

Committee, Group or Sub Group : Road Safety Group

Meeting Date & Venue: Thursday 30th September 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom

Report Author: Adele Sharp - Chairman

Report

Present were: A Sharp (AS), J Buller (JB) , M Buller (MB) Speed Watch Rep , Cllr Paddy Riordan (PR).

Apologies: C Bowden (CB).

The minutes of 3rd September 2021 were not sent out due to illness of AS, so will be agreed at the next meeting.

1. **Dropped Curbs - Bower Walk – 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?

Action: Ask Alison to send HIP and await a response from Jennie Watson.



2. **Speedwatch – MB** - Five times in September 110 speeders = 14 letters. Another roadside volunteer trained. Monitored Slaney road towards traffic lights, Poyntell Road towards Jubilee field and Station road as usual. Last Sunday in half an hour, 22 speeders the fastest at 54 mph. On the 20th September Police 2 motorcycles and 3 in a car monitoring station road traffic speed in Free church carpark. They were thanked for doing this. A stolen car was stopped as well and returned to rightful owner. Good result. Imagine if it was done more regularly!

3. Sainsburys

Bollard still missing and think the pole is still at an angle. Still concerns about drivers going over roundabout instead of round it. **Action:** JB will check and email KCC if necessary

4. Headcorn pedestrian crossing

Bovis replied to PR to say thanks for email but no further response, even with chase up emails.

Action: clerk please contact Bovis, Redrow and Davild Wilson homes to see if it is possible to recommence the meetings with site manager as we did before.



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

AS completed updated prioritised version of the HIP for comments / amendments as recommended by

Jenni Watson to do. Did not get sent to clerk (due to AS illness)

PR commented re item 1 (Area around Primary school) that Surrenden Road was also dangerous to those with mobility issues (old or young). MB suggested this should be reported to KCC highways as a separate urgent matter. PR volunteered to do so.

Action: Ask clerk to send the HIP Jennie Watson.

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

Two residents this week informed us that road that they felt the traffic was still too fast despite evidence that it has slowed after 'dragons teeth' markings. There may be a pot hole to report which they were advised about the process to do this.

Nothing stops the drivers that will drive badly no matter what sadly.

Bus stop overgrown verge / hedge was 'trimmed' but did not go back to the barrier as far as we were hoping.

Action: Ask Highways Jenni Watson if they will be doing another speed check in that area again and when (not half term). Can this be an item to be agreed by SPC full council re funding. The same 4 previous sites.

Note: 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

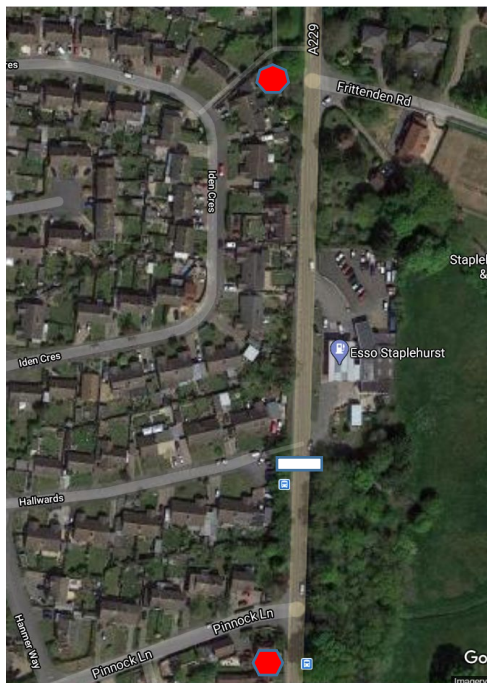
* Bus stop on both sides of the road - opposite the garage & on the garage side it's past the Pinnock Lane turn off towards Cranbrook.

* 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)



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

White = suggested crossing placement

Note the 2 bus tops

MB's visual plan (to be added to our HIP) is at the end.

7. Hedge letter - Agreed at SPC meeting. Date and name and address was added but we will remove name and address space, so it can be copied and given out. A link to KCC hedges added to the bottom for information. **Action:** copies out to RSG members please.

Group membership

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CB Colin Bowden cllr

JB Joan Buller cllr
MB Malcolm Buller speed watch rep

PR cllr Paddy Riordan

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

9. AOB shout out on Face book about foliage covering street lamps traffic lights etc. resulted in a list of things to report which is in progress **Action** : AS to chase completion

- Payback Team sweeping gutters on a229 minus Hi Viz jackets as they didn't have enough. Concerned for their safety. **Action**: please have this noted at the next meeting any volunteer near the road, for their own safety , please wear a Hi Viz jacket.

Date & venue of next meeting:

Thursday 28th October 2021 6.30pm Zoom

Thursday 25th November 2021 6.30pm Zoom

Thursday 30th December 2021 6.30pm Zoom

The meeting ended at 7.30pm.

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