

MEOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PARKING AND TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP

NOTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 26th 2021 at 11.30am

Present:- Cllrs J. McTavish Wkg Group Chairman, S. Buchanan, P. Luxford and J. Ogden.
Community Warden M Cason. GBC Cllr G Harding

Apologies were received from PCSO Rob Meader. We hope he may be able to join our next meeting without using KCC Constabulary equipment.

Notes of the previous meeting had been prepared by Cllr Buchanan who was thanked for them. They were accepted as an accurate account of the meeting.

Matters Arising

We awaited the current PCN statistics and these would be chased by Cllr McTavish via Nick May. He would be invited to our next meeting.

Parking banners had been reinstated, around the village and some new signs had been placed at Camer Parade.

Letters had not yet been sent to the Catholic Church or the businesses at the Parade however they would be sent shortly. It was agreed that it was not a good time to invite the schools to a meeting but we would organise a meeting in due course.

Meeting with KCC representatives re parking issues at Camer Parade, and a disappointing response had been received to our request for a Trixie Mirror to be placed opposite the exit of Camer Parade on to the A227. We had expressed our disappointment at the KCC decision not to allow such a mirror to be erected on KCC property. However, some other alternatives had been discussed with the reps and we have asked that these be pursued as a matter of urgency. These included the erection of a low barrier for a part of the way from the north end of the parade in order to prevent drivers using that part of the A227 to park to access Tesco's, and the ATM in particular, which was one of the main causes of the illegal parking.

Speedwatch

We are still awaiting receiving permission from Kent Police to restart recruitment for volunteers to man the scheme after the lifting of the current restrictions.

Highways Improvement Plan

More suggested improvements had been added to the list to be submitted, to KCC, but we need to prioritise and send others. The issue of sunken utility owned road covers needs to be supported by detailed locations and photographs wherever possible as part of the exercise.

Vision Zero Strategy

Cllr McTavish had attended a rather long but interesting virtual session on this road safety strategy organised by KALC Kent Police and agreed to circulate more information to members. She also commented on the possible introduction of a use of the 'Near Miss' portal to record such events on village roads, and other accidents which have not involved any personal injuries, to support our claims for better traffic calming support in Meopham. It was recommended that if this was put in place information about this should could be placed on our Parish website.

Unsuitability of the Green Lane, B2009 for HGV traffic. The signs advising drivers of goods vehicles of the unsuitability for HGVs, should be on the A227, not after they have already started driving along Green Lane.

It was agreed that representatives of KCC Highways should be invited to our next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 19th April at 2.30pm.