

Goudhurst Parish Council



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