

HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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23rd November 2007

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Highways Committee to be held on **Thursday 29th November 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

(WHITE)

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Highways Committee held on 18th October 2007 as a correct record. (Annexed).

4. Springcroft

(a) At the last Council meeting the following recommendation was approved:

Kent County Council's Cabinet Member responsible for the Environment, Highways and Waste, Mr K Ferrin, be invited to attend a public meeting to discuss the flooding problems associated with Springcroft.

The Committee is requested to consider any response received.

(b) To note that the end of Springcroft was flooded, once again, on 19th and 20th November 2007.

(c) To consider a complaint from the property owner at 1 Hartley Wood Corner, Manor Drive about the kerb realignment works undertaken by Kent Highway Services in August 2007. The resident claims that the works have caused increased volumes of water to discharge into the frontages of both nos 1 and 2 Hartley Wood Corner. This situation has also been made worse by the development works being carried out opposite at the property previously known as Southdown, Manor Drive due to the removal of an existing soakaway by the developers from the rear garden.

5. Parking at Cherry Trees

To note that a meeting took place with the Transportation Engineer from Kent Highway Services, Mr A Jiwaji, on 14th November 2007. The Engineer agreed to consider and report back on a scheme put forward by the Council to improve the parking arrangements in the front of the shops.

The Committee is requested to consider any response received.

6. Bus Shelter

(GREEN)

At the last meeting of the Highways Committee it was resolved that,

(1) enquiries be made with the Planning Authority to establish whether the provision of a bus shelter constitutes development requiring the benefit of planning permission and (2) the views of local residents most directly affected by proposals to site a bus shelter at the Cherry Tree shops and at Wellfield be sought.

The Committee is requested to note that no response has been received from the Planning Authority regarding the Council's enquiry as to whether the provision of a bus shelter requires planning permission.

The Committee is requested to note that six residents were contacted in respect of a proposed bus shelter at Cherry Trees and West Kent Housing Association was contacted in respect of a proposed bus shelter at Wellfield. To date two responses have been received from residents of Church Road, explaining their reasons why they would not wish a bus shelter to be sited at the Cherry Trees. (Annexed).

Background documents

E mail dated 17th November 2007 from resident of Church Road

E mail dated 20th November 2007 from resident of Church Road

7. Bus Services

(CREAM)

(a) At the last meeting of the Highways Committee it was resolved to pursue a response from Arriva in respect of the Council's concerns about the early morning time tabling to Darent Valley Hospital and to write to Arriva expressing concern about the three hour gap in the morning service from Hartley to New Ash Green.

The Committee is requested to consider the following correspondence (Annexed).

Letter dated 15th November 2007 from the Commercial Director at Arriva

Letter dated 12th November 2007 from the Business Development Manager at Arriva.

Letter dated 13th November 2007 from Dr H Stoate

Background documents

Letter dated 17th September 2007 from the Council to Arriva

Letter dated 6th November 2007 from the Council to Arriva

Letter dated 15th November 2007 from the Commercial Director at Arriva

Letter dated 12th November 2007 from the Business Development Manager at Arriva.

Letter dated 13th November 2007 from Dr H Stoate

(b) To consider the new timetable issued by Arriva and operational from 18th November 2007 (Annexed). The Council has received verbal complaints about (a) the reduction in service on the 489 route and (b) reduction in the service on the Ash Road between Wellfield and St Johns Lane.

Background document

Bus times Issue 22 from 18th November 2007

8. Cycle route - Ash Road

(WHITE)

At the last meeting of the Highways Committee it was reported that a response was awaited from Kent Highway Services to an enquiry about the provision of a shared cycle/pedestrian route on Ash Road.

Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council has confirmed that it is willing, in principle, to support an initiative to provide a shared cycle and pedestrian route on Ash Road.

The Committee is requested to consider a letter dated 24th October 2007 from Kent Highway Services (Annexed).

Background documents

Letter dated 18th September 2007 from the Council to Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council

Letter dated 18th September from the Council to Kent Highway Services

Letter dated 23rd October 2007 from Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council

Letter dated 24th October 2007 from Kent Highway Services to the Council

9. Speedwatch

(GREEN)

At the last meeting of the Highways Committee it was resolved, in response to a number of verbal complaints about speeding traffic, to contact the residents of Woodland Avenue and Gorsewood Road to assess the level of interest for initiating a Speedwatch scheme.

The Committee is requested to note that letters were sent to every household in Woodland Avenue and Gorsewood Road and to consider responses received to date (Annexed).

Background document

E mail dated 20th November 2007 from resident of Woodland Avenue

E mail dated 20th November 2007 from resident of Woodland Avenue

E mail dated 21st November 2007 from resident of Woodland Avenue

E mail dated 22nd November 2007 from resident of Woodland Avenue

E mail dated 22nd November 2007 from resident of Gorsewood Road

E mail dated 22nd November 2007 from resident of Gorsewood Road

E mail dated 22nd November 2007 from resident of Gorsewood Road

10. Interactive Speed Sign – Ash Road

To receive a verbal report on the commissioning of the interactive speed sign on Ash Road.

11. Highway matters

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

12. Farningham to Hadlow Pipeline Project

(WHITE)

To consider a letter dated 31st October 2007 from Southern Gas Networks in response to the Council's concerns about the use of Ash Road for the transportation of equipment and materials during the construction period. (Annexed)

Background documents

Letter dated 18th September 2007 from the Council to Southern Gas Networks

Letter dated 31st October 2007 from Southern Gas Networks.

13. Kent Highway Services: Highway Services Tracker Survey 2007 – Parish & Town Councillors Survey. (CREAM)

To consider the Kent Highways Services Highway Services Tracker Survey 2007. (Annexed)

14. 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 Committee held on 18th October 2007 (WHITE)
2. E mail dated 17th November 2007 from resident of Church Road (GREEN)
3. E mail dated 20th November 2007 from resident of Church Road (GREEN)
4. Letter dated 15th November 2007 from the Commercial Director at Arriva (CREAM)
5. Letter dated 12th November 2007 from the Business Development Manager at Arriva. (CREAM)
6. Letter dated 13th November 2007 from Dr H Stoate (CREAM)
7. Bus times Issue 22 from 18th November 2007 (CREAM)
8. Letter dated 24th October 2007 from Kent Highway Services (WHITE)
9. E mail dated 20th November 2007 from resident of Woodland Avenue (GREEN)
10. E mail dated 20th November 2007 from resident of Woodland Avenue (GREEN)
11. E mail dated 21st November 2007 from resident of Woodland Avenue (GREEN)
12. E mail dated 22nd November 2007 from resident of Woodland Avenue (GREEN)
13. E mail dated 22nd November 2007 from resident of Gorsewood Road (GREEN)
14. E mail dated 22nd November 2007 from resident of Gorsewood Road (GREEN)
15. E mail dated 22nd November 2007 from resident of Gorsewood Road (GREEN)
16. Letter dated 31st October 2007 from Southern Gas Networks (WHITE)
17. Kent Highway Services: Highway Services Tracker Survey 2007 (CREAM)

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