

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HIGHWAY WORKING GROUP HELD ON  
MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2005 AT 8.30 p.m. AT THE PAVILION, MANOR FIELD**

Present: Cllr Mr M Harris  
Cllr Mr B Ramsay  
Cllr Mr V Sewell  
Cllr Mrs M Solman  
Cllr Mr C Ward (Chairman)  
Cllr Mr K Tucker

In attendance: Mrs J Hoad (Clerk)

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes**

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of the Highway Working Group held on 24th November 2004 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**4. Local Transport Plan**

At the last meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th December 2004, the Highway Working Group's recommendation that, "further improvements to the highways in Hartley are formulated to enable Kent County Council's Highway Department to include a bid within the next 5 year Local Transport Plan," was approved. This being the case, the Working Group considered a list of possible schemes, as summarised below:

Church Road

- Resurfacing from New Ash Green to the junction with St Johns Lane
- Introduce a 40 mph speed limit on the section of Church Road from New Ash Green to the start of the 30 mph speed limit, approximately 100 metres south of All Saints Church
- Introduce parking restrictions in the vicinity of the St Francis De Sales Church

Ash Road

- Finalise the requisition of an interactive speed sign to be located 200 metres north of the roundabout at the Milestone School.
- Increase the speed limit from 30 mph to 40 mph on the section of Ash Road from the roundabout at the Milestone School to just south of Chantry Avenue (outside the properties of Woodcroft and Bramley). This will allow the interactive speed sign to be relocated to a more central position within Hartley and thus have the effect of reducing the speed of the traffic as it approaches the bend in the road at the junction with St Johns Lane

- Install refuge islands on Ash Road at the junctions with Chantry Avenue, St Johns Lane, Church Road, Wellfield and Quakers Close
- Extend the street lighting on Ash Road from the new street lights located on Hoselands Green upto the junction with Chantry Avenue

#### Cherry Trees

- Improve the car parking arrangements outside the shops in Cherry Trees by removing the island and increasing the number of parking bays from 5 to 8 or 9 by marking them out so that they are positioned diagonally outwards from the kerb.
- Encourage greater use of the existing car park located behind the shops, by creating a new entrance off Church Road (under the staircase to the flats above the shops), so that a one way system may be introduced by providing an entrance off Church Road and an exit into Cherry Trees.

#### Round Ash Way/Conifer Avenue

- Introduce a 20 mph speed restriction in the vicinity of Hartley Primary School
- Introduce parking restrictions in the vicinity of Hartley Primary School

#### Woodland Avenue

- Introduce traffic calming measures

#### Footpaths

- Identify any dropped kerbs standing proud of the footpath on Ash Road

RESOLVED: That, consideration of the list of proposed improvements to highways within Hartley to be submitted to Kent County Council for inclusion in its five year Local Transport Plan, to be deferred to the next meeting of the Working Group and thereafter the views of the Kent County Council's Highway Inspector be sought on the Council's proposals.

#### **6. Date of the next meeting**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed:.....  
Chairman

Date:.....