

HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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13th May 2004

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Ash Road Working Party to be held on Wednesday 19th May 2004 commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the Pavilion, Manor Field, Church Road.

Yours sincerely

Julie Hoad
Proper Officer

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Election of Chairman

To elect a Chairman of the Ash Road Working Group until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2005.

3. Election of Vice Chairman

To elect a Vice Chairman of the Ash Road Working Group until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2005.

4. Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Ash Road Working Group held on 7th January 2004 (annexed).

5. Declarations of Interest

To receive Members declarations of interest.

6. Terms of Reference

At the Council meeting held on 9th February 2004, it was agreed that the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee be approved and that the terms of reference of the Ash Road Working Group be extended to include other highway matters affecting the Parish.

In light of the above, the Working Group is requested to consider amendments to the terms of reference, as set out in appendix 1.

7. Access restrictor on the footpath between Manor Drive and Gorse Way

At the Annual Meeting of Council it was agreed that a letter received from the Trustees of Briars Way and Gorse Way in respect of proposals to improve the surface of the footpath should be referred to the Working Group for further consideration.

The Trustees are concerned that any improvements to the surface of the footpaths may encourage "trial bikes" and are in discussions with the Police and

the District Council's Community Development department with a view to installing an access restrictor. The Trustees have been invited to attend the meeting, which will be adjourned to allow discussions with the Trustees.

8. Ash Road

(a) To consider the improvement works to Ash Road endorsed by the Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board on 9th December 2003 and to be undertaken by the Sevenoaks Highway Unit during 2004/05.

(b) To note the plaque in memory of man killed on the Ash Road in September 2003 will be fitted to the bench on 15th May 2004 at 11.00 a.m.

9. Flooding at Springcroft

To receive a progress report on discussions with the Sevenoaks District Council in respect of the flooding problem at Springcroft.

10. Correspondence

(a) To consider a letter from Mr Dobson of Hamilton, Church Road complaining about the condition of the surface of Church Road between New Ash Green and Hartley Hill. Please note that Mr Dobson has sanctioned the release of his letter into the public domain.

(b) At the end of last year, the Council wrote to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council in respect of the provision of a width and weight restriction on South Ash Road. The Borough Council has responded confirming the proposal has been put on a list and will be considered after the proposed closure of Brown's Transport yard. Future consideration of this matter will be subject to justifications, prioritisation and funding availability.

11. Date of the next meeting.

Committee Membership

Cllr Mr M Harris
Cllr Mr B Ramsay
Cllr Mrs M Solman

Cllr Mr V Sewell
Cllr Mr C Ward

**Ash Road Highways and Byways Working Group
Terms of Reference**

1. To determine the problems and assess the priorities associated with the volume and speed of traffic using the Ash Road.
2. To formulate a strategy to overcome the problems associated with the traffic on Ash Road and report back to the Council with its findings and recommendations.
3. To meet from time to time as deemed necessary by members of the working party.
4. The working party to be dissolved on submission of its findings and recommendations to the Council.
5. To co opt, for such time as is necessary, members of the public to the working group.

6. To examine and make proposals to the Council on issues affecting highways and byways within the Parish.

Approved by Council at its meeting held on 14th July 2003 and re-confirmed by the Council at its Annual Meeting on 10th May 2004

**** proposed amendments shown in bold italics***

