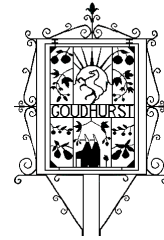


Goudhurst Parish Council



Highways Committee 19.12.23

MEETING
19 December 2023 19:30 GMT

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13 December 2023

Goudhurst Parish Council



To: Cllrs Craig Broom (Chairman), Suzie Kember, Paul Wareham and Mrs Alison Webster.
Cllrs Antony Harris and Phil Kirkby (ex-officio)

I summon you to a Meeting of the Highways & Public Transport Committee on Tuesday 19 December 2023 at 7.30 pm, in Goudhurst Village Hall, where business detailed on this agenda will be discussed.

Goudhurst Parish Council recognise that there are continuing risks associated with COVID-19 and are supportive of individuals wearing masks in meetings and maintaining a social distance. We will continue to provide hand sanitiser at the entrance to the Village Hall. In order to keep everyone safe, please do not attend a meeting if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 5 days. We will continue to review the risks and will comply with any future controls recommended or mandated by HM Government.

Members of the Public and the Press are welcome to attend this meeting. At the Chairman's discretion, 15 minutes will be set aside for questions from members of the public each one of whom may be invited to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes in total relating to items on the Agenda or about issues of local concern. Thereafter they have the right, and are welcome, to stay and observe the rest of the Meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1.

Please inform the Clerk if you intend to film or record the Meeting.

Claire Reed
Clerk to Goudhurst Parish Council
12 December 2023

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A quorum for Highways Committee is 3 Members.

Agenda

Location	Date	Time
The Church Rooms, Back Lane	19 Dec 2023	19:30

	Item	Page
1	Apologies for absence as reported at the meeting.	-
2	Declarations of Interest.	-
3	To resolve to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 26 September 2023, and available to members via Board Intelligence prior to the meeting.	4
4	Questions from the Press and the Public.	-
	This is an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or raise issues of local interest. Thereafter they are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the Meeting (members of the public are not permitted to speak during the remainder of the meeting except by special invitation of the Chairman) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1. Please note, Council cannot lawfully decide on items of business not specified on the published agenda although the Chairman may decide to refer any issues raised for further discussion (LGA 1972 Sch 12 10 (2) (b)).	-
5	To receive an update on the updated Highways Improvement Plan and to decide on any action needed.	6
6	To receive an update from GTAG on lorry watch and speed watch.	-
7	To receive an update from the North Road Traffic Action Group and to decide on any action needed.	-
8	To receive an update from the A262 working group.	-
9	To agree the remit of the Highways Working Group and to agree on meeting dates for 2024.	-
10	To consider and make a decision on the proposal to purchase a new Speed Indicator Device (SID) and additional pole.	-
11	To resolve to approve the expenditure of £1,405.95 for management of the existing Speed Indicator Device (SID).	10
12	To consider traffic issues raised by residents and to decide on any action needed.	-
13	To receive an update on the submitted response to the National Highways and Transport Survey 2023-24.	-
14	Items for Information	-
14.1	Date of next meeting is Tuesday 26 March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms, Back Lane.	-

Goudhurst Parish Council



HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Minutes of a Meeting held on 26 September 2023 at 7.30pm in Goudhurst Village Hall

PARTICIPANTS

Councillors Present: Cllrs Craig Broom, Suzie Kember and Paul Wareham.

Officers Present: Claire Reed, Clerk.

Others Present: One member of the public.

APOLOGIES

352/23 Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Antony Harris (KALC) and Alison Webster (unwell).

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

353/23 There were none.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

354/23 It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the committee meeting held on 27 June 2023, a copy of which was made available to members prior to the meeting via Board Intelligence.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

355/23 A member of the public asked if the footway on the A21 Lamberhurst roundabout could be extended to the properties situated at the top of the A262, just along from the Lamberhurst Road turning to Horsmonden, adjacent to Forstal Farm. The resident also raised the issue of ownership of the ditch and hedgerow/trees running adjacent to the carriageway in the area. It was **agreed** that the legal boundary needed to be confirmed so that responsibility for cutting back of growth and clearing ditches could be established. *Post meeting note:* the area discussed does not fall within the Goudhurst Parish Council Boundary, the Clerk has suggested the resident contact Lamberhurst Parish Council.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

356/23 *Update from GTAG on lorry watch and speed watch.*
There was no update.

357/23 *Update from the Campaign for A21 Safety improvements (SAG)*
It was **noted** that the works have been completed but the installation of the average speed cameras is still outstanding. Cllr Paul Wareham agreed to contact National Highways.
Action: Cllr Paul Wareham

358/23 *Update from North Road Action Group (NRAG)*
There was no update.

359/23 *Update from the Highways Working Group.*
There was no update.

360/23 *Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)*
The Committee reviewed the HIP; it was **noted** that there have been an increased number of accidents at the junction with the A262 Cranbrook Road and B2085 Glassenbury Road adjacent to the Peacock Inn. It was **agreed** that a reduction in the speed limit in this area should remain as the number one priority on the HIP. The priorities as **agreed** are:

1. *Speed reduction A262 Iden Green* from 60 to 50mph on the 0.9 mile stretch of the road (area to the east of Goudhurst village extending to the village 30mph area).
2. *Temporary 20mph limit on the A262*, Cranbrook Road adjacent to Beaman Close.
3. *Safety improvements on the High Street*. It was **agreed** that this item should be **removed** from the HIP as the requests are nonspecific and all requests so far have been rejected by Kent Highways.
4. *Reduction of speed limit A262 Spelmonden* from 40 to 30 mph, to the junction with Blue Coat Lane.

Safety improvements on North Road. It was **agreed** to add elements of the requested improvements however, it was **noted** that the requests from residents need to be broken down and quantified before any items can be added to the HIP.

Action: Clerk to arrange a HIP meeting with Nigel Rowe and to update the HIP.

361/23 It was **resolved** to approve expenditure of £600 for the purchase and installation of a new Goudhurst Village Sign on North Road opposite the junction with Chequers Road. **Action: Clerk to inform Kent Highways.**

362/23 *Downgrading of the A262 to a B-road.*

It was **noted** that the Chairman had been in contact with Benenden and Cranbrook & Sissinghurst Parish Councils to try and establish a joint approach. He has shared details of the traffic surveys needed and the costs involved and is awaiting further discussions.

TRAFFIC ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS

363/23 These were discussed under questions from the public and press.

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SURVEY 2023-24

364/23 It was **agreed** that Cllr Paul Wareham would complete the survey on behalf of council.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

365/23 It was **noted** that Inspector Ian Smith of Kent Police had responded to Council's letter regarding the late-night weekend racing on the A21.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

366/23 Next Highways Committee meeting, 19 December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms, Back Lane.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Claire Reed
Clerk

Schemes Planning and Delivery Team working in Partnership with Goudhurst Parish Council Highway Improvement Plan

Submission Date: 14/11/2023

(Please remember that the HIP is for new initiatives/measures/schemes in your community – it is NOT to be used as a maintenance log, as these MUST be logged using the online reporting tool via this link <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>)

HIP Front Cover

HIP Version	Submitted by (Name)	HIP Date	Record Of Meeting Dates with KCC Virtual or Face to Face	Please list below the funding Opportunities/Sources for HIP initiatives/Measures	
1	Claire Reed	26.09.2023	09/03/2020 18/05/2021 07/12/2022 21/11/2023	I.e. County Member, Parish Precept Donation, LTP bid	
Are you an active member of the Speed Watch Scheme?			Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Are you an active member of the Lorry Watch Scheme?	
			Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Name of HIP Representative	Craig Broom (Chair of Highways Committee)	Contact Telephone Number	01580 211 316	Email Address	craig.broom@goudhurst-pc.gov.uk
Name of Clerk	Claire Reed	Contact Telephone Number	01580 212 552	Email Address	clerk@goudhurst-pc.gov.uk
Name of Chair	Antony Harris	Contact Telephone Number	01580 211 329	Email Address	antony.harris@goudhurst-pc.gov.uk
KCC Project Manager Name	Nigel Rowe	Contact Telephone Number	03000 413 319	Email Address	Nigel.Rowe@kent.gov.uk

- Please note the Priority column MUST be those issues which are regarded as the most important (No 1 being your highest priority, then filtering down)
KCC is unable to guarantee that all your requests will be deliverable, but Project Managers can investigate your top 1 or 2 priorities per year.

Please Note: Highway Improvement Plans will only be accepted if they are in this prescribed template format. PLEASE DO NOT ALTER IN ANY WAY. Whilst this is intended to be a living document for your Parish/Town Council*, KCC can only make resources available to review your HIP annually.

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Live Priorities Record

Priority	Location	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments (This column is to be completed by Project Manager ONLY)
1.	0.9 mile stretch of A262 Iden Green (area to the east of Goudhurst village extending to the village 30mph area)	Speed and frequency of traffic on road with driveway junctions for 43 residences and 17 businesses	Speed limit reduction to 50mph. Verbal approval from Chris Koningen 09 Mar 2020. ATC speed survey obtained as requested - TSP14940 (28 Feb to 06 Mar 2022). There have been many collisions involving injury on this section including one death. Request to reduce speed limit as recommended in DfT 2013 Circular 'Setting Local Speed Limits'.	27.05.2021 – Speed Survey requested and ordered 20.08.2021 – Speed Survey data shared with Parish DR CK 02/12/22 – Survey data provided by PC appears to support the reduction of the existing speed limit. DR to discuss with PC at meeting on 07/12/22 and possibly raise speed reduction review enquiry to P&A. DR 07/12/22 – Enquiry raised to PA to undertake speed review / feasibility study for the reduction of the speed limit. ATC survey data has been saved in The shared folder. (12408886).
2.	North Road	Safety improvements		
3.				
4.	A262 Spelmonden to Blue Coat Ln.	Accident Black Spot. History of frequent Injury collisions in area of several sharp bends and gradients alongside a new Housing development of 6 units, several older houses, and driveway junctions.	Suggest reduction of speed limit from current 40mph to 30mph. ATC speed survey obtained as requested - TSP14940 (28 Feb to 06 Mar 2022). Average speed eastbound and westbound 34mph.	DR 07/12/22 – NR to undertake initial checks on HADMs

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Historical Priorities Record

No	Location	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments
1	<i>EXAMPLE: Church Lane</i>	<i>Speeding off peak.</i>	Speed Reduction	After traffic surveys obtained, data showed that vehicle speeds were within the current speed limit, therefore no further action proposed.
	A262 Cranbrook Road – (near primary School on Beaman Close.TN17 1DZ)	Residents of the 85 households on roads north of Cranbrook Rd have to cross the A262 to get to the primary school. This road carries large volumes of traffic with 85th %ile speed of 37.4 westbound and 36.5 eastbound. Parents often accompanied by infant or child in push-chair etc.	Permanent or p/t 20mph speed limit, or crossing, or other traffic calming method.	DR CK 02/12/11 – Wig-wags were previously looked into this location and as there is no existing power supply, the cost for installation would be significantly higher as a road crossing would be required. This would also cause severe disruption as the main A268 would need to be closed and diverted, this would also increase the cost to an unachievable amount. The school is situated at the back of Beaman Close. There is no footway opposite the to cross to – discuss with PC. DR 07/12/22 – DR discussed with PC. This has been investigated previously. NR to undertake some initial checks on HADMs.
	A262 Goudhurst High Street.	Frequent conflicts between pedestrians and motor vehicles. 'Pedestrian/vehicle shared pavements' lead to pedestrians having to walk out into	(1) Reduce the amount of use of the shared 'pavements' by vehicles for parking (eg time limits). Possibly a trial period of the KCC and TWBC approved 2018 yellow lines plan.	DR 07/11/12 – DR discussed with parish. After taking a look into this, I have raised an enquiry for P&A to take a look into this. (12408887)

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		the road to get past parked vehicles and vehicles having to swerve onto pavements to avoid oncoming vehicles. This creates anxiety and danger for all users of the highway, shops, hotel, pub, and church.	(2) Place warning signs about the shared status of the 'pavements'. (3) Establish a pedestrian crossing location near Antique shop to facilitate changing across to different side of road that might be less congested with parked vehicles.	
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SALES QUOTE

Issue Date 18/10/2023
Expiry Date 17/11/2023
Reference 12mths SID Operation
Customer Code GPC
Number SQ232491

Description	VAT %	Net
To charge & change the SID battery every 2 weeks between moving the device. Over a 12month period, 13 occasions	20.00	379.60
To charge & change the SID battery & change the location of the device every 4 weeks, over a 12month period, 13 occasions	20.00	570.05
There are 3 pole locations giving 5 positions for the device		
To download the information from the device, process into a report & send to Parish Clerk every 2 weeks. (26 occasions)	20.00	456.30

VAT Rate	Net	VAT	Total Net	1,405.95
Standard 20.00% (20.00%)	£1,405.95	£281.19	Total VAT	281.19
			TOTAL	£1,687.14

Notes:

12 monthly payments equate to
1 x £117.19+VAT
11 x £117.16+VAT

