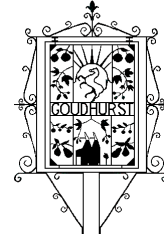


Goudhurst Parish Council



Highways Committee 26.03.24

MEETING
26 March 2024 19:30 GMT

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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 26th 2024 at 7.30 pm, in The Church Rooms, Back Lane, 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
19th March 2024

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A quorum for Highways Committee is 3 Members.

Agenda

Location	Date	Time
The Church Rooms, Back Lane	26 Mar 2024	19:30 GMT

	Item	Page
	7pm - prior to the start of the meeting. Questions and comments from members of the press and 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)).	-
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 16 January 2024, and available to members via Board Intelligence prior to the meeting.	4
4	To consider safety concerns at the junction of Chequers Road and Cranbrook Road, and to make a decision on the next steps.	-
5	To receive an update on the potential re-opening of the KCC car park by Pillory Corner and decide any action needed	-
6	To receive update on the proposed location for the Speed Indicator Device and decide on any action needed.	-
7	To receive an update from GTAG on lorry watch and speed watch.	-
8	To receive an update from the North Road Traffic Action Group and to decide on any action needed.	-
9	To receive an update from the A262 working group.	-
10	To receive an update on the A21 and decide on any action needed.	-
11	To consider traffic issues raised by residents and to decide on any action needed.	-
12	Items for Information	-
13	Date of next meeting is Tuesday 25 June 2024 at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms, Back Lane.	-

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HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Minutes of a Meeting held on 16th January 2024 at 7.30pm in Goudhurst Village Hall

PARTICIPANTS

Councillors Present: Cllrs Craig Broom, Paul Wareham and Antony Harris

Absent: Suzie Kember and Alison Webster

Officers Present: Asst. Clerk. Kat Hoyle

Others Present: Eight members of the public.

APOLOGIES

585/23 There were none

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

586/23 There were none.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

587/23 It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the committee meeting held on 26 September 2023, a copy of which was made available to members prior to the meeting via Board Intelligence.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

588/23 Question around speeding up Winchet Hill due to a number of crashes and request the speed limit be reduced by the sharp bend or have additional signage. A number of incidences have been reported and it is advised to keep a log of all accidents that take place. It is **resolved** for Craig Broom to create the pre-HIP proposal.

589/23 Concerns raised regarding Pillory Corner, where the speed limit has recently reduced from sixty to a fifty, as a result of the speed reduction on the A21. Issues around significant parking from the brewery blocking the road, turning in driveway and parking both sides of the road. It is **resolved**, for Paul Wareham to speak with KCC to investigate the re-opening of the KCC owned Carpark.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

590/23 *Update from GTAG on lorry watch and speed watch.*

Recruiting more members but the equipment needs updating to allow for forty mile an hour checking. (Update via email)

Update a21

Paul Wareham confirms the new designs for the average speed cameras have been completed and are due to be taken to the safety camera partnership for consideration. Data will be taken once they are in effect and call is due end of February to discuss updates. Expectations to be set for when and how long monitoring will take place.

591/23 *Update from North Road Action Group (NRAG)*

There was no update.

592/23 *Update from the Highways Working Group.*

There was no update.

It was noted a working group will meet before the meeting to offer an open surgery to parishioners. Action: Asst Clerk, 18.30 March. Asst to sort.

593/23 *Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)*

The Committee reviewed the HIP; it was **noted** the HIP projects priorities remains the same

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.

594/23 It was **resolved** to approve expenditure of 1,405.95, for a contractor to charge and download data from the SIDs on a weekly basis. It was further **resolved** to purchase an additional SID and addition pole, subject to Kent County Council location approval. It was **agreed** the SIDs must be charged and maintained at all times. **Action: Asst Clerk**

595/23 *Downgrading of the A262 to a B-road.*

It was **noted** that the Chairman had been in contact with Biddenden and Cranbrook & Sissinghurst Parish Councils to try and establish a joint approach. A meeting is planned between them.

TRAFFIC ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS

596/23 These were discussed under questions from the public and press.

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SURVEY 2023-24

597/23 Paul Wareham confirms the survey was completed, and no follow up or confirmation received.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

598/23 Nothing noted

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

599/23 Next Highways Committee meeting, 26th March 2024 Back Lane.

The meeting closed at 8.42

Kat
Kat Hoyle
Assistant Clerk
16th January 2024