

HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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9th September 2005

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Highways Working Group to be held on Thursday 15th September 2005 at 7.30 p.m. at the Manor Field Pavilion, Church Road, Hartley, Longfield, Kent.

Yours sincerely

Julie Hoad
Proper Officer

Members are requested to note that Mr Ray Dines, Transport Manager, West Kent, and Mr Julian Cook, Assistant Engineer, Kent Highway Services will be attending the meeting and invited to make comment on a number of matters contained on the agenda.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive Members declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Highway Working Group held on 30th June 2005 (annexed).

4. Castle Hill

At the previous meeting of the Working Group, it was resolved that, "(1) the views of residents on Castle Hill over the problems associated with the speed of vehicles and congestion on Castle Hill be sought and (2) advice on how this problem may be alleviated by sought from the Kent Highway Services."

A number of letters have been received from residents of Castle Hill and these are attached for Members' attention.

Advice in a letter dated 8th August 2005 has been received from the Assistant Engineer, Kent Highway Services and is attached for Member's attention.

The Working Group is requested to consider the aforementioned correspondence and agree a course of action.

5. Interactive Sign

To receive an update on the progress of the installation of interactive sign (annexed – letter dated 15th July 2005 from Kent Highway Services, see final paragraph).

6. Local Transport Plan 2006/11

To consider a letter dated 15th July 2005 from Kent Highway Services in response to the Council's letter of 9th July 2005 to the 2006/11 Local Transport Plan and other highway issues (annexed).

7. Fairby Lane

To consider a letter dated 21st July 2005 from the Highway Manager, Kent Highway Services in respect of the Council's support of the residents of Fairby Lane's to their request for the closure of Fairby Lane to Ash Road (annexed).

8. Flooding at Springcroft

To receive a verbal report on progress to alleviate the flooding problems at the end of Springcroft.

9. Speedwatch and Kent County Council Member Community Scheme

To receive a report on a new scheme known as "Speedwatch" being promoted by the Police and KAPC to reduce traffic speed and to consider whether the working group wishes to recommend the Council seek funding for such equipment through the Kent County Council Member Community Scheme. During consideration of this matter the Working Group is requested to consider whether there are any other projects it would like to support for funding through the KCC Member Scheme.

10. Correspondence

To consider a letter dated 5th July 2005 (annexed) questioning the lack of speed signs on Hawthorns, Brambledown and Pitfield and complaining about the groups of youth congregating opposite the recycling centre in Woodland Avenue.

11. Disabled parking bay at Wellfield

To consider a complaint from the resident of 45 Brambledown, Wellfield in respect of the disabled parking bay located outside her property.

The resident has reason to use the said disabled parking bay, but access along Wellfield is blocked if vehicles are parked immediately opposite and has asked whether there are any parking restrictions on the highway immediately opposite the disabled parking bay. It has been confirmed with Sevenoaks District Council that there are no parking restrictions.

12. Prohibition of Driving Temporary Order 2005

To note the following Orders prohibiting the use by traffic (except for access to the premises therein):

(1) On C269 Valley Road, Hartley, between its junction with D116 Castle Hill and its junction with D109 Scudders Hill. It is anticipated the works will take three nights between 21.00 hrs and 05.00 hrs. The Order is to allow Lux on behalf of BT to gain safe access to the carriageway box.

(2) On C269 Fawkham Road between its junction with D116 Castle Hill and its junction with D114 Kent Road. It is anticipated the works will take on night between the hours of 21.00 and 06.00 to complete. The Order is to allow Lux on behalf of BT to gain access to the carriageway box to restore services.

(3) On U1146 Hodsoll Street, Ash-cum-Ridley between its junction with U12911 Oak Farm Lane and its junction with A227 Gravesend Road. It is anticipated the works will take one week to complete. The Order is to allow Ringway on behalf of Kent Highway Services to undertake carriageway patching works.

(4) On U1145 New Street, Ash-cum-Ridley between its junction with U1149 Rectory Road and its junction with U1150 Bunkers Hill. It is anticipated the

works will take one week to complete. The Order is to allow Ringway on behalf of Kent Highway Services to undertake carriageway patching works.

13. Date of the next meeting.

List of circulated documents

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Highway Working Group held on 30th June 2005
2. Various letters and e mails from residents of Castle Hill
3. Letter dated 8th August 2005 from the Assistant Engineer, Kent Highway Services re Castle Hill
4. Letter dated 15th July 2005 from Kent Highway Services in respect of various highway issues relating to the Local Transport Plan.
5. Letter dated 21st July 2005 from the Highway Manager, Kent Highway Services in respect of the Council's request that consideration be given to closing off the junction of Fairby Lane and Ash Road to vehicular traffic.
6. Speedwatch papers from the launch held on 17th August 2005
7. Letter dated 5th July 2005 from a resident re lack of speed signs in Hawthorns, Brambledown and Pitfield and the groups of youths congregating opposite the recycling centre.

Committee Membership

Cllr Mr M Harris
Cllr Mr B Ramsay
Cllr Mrs M Solman
Cllr Mr D Brazier (co-opted)

Cllr Mr V Sewell
Cllr Mr C Ward