

Traffic Management Working Party

Monday 13th August 2018

MEETING NOTES

Present: Irene Roy (Chairman), Ted Scott, Howard Leicester, Martin Whitehead, Graham Bignell and Ian Bell.

Action

1. Review Traffic Management Report

A few points were raised regarding some of the recommendations and the following minor amendments were agreed.

20mph zone. The extent of the 20mph limit on Shoreham Road was reconsidered. It was felt that it would be difficult to enforce the limit on the wider, straighter section of this road and as a result would be unpopular. It was agreed to reduce the extent of the limit from Greenhill Road to Hillydeal Road. IR

PWE. Additional traffic calming measures to restrict HGVs entering PWE were considered and ruled out as impractical. It was hoped that KCC HGV rerouting technology would help to solve the issue along with new advisory signage to include weight restrictions at the PWE/Station Road junction. IR

Station Road. The congestion caused by nuisance parking on Station Road was reviewed. It was felt that the parked cars were a major factor causing congestion and they increased the difficulties and safety accessing Russell House school. Manoeuvring around the parked vehicles was also felt to be a safety hazard, particularly on the narrowest section of the road, and that these additional concerns ought to be considered by the Traffic Officers and included in the report. IR

PWW. Several comments from members of the public regarding dangerous driving on PWW where the national speed limit applies were considered. It was agreed to include an additional recommendation in the report under Traffic Speed to deregulate the national speed limit.

Parking Pond. Reports from members of the public on the west side of the village concerning long delays at the pond and a possible solution have been received. It has been suggested that congestion at the pond could be eased by restricting parking at peak times only on the pond. It was agreed to include an additional recommendation in the report under Parking to introduce a 'no waiting' restriction at peak times for one hour (times to be agreed by OPC). IR

It was noted that the Traffic Consultant from Royal Haskoning had read the speed and safety section of the report and was able to confirm the accuracy of all details and information on highway regulation. The consultant also confirmed that the proposals being recommended were deliverable subject to the details of the feasibility study and road and safety audits.

It was also noted that Adrian Berendt, the Kent representative for 20's Plenty, had read the entire report and was able to confirm that details on 20mph limits and zones throughout the report were accurate and comply with DfT regulation. In his view, it was an excellent report, clearly written in a friendly accessible style and it was evident that the team had worked hard to produce a thorough report. For this reason, Adrian has suggested that the report is forwarded to KALK to be used as a blueprint by other villages.

The final report will be delivered to Councillors in time for the next full Council meeting on the 10th September. The Clerk will also be asked to make the report available on the Parish Council website. Clerk

2. Public Consultations

Action

2.1 Public Meeting

It was agreed that the public meeting on the traffic proposals would take place on Saturday 3rd November. Doors will open at 1pm to allow the public an opportunity to view the traffic proposals and the presentation will begin at 2pm followed by a question and answer session. Adrian Berendt to be asked to say a few words on 20mph limits and zones.

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The meeting will be advertised in the Chronicle and the September edition of the Parish newsletter together with details on how to access the Traffic Management report on the Parish Council website. All clubs and societies will also be emailed and a notification placed on Nextdoor. Posters will be on display in local shops and notice boards around the village.

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2.2 Traffic Management Questionnaire

The questionnaire has been forwarded to all Parish Councillors. A recommendation on the questionnaire will be sought at the September Parish Council meeting. It is proposed that the consultation period runs for a period of four weeks and will commence at the public meeting.

Nick Rushby, Parish Council Chairman, has kindly offered to set up the on-line traffic management questionnaire using Survey Monkey.

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An article regarding the questionnaire will be included in the October edition of the Parish newsletter along with the questionnaire and details on how to access the online version.

3. Outstanding Actions

The completed reviews on advisory signage and footway infrastructure to be included in the final report. There were no other outstanding actions.

4. Future of the TMWP

Following completion of the Traffic Management report the future of the TMWP was discussed. Members of the TMWP would like to continue on the working party to see through the implementation of traffic proposals once the results of the public consultation are clear and recommendations have been agreed. New recruits are most welcome and Councillors Fothergill and Clucas have already expressed an interest in being involved with the proposals on footpaths. It was also agreed that it would be sensible to join forces with relevant members of the Sustainable Tourism Group where proposals overlap, such as signage to avoid duplication of effort and to ensure consistency, and above all that we do not add to the problem of sign clutter.

Due to the pressure of other committees and penning his new book, Rod has decided he needs to step back. Rod has been an invaluable member of the team and I am particularly grateful to Rod for all his support and encouragement along the way; I am sure he will not be far away from the side lines as we move forward to implementation. Rod also undertook two excellent reviews for the report including a thorough and comprehensive advisory signage review, as shown by his report, clearly much needed.

5. Date of next meeting

A meeting to plan the public consultation will be arranged for September.

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Cllr Irene Roy
12th September 2018

