



WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Lighting Committee held on Monday 6th February 2023 at 7.00 pm at Russell House, Market Square, Westerham

Present:

Councillors:

Mrs L Bird (LB) – Chairman

Mr K Thompson Mrs J Davies

In attendance: Assistant Clerk: Miss E Rodgers

Item		Action
1.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Sheen - holiday and Cllr Holt - illness.	,
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u> None.	
3.	Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st November 2022 Were approved at the Council meeting on 23rd January 2023.	
4.	Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda None.	
5.	Highways 5.1 Community Speed Watch Campaign – The new SID had been collected by Assistant Clerk and speed watch sessions were booked in 20mph sites throughout Westerham. Hosey Hill residents had completed 2 speed watch sessions. Future sessions were booked for 24th February and 2nd/9th March at junction with Lodge Lane and A25, High Street Corner of The Grange and London rd o/s Castle Antiques.	ER
	 5.2 Kent Police Speed Checks – Kent Police managed two visits to the Hosey Hill police site. Each visit lasted for 1 hr 20 mins and a total of 14 offences were processed. 5.3 Highways Improvement Plan 2022/2023 – Noted by the committee. Committee agreed to prioritise Westerham Hill warning of steep hill to cyclists followed by Spout Lane and moving 30mph to a more suitable location. Church Lane, Crockham Hill request for double yellow lines had been added to the HIP. 5.4 20 is Plenty Campaign – Assistant Clerk had asked KCC what the next steps were to improve the scheme after the results of the survey showed 	ER
	in some locations vehicles were travelling faster than before. A deadline	ER

was given to KCC for answers but Assistant Clerk had still not received any update. Assistant Clerk had continued to chase. In the mean time, Assistant Clerk had scheduled community Speedwatch in 20mph zones. 5.5. Pootings – A successful site visit took place with 1 resident, 2 KCC officers and Assistant Clerk. It was agreed KCC would draft a plan to improve the perception of the road for the road users. Plan had not been received yet.	ER
 5.6 Hosey Hill – Despite KCC confirming SLOW road marking would be installed along Hosey Hill, KCC notified Assistant Clerk this was now not happening and should have never been given the go ahead. KCC had supplied Assistant Clerk with a 30mph tool kit for this location. 5.7 Goodley Stock & Kent Hatch Rd T Junction – After a number of 	ER
accidents at this location, Assistant Clerk had an onsite meeting with KCC. Committee passed feedback on to KCC that there were no reflectors at this location so visibility was poor when it was dark. There was debris and broken signage still at the location which was reported to KCC.	ER
5.8 A25 & Horizon Close– Flood Issues – Lots of surface water on A25 had been reported at this location due to a leak. This had been reported to Thames Water and KCC and was continually chased due to the danger of freezing ice.	ER
5.9 Croydon Rd – Extension of double yellow lines – KCC investigated this location and was referred to the Planning and Advice team at KCC to look in more detail. Assistant Clerk continued to chase for an outcome. 5.10 Verralls Corner – Assistant Clerk reported cars had been parking on	ER
the grass verge on Verralls Corner which had stopped people from being able to use the foothpath and also damaging the verge and path. Committee agreed to monitor this and should the issue continue then Assistant Clerk would report to KCC.	ER
5.11 Mill Lane – double yellow line consultation – For information purposes only. KCC had a consultation for double yellow lines at this location,	ER
 5.12 Beggars Lane Update – There were no further updates from KCC. Assistant Clerk to continue to chase KCC for updates. 5.13 Church Lane – request for extension of double yellow lines – Parked vehicles were restricting access to refuse lorries and emergency vehicles at the school end. Committee agreed to add this to the HIP. 	ER
5.14 Westerham Hill – Road Closure – WTC were notified by KCC that Westerham Hill would need to be closed for 5 weeks so Thames Water could carry out works. It was agreed that Assistant Clerk would work with all partied involved to ensure disruption would be kept to a minimum.	
6. Street Lighting 6.1 Repairs and responses – Lights had been repaired at Quebec Avenue, Costells Meadows and Market Square. This was an issue that had to be dealt with by UKPN.	
7. Sevenoaks District Council 7.1 Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board – Nothing to note.	

	 7.2 Electrical Charging Points – No progress had been made by SDC as to when to expect any charging points would be installed in SDC car parks. 7.3 Sevenoaks Urban Area Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) – Nothing to note from document that would impact Westerham. Assistant Clerk had contacted SDC to investigate who is the point of contact for this project and to discuss how we can include Westerham. 	ER
•	Public Transport 8.1. Go Coach – Nothing to note	ER
•	Financial 9.1 Financial Statement up to 31st January 2023 – Noted.	
0.	Climate Change/Environmental & Bio Diversity 10.1 ECO Policy Action Plan – Noted.	ER
1.	Correspondence Nothing to note.	
2.	Reports from Councillors Cllr Bird spoke to land owner of the fields that were located next to A25 and Goodley Stock. Due to heavy surface water running onto the road it was causing a hazard for road users. It was agreed it would be investigated where the water was coming from as therewas a stream running directly next to the field. Assistant Clerk asked a local resident who had previous experience with the issue to clarify on the details. Cllr Bird also discussed with land owner sitting water on Force Green Lane, land owner agreed to investigate this and to do what was necessary to fix the problem. Cllr Bird spoke to Land Owner of Westerham Brewery as a spot light deflection was needed at entrance to Westerham Brewery. This had been rectified. Cllr Bird reported the zebra crossing in London Road should be repainted due to the lines fading. This was reported to KCC. Cllr Bird reported an accident involving a young person who was knocked down while crossing London Road. This was added to WTC own crash data.	ER
3.	TN16, Edenbridge Magazine, Website, Social Media Updates for Beggars Lane and Westerham Hill and for volunteers for Speed Watch, Cllr Davies requested Crockham Hill newsletter to be added to the list.	ER
4.	Matters for District and County Councillors	

15.	Further matters for consideration at the next meeting	
	Lighting to footpath outside the village hall/bottom of graveyard. Light	
	no: SR344	
16.	<u>Date of next meeting</u>	
	Monday 24 th April 2023	

The meeting was concluded at 20.30pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman