

# Goudhurst Parish Council



## Highways Committee 25th June 2024

MEETING  
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To: Cllrs Craig Broom, 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 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.00pm to meet with members of the public, but the meeting will officially start 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.**

Kat Hoyle  
Clerk to Goudhurst Parish Council  
Acting Clerk 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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A quorum for Highways Committee is 3 Members.

# Agenda

Location	Date	Time
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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 To elect a Chairman of the Committee	-
2 Apologies for absence as reported at the meeting.	-
3 Declarations of Interest.	-
4 To resolve to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 26th March 2024, and available to members via Board Intelligence prior to the meeting.	4
5 To consider safety concerns at the junction of Chequers Road and Cranbrook Road, and to make a decision on the next steps.	-
6 To consider and make a decision regarding the painting of the lines along the high street	-
7 To receive update on the proposed location for the Speed Indicator Device and decide on any action needed.	-
8 To receive an update from GTAG on lorry watch and speed watch.	-
9 To receive an update from the North Road Traffic Action Group and to decide on any action needed.	-
10 To receive an update from the A262 working group.	-
11 To receive an update on the A21 and decide on any action needed.	-
12 To consider traffic issues raised by residents and to decide on any action needed.	-
13 Items for Information	-
14 Date of next meeting is Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms, Back Lane.	-

1. Present CB,PW,AH
2. Declarations of Interest. None
3. Minutes resolved.
4. The junction of the A262 and Chequers road was discussed. A mirror had been in place in the past but this was removed following a fatality. The committee discussed the use of a mini roundabout which, given the activity at the junction (and the congestion at the church), will not adversely impact overall traffic flow but will cause traffic exiting the village to slow at the point many drivers accelerate towards the national speed restriction which contributes to the risk at this junction. Mrs Pope, who lives on the junction also raised the issue of her pedestrian access at the junction where drivers make no allowance for pedestrians when turning onto the A262. This concern should be considered in any redesign of the junction. This issue will be added to the HIP.
5. PW provided an update on the possibility of GPC getting access to the parking area at Pillory Corner. Highways are not against a transfer ownership.
  - a. GPC had approached highways as a way to mitigate the parking caused by visitors to the brewery. Residents however were concerned about the opening of the car park at Pillory Corner as there has been antisocial behaviour on this site in the past.
  - b. Residents were concerned that the road at pillory corner was 50mph. Only 1 50 sign remains in place but given the nature of the road residents believe that this is a residential area and not a major A road and so the limit should be reduced to 30mph - past the houses. GPC to raise this with National Highways.
6. Although we planned to implement a SID on North Road by the Tennis Club. Highways advised that because of safety concerns devices cannot be installed in 40mph zones.
7. GTAG did not attend
8. NRTAG did not attend
9. The A262 activities are still progressing with Sissinghurst and Biddenden. A comprehensive plan is being developed covering the length of the A262.
10. PW reported that the A21 Safety team have completed their works and will now wait for 18 months to allow for monitoring of traffic patterns before considering any further intervention. They have though instigated a Conflict Study at the rosemary lane junction monitoring behaviour collisions. They have also instigated a speed survey between the Motel and Rosemary Lane.
  - a. **It was agreed that GPC should write a letter thanking them for the work completed and their continued efforts.**
11. Issues were raised about:
  - a. Storm drain on Ranters Land is once again washing away driveways. This has been repaired in the past but has happened again. GPC to discuss with Highways.
  - b. A resident raised the issue for pedestrians on Ranters Lane. There was concern that although the road is used by residents and dog walkers and cyclists (it is National Cycling Route18). The concern was around speed (this is a national limit) and the lack of care and consideration shown by drivers. The road is increasingly too dangerous to walk-on. Speed is an issue, particularly on bends. GPC to raise this with KCC Highways for advice.
  - c. There was a concern raised about the parking of food vans in the village. The vans are an amenity for the village (although the Thai van is now in the Club

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car park on Friday and Saturday evenings) and although they can cause congestion and inconsiderate parking they do not represent a major concern beyond normal day-to-day parking.

Minutes taken by Cllr Craig Broom (Chair)