> Assistant Clerk wrote an article for the April TN16 Magazine on car park season tickets and off street parking residents permits and information on West Kent Wheels2work moped loan scheme. Cllr Proudfoot raised that the content section on the front page only shows the page number relating to Bromley Council. Assistant Clerk to discuss with TN16 if it would be possible to include page number for WTC.</p>	DR
14.	<p><u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosey Hill Traffic calming. • Goodley Stock Road change of national speed limit. • Car parking working group proposals. • Bollards on the Green. 	
15.	<p><u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u> None.</p>	
16.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u> Monday 20th June 2016. Chair Cllr Proudfoot. As this was Cllr Rodgers last meeting for H&L Committee, she was thanked for all her hard work, she would be greatly missed.</p>	

The meeting was concluded at 9.15 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman