

## STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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### Committee, Group or Sub-Group

Transport Accessibility Group .

### Meeting Date & Venue

Hawkhurst, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 .

### Report Author

Barrett E. Manning .

### Report

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### **Chairman:- Tony Staines opened the Meeting**

**Apologies:-** from Tony Avenell-Member. Graham Holmes-Cranbrook Parish Council.

Gillian Davis-Sandhurst Member. Derrick Coffee- Campaign for Better Transport.

### **Chairman welcomed**

Grace Butcher-Arriva. Richard Phillips-Hawkhurst Member. Hugh Loy-Stagecoach,

Peter Emberson-Vice Chairman. Mike Appelbe-Hawkhurst Parish Council.

Barrett Manning-Staplehurst Parish Council. Geoffrey Goodsell-Chairman Bodiam

Parish Council. Nick Smyth-Kent County Council Transport Department.

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> were read agreed and signed**

### **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Peter Emberson** asked about the 106 agreement on the Development on Highgate Hill.

**Nick Smyth** – K.C.C. said that this money had gone to improve the early morning and evening Buses going to Staplehurst Station. Arriva 5 operated this route and extra Services were operating which would provide improved Service for the Public who commute from these areas.

**Richard Phillips** spoke about the gap in the Arriva 5 Service in the afternoon from Cranbrook to Hawkhurst 1510 from Maidstone the next through journey to Hawkhurst is 1640, Bus that leaves Maidstone at 16.08 terminates at Cranbrook.

**Grace Butcher** Arriva said that they are doing a review of all the Areas that they operate on.

**Tony Staines** asked why so many Buses are breaking down, Grace Butcher replied that the older Buses are gradually being replaced.

**Hugh Loy** said that they also are replacing the older Buses

## **Treasurers Report**

*Geoffrey Goodsell reported balance of £161.50. Refreshments at the last meeting £10.90*

**Derrick Coffee** had sent email Mentioned the Publication *Destination Kent Holidays Short Breaks* published by the Kent Messenger makes no mention at all of Bus Services to get to these places. Map inside the front cover shows no railway lines only roads. Many people can't drive and many would prefer to use Public Transport Secretary said she would ask Derrick if he had contacted the Kent Messenger regarding this.

## **Stagecoach 349 Sunday Service**

**Derrick Coffee** had sent email with up date on this Service. Good news from Stagecoach that the Service is going to operate through to the end of September.

*Publicity is still needed with this Service.*

*Hugh Loy was asked at the meeting if more publicity could come from Stagecoach he said he would contact the Marketing Department at Canterbury about this.*

**Grace Butcher** was asked if Arriva could also give more Marketing information about the 5 Arriva Service which makes very good connections with the 349 at Cranbrook going to Maidstone on Sundays.

## **Bus Stop near Tesco**

*Secretary had received email from Dan Bruce regarding Bus Stop request made by Geoffrey Goodsell at the last meeting reply that they will look at this request in the next Financial year that Nick Smyth will keep us informed of any updates on this.*

**Peter Emberson** spoke about his concern about the proposed Bus Stop with the amount of traffic in that area with the side roads leading to not only Tesco, but Bowles Lodge and Queens Road, it has already been agreed that there will be a pedestrian crossing in that area.

*Nick Smyth said that the area would be looked at to see about the suitability of a Stop being there.*

## **Map Dunks Bus Stop**

*Richard Phillips spoke about the network map being out of date. reply from Roger Court Team Manager K.C.C Public Transport was that they*

*do not provide network maps they have not got the facility or budget to do so.*

**Geoffrey Goodsell** *Sunday 349 Service Hastings to Cranbrook Bodiam Castle Main Gates are not open at 9.30 when the Bus arrives, although the public on the Bus can use the side gate feels it would be more of a welcome if the Main Gates were open.*

**Barrett Manning**

*Spoke about the lack of publicity regarding the 349 Stagecoach Sunday Service and the connection with the Arriva 5 at Cranbrook. Information about these and the area they go to make the public aware of the areas of interest they can get to could be included on the Timetables. Bus Services in the week as well they can provide a journey to get to a lot of places.*

**Any Other Business. None**

**Meeting Closed at 11.55**

**Date of next Meeting Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> Queens Hotel at 11.00 am**