

## Meopham Parish Council

### Notes of the Virtual Parking and Traffic Working Group Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 2.00pm

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies, except for PCSO Rob Meader who will be approached about training to use Zoom to attend meetings.

#### **2. Notes of the last meeting**

The notes were approved proposed by Cllr Buchanan, seconded by Cllr McTavish.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

Most were covered by main agenda items.

We had omitted the agreement to ask the Clerk to rewrite once again to KCC Highways re the urgency for the erection of a large Trixie Mirror at Camer Parade. The Clerk would also be asked to request a site meeting (see item 7 below.)

#### **4. Traffic problems in Cobham and Sole Street- how CPC is approaching the issue. Cllr Tony Rice, GBC Councillor for Shorne, Cobham and Luddesdown.**

A detailed and very comprehensive explanation of the actions taken by Cobham PC to address traffic and speeding issues on the B2009 through Sole Street and Cobham was given. A synopsis will be issued separately.

#### **5. PCN figures from GBC for June/September, Amendments to current parking in Meopham Nick May, Parking Services Manager'**

The updated PCN figures were expected next day. Following Govt input, a 'softly, softly' approach had been used during the period in question during lockdown. The Parking Enforcement Officers have now resumed their duties.

There is no way of improving the logging of PCNs in Wrotham Road, to highlight Camer Parade infringements.

#### **6. Update on Parking Campaign**

In the circumstances, the extension of the Parking Campaign was discussed, and banner locations were considered. It was suggested that perhaps they should be at the Secondary School and perhaps on the hedge of the French farmed land opposite the Parade.

## **7. Speeding and other traffic issues on the A227**

A couple of suggestions were made by Borough Cllr Wardle, one about changing the flow on the Parade. This was considered to be a potential hazard and had previously been discounted because of the problems it which would create at the Longfield Rd junction. The other was to consider using the East side of the A227 with parking time restrictions. It was thought that there would be considerable problems for shoppers without an additional pedestrian-controlled crossing. KCC Cllr Sweetland suggested that as there were new members of staff in Kent Highways Dept, a site visit should be arranged to acquaint these new staff with our severe problems at Camer Parade including the Trixie mirror refusal. It was agreed that we would write to KCC again

Cllr Wardle left the meeting at 15.05 to attend a prior arranged meeting.

## **8. Correspondence from residents**

There had been no new issues raised in correspondence.

## **9. Speedwatch Initiative**

A very useful initial introductory session had been held and a few potential 'watchers' had attended, which could be followed in due time by roadside training for volunteer's, who would need to be under 70 years of age. This issue needs to be advertised to stimulate additional volunteers, especially among younger people.

## **10 Update on Highways queries**

Nothing outstanding, except the perennial problem of water on the A227 near Bocoda Hill Farm.

## **11 Highway Improvement Plan,**

The PC needs to pursue examples as a matter of urgency to expand our HIP submission to KCC. We need to act with some urgency to ensure that all the potential problems created by the LTC on the A227 in particular need to be addressed, e.g., the A2 reduction to 2 lanes each way near the Henhurst Rd intersection. Cllr BS indicated the KCC may need to tap into Highways England to be able to comply with these issues.

## **12 Any other business**

No AOB

## **13 Date and time of next meeting**

Date to be announced