

WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Lighting Committee held on
Monday 13th September 2021 at 7.00 pm at Russell House,
Market Square, Westerham

Present: Councillors: Mrs L Bird (LB)
Mrs S Sheen (SS)
Mr K Thompson (KT)
Mrs J Davies (JD)

In attendance: Assistant Clerk: Miss Emily Rodgers (ER)
Three members of the public

| Item | | Action |
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| 1. | <u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Holt. | |
| 2. | <u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u> None. | |
| 3. | <u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th June 2021</u> Were approved at the Council meeting on 26 th July 2021. | |
| 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>5.1 Community Speed Watch Campaign – Battery received and not compatible with the SID. Ongoing for supplier to find a correct replacement battery.</p> <p>5.2 Kent Police Speed Checks – No police speed checks have taken place since June 2021 due to heavy workload. Assistant Clerk has requested for speed checks to be completed through Westerham and Crockham Hill for as soon as possible.</p> <p>5.3 Highways Improvement Plan 2020 – HIP noted by committee.</p> <p>5.4 20 is Plenty Campaign – Installation date week commencing 25th October 2021.</p> <p>5.5. Pootings – KCC do not have the funds available to carry out the required works. Pootings to remain on HIP until works have been completed.</p> <p>5.6 Westways – Results from the informal consultation - WTC received 11 responses in total from a possibly 27 with no majority vote. To take a proposal to KCC, evidence would need to be submitted to show support from local residents. 11 responses with no unanimous decision unfortunately meant it would not be possible to take this further to KCC. Assistant Clerk advised resident.</p> | <p>ER</p> <p>ER</p> <p>ER</p> <p>ER</p> |

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| | <p>5.7 New Street – KCC, Cllr Bird and Assistant Clerk will be meeting on site on 16th September to address the issues of flowerpots on footpath in New Street.</p> <p>5.8 Removal of SID (A25 & Crockham Hill) – KCC have removed SID device in both locations. Committee agreed to include replacing devices like for like on HIP 22/23.</p> <p>5.9 Quebec Avenue (Double yellow lines) – Resident of Quebec Avenue has requested double yellow lines. It has been reported that people carriers, open back trucks, and other commercial vehicles are parking and blocking the pavement and obstructing sight lines for drivers. Committee agreed Assistant Clerk and Cllr Bird to conduct site visit and letters to be sent to residents to be mindful and considerate when parking and to encourage the use of village hall car park.</p> <p>5.10 Hosey Common Rd/Mapleton Rd – Committee agreed to include this on HIP 22/23 for warning signs of bends and a speed traffic count.</p> <p>5.11 Inconsiderate parking – Costells Meadow – Committee agreed for Assistant Clerk to advised resident to report any offending vehicles to KCC and for Assistant Clerk to send letter to residents about inconsiderate parking.</p> <p>5.12 Farley Lane and A25 – Committee noted email from a resident who requested for the 50mph sign to be moved 200yards from Farley Lane to Oxted. Committee agreed to pursue KCC to assess this location once 20mph is in place.</p> <p>5.13 Electrical Charging Points – Committee noted comments from Assistant Clerk regarding the Government Grant Scheme.</p> <p>5.14 Highways Improvement Plan 2022/2023 – After a lengthy discussion, Committee agreed to include the following items to HIP 22/23: - Hosey Common Rd/Mapleton Road – Road signs and traffic count - Main Rd, Crockham Hill – replace SID sign - Pootings – SLOW road marking and to put Warning of Pedestrians sign in correct locations.</p> | <p>ER/LB</p> <p>ER</p> <p>ER</p> <p>ER</p> <p>ER</p> <p>ER</p> <p>ER</p> |
| 6. | <p><u>Street Lighting</u></p> <p>6.1 Repairs and responses – On the night of 10/07/2021 KCC Out Of Hours teams received a call from Kent Police of a RTC on Croydon Road, this involved one of WTC street lighting columns being hit. Column 48 (o/s Fire Station). KCC street lighting contractor attended and under duty of care made the area safe this involved removing the column and taken to tip as it had been uprooted due to the collision, and UKPN had to be called to disconnect the power supply. Quote to replace the light is £5,145.80. Committee agreed to seek advice from F&GP to be put through as an insurance claim.</p> | ER |
| 7. | <p><u>Sevenoaks District Council</u></p> <p>7.1 Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board– nothing to note.</p> <p>7.2 Litter (Beggars Lane & London Road) – Cllr Pither had reported litter in these locations. Assistant Clerk reported to SDC who confirmed they do regularly litter picks in this area.</p> | |
| 8. | <p><u>Public Transport</u></p> <p>8.1. Go Coach -nothing to note.</p> | |
| 9. | <p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>9.1 Financial Statement up to 31st August 2021 – Noted.</p> | |

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| 10. | <u>Climate Change/Environmental & Bio Diversity</u> 1.0.1 ECO Policy Action Plan – Approved by committee | ER |
| 11. | <u>Consultations</u> None. | |
| 12. | <u>Reports from Councillors</u> Cllr Thompson reported that the Flood Warning permanent sign is missing in Croydon Road. Assistant clerk reported to KCC. | ER |
| 13. | <u>TN16, Edenbridge Magazine, Website, Social Media</u> Information on Road Closures for the installation of 20mph. | ER |
| 14. | <u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u> None | |
| 15. | <u>Further matters for consideration at the next meeting</u> None | |
| 16. | <u>Date of next meeting</u> Monday 15 th November 2021 | |

The meeting was concluded at 8.45pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman