

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Please note that updates from appropriate officers are set out below the relevant action and any outstanding actions are highlighted in red.

165.1 Speed Limits and Traffic Calming in The Ridgeway, Shorne - Request by Cllr Bob Lane

The Schemes Programme Manager (KCC) advised that he had recently taken over the role from Emma Green; he advised the Committee that there would be new gateways installed on the Ridgeway soon and the team were looking to make positive changes in the local area.

Update from Schemes Project Manager (KCC) (25/02/2021) – In relation to the Ridgeway the job was ordered and committed on the 2nd December 2020 for village gateway location and this has an estimated completion date of 2nd March 2021.

The Board reaffirmed its re-endorsement of the original petition requesting an implementation of a 30mph speed limit along the Ridgeway and requested that KCC reconsidered its decision not to extend the 30mph speed limit in The Ridgeway.

Update from Schemes Project Manager (KCC) (25/02/2021) – KCC has since reviewed the original petition dated January 2018. Having carefully considered all available evidence and data KCC's position remains unchanged in that the current 30mph speed limit is in the most suitable location. However, KCC is supportive of highlighting the approach to the change in the environment towards the village through other traffic calming measures, although a funding source will have to be identified for these enhancements.

165.2 Petition - Hamerton Road and Station Road - Request by Cllr Lauren Sullivan

In response to questions posed by Cllr Sullivan, the Scheme Projects Manager (KCC) explained that:

- A discussion had been held with Cllr Sullivan prior to the meeting regarding the on-street traffic and parking issues; at KCC a 'dragons' den style meeting was held where officers pitched their ideas to senior management in order to bid for funding for local transport issues. A bid for funding for amendment of the traffic order for those roads would be submitted to the next meeting on Wednesday, 09 December 2020 and if the bid was successful then it would help fund the design work, the feasibility study, the TRO and consultation etc

Update from Schemes Project Manager (KCC) (25/02/2021) – This has been discussed with Cllr Lauren Sullivan and the KCC Project Manager and it has been recommended that we continue to explore future funding options for this scheme to be progressed

165.3 Petition - Covid-19 Road Closures Riverside Ward - Request by Cllr Alan Ridgers

The Schemes Programme Manager (KCC) apologised to Members and explained that, in hindsight, it had been recognised by the team that the level of consultation was not up to its

usual high standard but the Department of Transport had set very short time deadlines to apply for funding. With regards to the lack of responses to emails, the Schemes Programme Manager (KCC) apologised as there was an active mailbox for enquiries and the emails received should have been sent to the relevant Scheme Manager; **the Schemes Programme Manager (KCC) promised to follow up any outstanding emails.** Members were reminded that the schemes were in the trial stage and were being constantly monitored; all feedback received regarding the Schemes would be used to amend them where possible.

The Schemes Programme Manager (KCC) assured Members that he would feedback all of the comments about removing the restrictions placed in Albion Terrace and Norfolk Road to the relevant Project Manager.

Update from Schemes Project Manager (KCC) (25/02/2021) – The scheme was removed on 21 December 2020.

Following further discussion on the petition, Cllr Burden and Cllr Sullivan expressed their desire for the restrictions to be removed as soon as possible and both offered some of their personal allowances to go towards the funding of their removal.

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) advised that the comments had been taken on board and he would organise a meeting with the Schemes Project Manager (KCC), the Schemes Programme Manager (KCC) and Russell Boorman to discuss it further. An update will be brought back to the next meeting of Gravesham Joint Transportation Board.

Update from Gravesham District Manager & Vehicle Crossing Team Leader (KCC) (25/02/2021) – The cycle lanes and closures have not been removed and members of the Board have been updated.

166. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

Minute 124. Corner Protection (Yellow Lines) at the junction of Cob Drive and Forge Lane - Requested by Cllr Bob Lane

- The results of the Automatic Traffic Counter Survey on Lower Higham Road were emailed to Cllr Marsh, Cllr Ridgers and Cllr Lane at their request; they can be emailed to Cllr Hills after the meeting

Update from Schemes Project Manager (KCC) (25/02/2021) – this action is complete.

- With regard to vehicles parking on junction in Chalk, officers had previously carried out site visits to the area to monitor parking and investigate all complaints. Another visit was due to be carried out before Christmas and the Schemes Project Manager (KCC) added that any evidence of illegal/nuisance parking would be very helpful to the team. Cllr Hills agreed to forward evidence of nuisance parking/parking obstructions to the Schemes Project Manager (KCC)

Update from Schemes Project Manager (KCC) (25/02/2021) – KCC have revisited the site and there are no current plans for this location although it will continue to be monitored. KCC will accept evidence of dangerous parking for consideration.

Minute 127. The Hill, Northfleet - Speeding issues and Accidents - Requested by Cllr Peter Scollard

The Schemes Project Manager had previously discussed the traffic counter surveys results with Cllr Sullivan at a previous meeting; the Schemes Project Manager (KCC) agreed to chase the results of the survey and report them to the next Board meeting.

Update from Schemes Project Manager (KCC) (25/02/2021) – KCC have located ATC surveys on London Road and these have been shared. ATC's have been requested on the High Street but the date for these is not yet known.

Minute 148. Any Other Business which by reason of special circumstances the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency

Whitehill Traffic Issues – raised by Cllr Tony Rana

Cllr Rana requested that the results of the recording device placed on Whitehill Road to monitor traffic levels be reported to the Board.

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) had not received any results.

The Board was dismayed that there were no results to report to the Board and expressed concern that things were not being progressed as previously assured.

The Schemes Project Manager (KCC) added that the minutes of the Cllr Rana meeting could also be shared with Gravesham Members.

Update from Schemes Project Manager (KCC) (25/02/2021) – Minutes have been shared.

The Chair thanked the Schemes Project Manager (KCC) for her response and asked the Committee & Scrutiny Assistant to circulate details of the District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) and the Schemes Project Manager (KCC) to all Members.

Update from the Committee & Scrutiny Assistant (GBC) – 25/02/2021 – these details have been circulated to Members.

Minute 150. Highways Works Programme 2019/20 onwards (Information only) Bus Hub at Garrick Street

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) informed the Board he was awaiting the last details of the final consultation for the Bus Hub but he had put it forward to include taxis. Further details and the outcome of the consultation would be brought to a future meeting of the Gravesham Joint Transportation Board.

Update from the Parking Services Manager (GBC) – 02/03/2021 – The Parking Services Manager understands that KCC have recently approved the Bus Gates.

The Parking Services Manager (GBC) requested a discussion on taxis with the District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) after the meeting.

Update from the Parking Services Manager (GBC) – 02/03/2021 – There is no update on this matter as the Bus Gates have only recently been approved.

Minute 159. Gravesham Highway Forward Works Programme - 2019/20 onwards

Church Path/South Kent Avenue Lights

The Chair reported an issue with the street lights on Church Path in Northfleet and asked that the power box on South Kent Avenue have its repairs completed as it was still currently broken and lying on the ground.

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) advised that the Street Lighting Team replaced the fuses in the lights and Church Path was now fully lit; the District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) agreed to check on the power box repairs on South Kent Avenue.

Update from Gravesham District Manager & Vehicle Crossing Team Leader (KCC) (25/02/2021) –

- *Church Path - All Street lighting assets are reported as working fine with no damage located on any Highway Assets on South Kent Avenue. UKPN have also been asked to check their cabinets located near to Bankside to see if there is any damage with these.*
- *Stone Street – Sign is being made and will be installed once delivered. There is a delay to signs being made due to Covid-19. This will be erected as soon as it is in. No further reports from members of the public since the lining was refreshed.*

No Entry Sign – Stone Street

Cllr Hills requested an update on the 'No Entry' sign where vehicles exited Stone Street.

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) hoped the new sign would resolve the situation and agreed to share the design with Cllr Hills.

167. Reports from Officers

167.2 Local Winter Service Plan

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) explained that the report was just a summary document giving a brief overview of the arrangements that had been made; The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) had already agreed to send a plan to Cllr Lane that only showcased the plans for the area of Shorne. The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) was happy to provide Members certain plans or all of the plans for their wards if they requested it.

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) advised that none of the gritting routes had changed and all of the salt bins were would be filled up by the end of next week including the new ones that had just been placed. Salt bags would also be delivered to all of the Parish Councils next week.

Update from Gravesham District Manager & Vehicle Crossing Team Leader (KCC) (25/02/2021) – Update was provided to Members during the winter emergency. Worked very well with GBC to prioritise routes on Primary Routes, priority footways, Vaccination Centres, Testing Centres and bus and school routes.

167.3 Highway Forward Works Programme - 2019/20 onwards

With regards to the Cycle Hub to Cyclopark cycle route, the Schemes Programme Manager (KCC) agreed to discuss it with Nichole Floodgate and bring an update to the next Board meeting.

Update from Schemes Project Manager (KCC) (25/02/2021) – KCC are not aware of any current cycle schemes in that area.

168. Any Other Business which by reason of special circumstances the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

The Schemes Project Manager (KCC) requested a meeting with Cllr Thompson to hold further discussions regarding Parrock Street and the traffic measures he wanted in place.

Cllr Thompson agreed to discuss the issue further with the Schemes Project Manager (KCC) outside of the meeting along with Cllr Marsh.

Update from Gravesham District Manager & Vehicle Crossing Team Leader (KCC) (25/02/2021) –

- Following the installation of Bollards, we have received a request that these are to be removed as causing problems with access and egress. We have agreed to remove 1 bollard but we will not remove any others.*
- A meeting is due to be held however due to the new lockdown all KCC Staff have been advised that no site meetings are to take place until such times that this is eased and our Corporate Management Team allow.*

Update from Schemes Project Manager (KCC) (25/02/2021) – An update will follow as a site meeting has been arranged for 1 March 2021.