

Committee, Group or Sub Group : Road Safety Group

Meeting Date & Venue: Thursday 28th October 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom

Report Author: Adele Sharp - Chairman

Report

Present were: A Sharp (AS), C Bowden (CB), M Buller (MB) Speed Watch Rep ,

Apologies: J Buller (JB), Cllr Paddy Riordan (PR).

The minutes of 30th September 2021 were agreed.

1. Dropped Curbs - Bower Walk at the Gybbon Rise (HIP No.6) end by post box

12 School drive - Dropped kerb at the end of Bower Walk and other side, (because of the amount of footfall there, especially with pushchairs). Added to HIP. Double yellow lines outside No 19. Have they been consulted? No further update. Hip sent to Kent Highways (Jennie Watson)

Action: Ask Alison if there is an update.



2. Speedwatch – MB

Not been out since last meeting mainly due to covid & self-isolating.

Also been unable to check if there have been any RTA reports due to IT issues.

3. Sainsburys

MB emailed KCC and has checked but the pole is still at an angle. Not sure which bollard was a concern. Drivers continue to go over roundabout instead of round it.

Action: MB will check KCC job status.

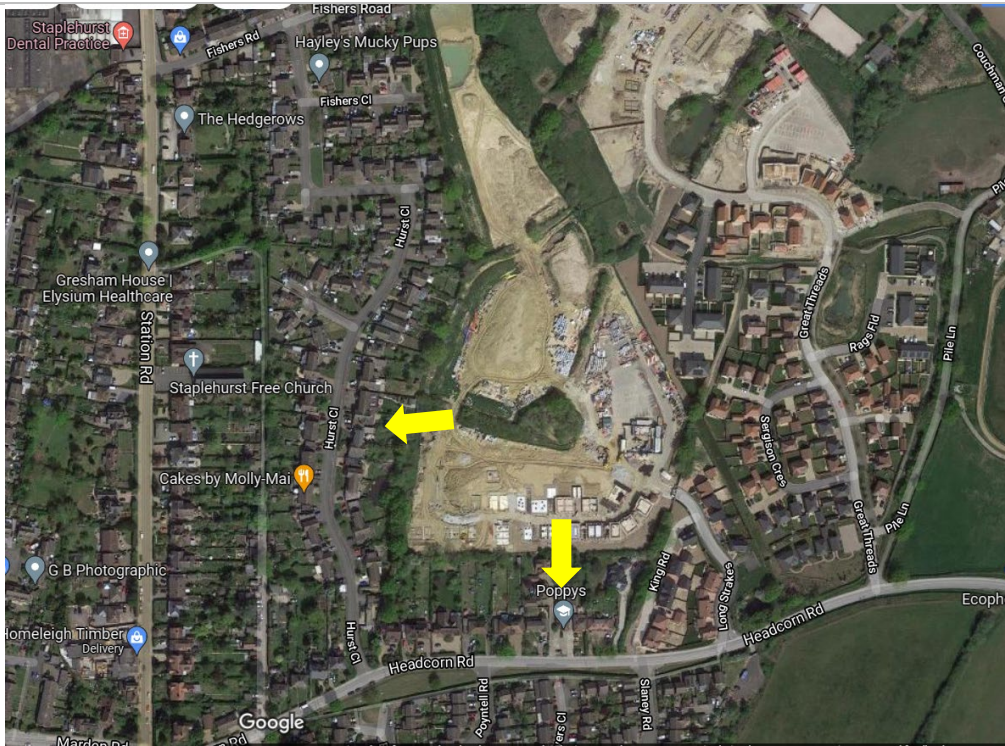
4. Headcorn pedestrian crossing

Following the planning meeting on Monday, MB recced out an area along the Headcorn road for the traffic data to be collected to lobby further for a crossing – Slaney Road where there is a ‘tactile’ crossing point. Similar to the existing Marden Road Puffin crossing on the other side of the crossroads. A crossing would link the Redrow and Bovis sites and enable crossing to Poyntell Rd / high street.

MB’s recommendation was for the traffic survey to be further East, No7 King Road (cul de sac) East of Poppys Nursery (Baywood) 30mph area(not 40 mph).

Note - This is to help support the need for a pedestrian crossing along the road as well as concerns about the amount and speed of traffic on that road.

Fisher Road. We do not recommend closing off this road due to it being the only ‘bypass’ should the high street between the crossroads and Sainsburys be blocked (e.g. RTA). Speed bumps and chicanes seem little help as it’s quite a winding road with parked cars already. It seems to be the last section of Hurst Close to Headcorn Rd that is where the concern about speeding traffic has originated from. More evidence is needed of this so we invite the residents to join Speedwatch, train and log the concerning traffic.



Action:

- Could the clerk please contact Bovis, Redrow and David Wilson homes to see if it is possible to recommence the meetings with site manager as we did before.
- Our recommendation to full council is for the traffic survey site to be from Baywood (Poppy's) to the telegraph pole opposite.
- re Hurst Road – residents are invited to join speed watch, train and log the concerning traffic.

5. SPC Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) – priorities – MB feedback from Jennie MBC: -

Following the submission of the updated and prioritised version of the HIP to Jenni Watson at Kent Highways, PR reported Surrenden Road pavements as dangerous and had seen white paint sprayed in areas. Hopeful it may mean repairs.

Action: Update at next meeting whether any improvements have been made.

6. 'The Quarter' High street down the hill towards Pinnock Lane (Garage & Morrison shop)

SPC agreed that they will be funding the same 4 previous sites surveyed on A229 & Kent Highways paying for one by the quarter. SPC will try to raise funds for this.

Quotations received today were considered.

Action: Recommend that Full Council go appoint Transport Survey Systems at £380 + VAT asap

Note – kept on minutes to ensure not forgotten

: Zebra crossing = £17,000 , puffin crossing £38,200.

We would need to lobby for the 30mph to extend to past Pinnock Lane, Iden Manor, as they have to be installed in a 20 – 30 mph area to have a crossing. **Action:** On the HIP

* Picture below (courtesy of Google) current 30mph starts at Frittenden Rd area. On that side of the road (East) is the Cricket Lodge, which flows onto to the garage / Morrison shop / car wash site

* Bus stop on both sides of the road - opposite the garage & on the garage side it's past the Pinnock Lane turn off towards Cranbrook.

* This is used by children in the properties (West) who have to cross this busy main road during rush hour to be able to go to school in Cranbrook. We are all concerned about potential fatalities.

* Our suggestion would be to:

a) extend the 30mph at least to Pinnock Lane where the built up properties extend to, ideally to where the 50mph threshold is (Fuller House) and

b) install a crossing between the Hallwards pedestrian walkway and the bus top (West side)

Group membership

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MB Malcolm Buller speed watch rep



Red shows where the 30mph is (top / North) and could be (bottom / South).

White = suggested crossing placement

Note the 2 bus tops

7. Hedge letter – Have been copied and are available to be given out.

Action: copies can be obtained from the office. Please liaise with each other before issuing.

8. Accident / incident report – MB None to report. staplehurstroadinfo@gmail.com

* update – accident with 3 police cars attending at Hawkenbury bridge 28.10.21 evening

9. AOB

None

Date & venue of next meeting:

Thursday 25th November 2021 6.30pm Zoom

Thursday 30th December 2021 6.30pm Zoom

The meeting ended at 7.30pm.

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