

HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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25th July 2007

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Highways Committee to be held on **Thursday 2nd August 2007** at **7.30 p.m.** at **Hartley Library, Ash Road.**

Yours sincerely

Julie Hoad
Proper Officer

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 meeting of the Highways Committee held on 13th June 2007 as a correct record. (Annexed).

4. Fairby Lane

To note that Kent Highway Services has received a letter of petition signed by six residents of Conifer Avenue and Oast Way stating that they have used the section of Fairby Lane from the junction of Ash Road to the westerly boundary of numbers 6 and 7 for over twenty years without interruption and that they feel that it is now their right of way. Kent Highway Services has forwarded a copy to the Parish Council asking that a copy be forwarded to the organisation dealing with the closure and confirming that Kent Highway Services has no responsibility with the matter as the road is privately owned.

5. Springcroft

To receive a progress report on works at Springcroft to alleviate the continuing flooding problems. The Committee is advised that Springcroft flooded once again on Friday 20th July 2007 and that Kent Highway Services ordered an emergency 2 hour response call out to clear the area of mud and silt.

The Programme Delivery Manager has advised the County Councillor that 100% of the staffing resources have been directed to deal with flooding on high speed roads and that this work will continue until at least the end of September. The Programme Delivery Manager has confirmed that the actual hydrological survey for Springcroft has been carried out, but he has not had the time to verify the

data or to prepare a computer based model of the drainage network. However he explains that Kent Highway Services intend to install a line of kerbs in the channel on the junction of Manor Drive and Manor Lane to encourage the surface water run off to run into the existing drainage system. He hopes the work will be carried out this summer.

The Committee is requested to note the report.

6. Parking at Cherry Trees

At the last meeting of the Highways Committee it was resolved that a scheme showing improvements to the parking in front of the shops by the removal of the road traffic island be prepared, costed and submitted to Kent Highway Services for comment.

The Committee is reminded that the Head of Environmental and Operational Services at Sevenoaks District Council was informed of a number of areas where there was known to be a problem with illegal parking and that the parking in Cherry Trees was identified as one such area. The Committee is requested to consider further how the parking outside the front of the shops could be improved.

7. Stack Lane

To consider a letter from a resident of Stack Lane about the condition of the surface of road. (Annexed).

8. Bus shelter

At the last meeting of the Highways Committee it was reported that no response had been received from Arriva Bus Company to the Council's enquiry about the usage figures for the bus stops at Wellfield and at the Cherry Tree shops. In a letter dated 25th June 2007, Arriva has now confirmed that its ticketing equipment is not sufficiently sophisticated to enable the Bus Company to identify numbers boarding at any one stop and so is unable to help with Council's request for information. Furthermore, Arriva has confirmed that it is not in a position to assist with the supply of bus shelters.

The Committee is requested to note the correspondence and to consider further the provision of bus shelters in the parish.

9. Bus Service

To consider a copy of a letter dated 6th July 2007 from Kent County Council to Sevenoaks District Council advising of changes to the Sunday service on route numbers 423 and 489 which will come into effect on 12th August 2007. (Annexed)

10. Cycle route - Ash Road

At the last meeting of the Highways Committee it was resolved that further investigations be undertaken to establish whether it would be feasible to provide a cycle route on the existing footpath. Offham Parish Council has confirmed that there is no cycle route within its parish, but some confusion may have arisen as it has recently laid a tarmac perimeter track around one of its playing fields as part of its improvement works funded by WREN, Awards for All and the local Borough Council.

11. Speedwatch

At the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th May 2007, questions were raised about the speed of traffic on Woodland Avenue. The Community Warden agreed

to obtain information on the Speedwatch scheme, which has been forwarded to the Parish Council.

The Committee is requested to consider the information received from Roads Safety/Roads Policing Officer for the West Kent Police.

12. Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board

To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board held on 12th June 2007. (To follow, if available)

13. Parish Issue Spreadsheet

To consider the Parish Issue Spreadsheet received by the Council on 29th June 2007. (Annexed).

14. Highway matters

To receive any reports from Councillors on issues and concerns regarding highways within the parish.

15. Date of the next meeting.

Public Question Time

A period of 15 minutes will be set aside to receive any queries or concerns raised by members of the public.

List of circulated documents

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Highway Working Group held on 13th June 2007
2. Letter from a resident of Stack Lane
3. Sunday 423 & 489 – Service changes from 12th August 2007
4. E mail dated 28th June 2007 from Roads Safety/Roads Policing Officer
5. Speedwatch information sheet
6. Spreadsheet received from KHS by the Council on 29th June 2007

Committee Membership

Cllr Mr J Gaywood (ex officio)
Cllr Mr S Granger
Cllr Mr J Minns
Cllr Mr D Brazier (co-opted)

Cllr Mr D Graeme
Cllr Mr M Harris (ex officio)
Cllr Mr V Sewell

