

STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Committee, Group or Sub Group	
Road Safety Group	
Meeting Date & Venue	
21 st May 2020 at 7pm via Zoom	
Report Author	
Malcolm Buller Chairman	
Report	
<p>Present were Councillors Joan Buller JB, Sue Forward SF and Paddy Riordan PR with Speed Watch Rep Malcolm Buller MB and Clerk Designate Nicola Ideson NI. Cllr Adele Sharp AS apologised for her late arrival.</p> <p>The report of the 4th December was accepted and all items would be covered via the agenda.</p> <p>The Meeting Notes from KCC Highways' Jennie Watson were looked at in detail, with reference to the SPC Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) priorities: -</p> <p>3 Church Hill Gateway works – JW has confirmed the work to include new village nameplate, roundels, rumble strips and dragon's teeth has been earmarked for this financial year. A welcome success when it happens.</p> <p>5 20mph pilot scheme the order of play was helpful, but progress shut down</p> <p>6 Gybbon Rise parking issues no news</p> <p>8a Narrow paths, Station Road near the traffic lights MB informed that recent government minister was giving power and money to get authorities to remodel roads/footways in light of improving cycling/walking safety. MB to ask KCC</p> <p>8b Pinnock Lane bus stop No other complaints had been received so no action proposed. Members agreed that there were problems during school bus arrivals due to lack of footpath area and highlighted dangers of road crossings here.</p> <p>9 Marden Road roundabout no news</p> <p>10 Hawkenbury Bridge Headcorn PC have added our words to their HIP – attack from both ends. Recent crash details need to be sent in to PC for recording. PR to advertise the link.</p> <p>11 Bovis pedestrian crossing Bovis expect to install drop kerbs and tactile surfaces only. JB to check conditions and 106 details, Imminent Sainsburys' development in that area will affect this.</p> <p>Speed watch is in lockdown – no deployment allowed in county</p> <p>Hedges scheme not implemented over winter due to health issues. PR commented that the traffic light problem had been partially solved by moving signs. JB to speak to resident. PR mentioned track to south of Southview, Church Hill. PR to speak to resident when appropriate, JB to contact Golding Homes.</p> <p>Terms of Reference were reviewed – agreed to remove 'Task and Finish' from title, remove date for dissolving group and leave the maintenance of road features like gateways to the Greener Group.</p> <p>AOB MB suggested the publishing of the HIP on the website. Group agreed, but NI to check in office in light of forthcoming legislation.</p>	

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MB mentioned a letter re speeding from a Station Rd resident that he had answered. Only JB of the Councillors had seen the letter that had appeared to come to the Office.
PR asked for any road safety comments from the RSG to be added to those of the Planning Committee regarding any concerns for the Sainsburys' development as they seem to be willing to consider all points of view. MB to send info to AS to include Streetwise and Speed Watch data summaries.

The session ended at 7:50pm to ensure a hearty clapping session in many parts of Staplehurst.

Date & Venue of next meeting	
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MB to find suitable date in two months
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