

## WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Lighting Committee held on  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.00 pm at Russell House,  
Market Square, Westerham

Present: Councillors: Mrs L Bird (LB) – Chairman  
Mrs J Davies  
Mr K Thompson (KT)

In attendance: Assistant Clerk: Apologies - illness

Item		Action
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were received and approved from Cllrs Holt and Sheen – holiday.	
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</b> None.	
3.	<b>Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 June 2022</b> Were approved at the Council meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2022.	
4.	<b>Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</b> None.	
5.	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Community Speed Watch Campaign</b> – Session took place at Church Lane, Crockham Hill attended by Asst clerk, Cllr Holt, Cllr Bird and 1 member of public on 30<sup>th</sup> June. 4 vehicles were reported travelling 35mph or more. A further speed watch session had been booked for 22<sup>nd</sup> September on High St, Westerham.</p> <p><b>5.2 Kent Police Speed Checks</b> – Assistant Clerk had requested speed checks throughout Crockham Hill and Westerham for asap but currently PCSO was stretched and unable to commit to a date. The bollards currently blocking police car access to the police speed check site in Hosey Hill would now be removed; no confirmed date had been received by Kent Police. Clerk would contact again if nothing had happened by 23<sup>rd</sup> September to ensure progress was reported to Full Council.</p> <p><b>5.3 Highways Improvement Plan 2022/2023</b> – 1. Pootings – work should be completed by 13/10, Asst Clerk would chase</p>	<p>ER</p> <p>ER</p> <p>ER</p>

	<p>23/9 to ensure still on schedule.</p> <p>2. Crockham Hill SID replacement request - Approx cost of mobile SID was £7000-£9000. Regular speed watch in Crockham Hill may eventually be able to provide evidence to KCC to warrant one installed without WTC incurring these costs which were unachievable from the H&amp;L annual budget.</p> <p>3. Hosey Common Rd/Mapleton Rd – No significant cluster to warrant KCC prioritising this above other roads with a higher crash rate. This would continue to be monitored.</p> <p>4. Pootings – Feasibility study had been paid by the Pootings committee and were awaiting date for the study to take place. Asst Clerk to chase 23/9 and inform Chairman of H&amp;L.</p> <p>5. Verralls Corner – Elderly Crossing sign. Still under investigation, Asst Clerk to chase.</p> <p>6. Goodley Stock – Toad Warning signs. Westerham to fund. Asst Clerk to investigate when and where the Ecology survey was to take place and the likely cost. Liaise with Town Clerk and inform Committee.</p> <p>Additional items added to the HIP are; Cyclist Sign – Top of Westerham Hill. Committee agreed there should be one in this location as this was a very similar scenario to the top of Hosey Hill where cyclists currently had a warning sign.</p> <p><b>5.4 20 is Plenty Campaign</b> – additional 20mph signs from a scheme in Tonbridge were still not available. Asst Clerk to continue to chase.</p> <p>Surveys – still awaited results from KCC which should have been audited 12<sup>th</sup> June. Asst Clerk still chasing.</p> <p><b>5.5. Pootings</b> - Awaiting feasibility study. Asst Clerk to chase.</p> <p><b>5.6 Hosey Hill Footpath</b> - KCC had suggested WTC add Hosey Hill Footpath to the HIP and to pay for a pedestrian count survey which should cost between £95 and £170 depending on road type. Committee questioned how many surveys would be carried out to gain an average and relevant usage and would this fee cover the survey. A survey taken on a wet afternoon midweek in October could show very different results to one taken on a Sunday morning in Aug/Sept. More information required.</p> <p><b>5.7 Request double yellow line – The Green (info &amp; letter from KCC in file The Green)</b> Resident reported most business around the Green were often blocked by cars in the location coming down from the church toward A25, requested double yellow lines. Response from KCC annexed – they have said it would be looked into, added to their 'waiting list' and would be assessed in due course. Top scoring applications each year were taken forward to public consultation and if well received they would be implemented. Asst Clerk to diarise a chase to KCC in January 2023 if nothing had been heard from KCC</p> <p><b>5.8 Westerham Hill – Cyclist signage</b> - Committee agreed to add to HIP.</p> <p><b>5.9 Hosey Hill Speedwatch Campaign</b> - 13 attendees from Hosey Hill enthusiastically attended a meeting to agree on how to approach and arrange their own Speedwatch campaign in Hosey Hill. 10 residents had already completed the online training and Asst Clerk arranged outside training using the SID. The first session was held on 10<sup>th</sup> September.</p>	<p>ER</p> <p>ER</p> <p>ER</p> <p>ER</p> <p>ER</p>
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	Additional 30mph post roundels had been requested by Asst Clerk.	
6.	<p><b><u>Street Lighting</u></b>  <b>6.1 Repairs and responses</b> – Nothing to note.  <b>6.2 Church Floodlights</b> – The Assistant Clerk has chased the church several times for their invoices without response. She has now asked for feedback from Cllr Lord.  If no response H&amp;L Chairman will elevate this issue to Chairman Helen Ogden</p>	ER
7.	<p><b><u>Sevenoaks District Council</u></b>  <b>7.1 Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board</b> – nothing to note.  <b>7.2 Electrical Charging Points</b> – no update available when works were likely to begin.  The idea of EVC connecting to WTC/KCC lamp posts was currently a non-starter. H&amp;L committee would keep a close eye on developments but unlikely to report any changes in policy, funding or R&amp;D until after May 2023. It would continue to remain on agenda.</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>Public Transport</u></b>  <b>8.1. Go Coach</b> – Following discussion it was agreed to ask Go Coach for an explanation/meeting on using the Go2 app and to discuss how the elderly would access the service and what you would need to do in rural areas with no signal?</p>	ER
9.	<p><b><u>Financial</u></b>  <b>9.1 Financial Statement up to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022</b>  Noted.</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>Climate Change/Environmental &amp; Bio Diversity</u></b>  <b>10.1 ECO Policy Action Plan</b> – The Assistant Clerk to investigate 'Walkers were Welcome' project.</p>	ER
11.	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b>  Nothing to note</p>	
12.	<p><b><u>Reports from Councillors</u></b>  Councillor Thompson reported the repaired Lamp in Croydon Road is still working despite recent storms</p>	
13.	<p><b><u>TN16, Edenbridge Magazine, Website, Social Media</u></b>  Councillor Davies will be writing an article in the Crockham Hill newsletter encouraging local residents to sign up to assist in regular Speedwatch activities in the area.</p>	
14.	<p><b><u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u></b>  None</p>	
15.	<p><b><u>Further matters for consideration at the next meeting</u></b></p>	

	None	
16.	<b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2022	

The meeting was concluded at 19.40 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman