

Meopham Parish Council

Parking and Traffic Working Group Meeting at the Windmill

On Tuesday 21st July 2020, 14.00

Introduction

Visitor

The Chairman introduced Mrs Laura Vines, a resident since 1987, as a visitor to the meeting and Cllr D Bramer.

1. Apologies

PCSO Rob Meader.

2. Notes of the last meeting

Were approved.

3. Matters arising not covered on the Agenda

The suggested use of ropes on the posts on Meopham Green to be referred to the next E & A Cttee.

4. Traffic issues in Cobham and Sole Street

This item was deferred in the absence of GBC Cllr Tony Rice who was expected to explain the outcome of the investigation recently carried out.

5. PCN figures for Jan – June 2020

Nick May to be thanked for the current PCN Report and a further request to split the Wrotham Rd number into Ward boundaries. It was helpful to see Camer Parade noted as a separate road. The figures should be regularly highlighted in MPC communications and possible a sign be prepared concerning the regular village patrols by Parking Control staff.

6. Parking Campaign

Banners to be reinstated from early September. Checks to be made with GBC about the possibility of erecting or posting notices about the activities of PC staff outside schools and Camer Parade. Much discussion on the introduction of Trixie Mirrors, and an invitation to be issued make a site visit at or just before school closing time to the KCC Manager responsible to evaluate the problems associated with illegal parking at Camer Parade. Recent parking problems at Camer Park Road have also become an issue. The Chairman will arrange contact with GBC to request that the extension to the internal Car Park at the entrance the which has been closed for some time, should be re-opened urgently to remove the hazards to passing traffic and farm vehicles posed by cars having to be parked alongside the road by the entrance.

7. Speeding issues

Our PCSO has been involved in some speed camera checks which have resulted in a number of fines being issued and one vehicle without tax or insurance.

8. Correspondence from Residents

Mrs Vines had raised a number of queries, some of which were answered, It was agreed that the MPC should contact the Management of the Catholic Church to ask for their help in releasing their car park space for shoppers parking during the day, with exceptions for necessary services. It was also agreed to check the availability of signs warning motorists of nearby schools and children crossing the road. These issues will be included in our Highways Improvement Plan.

A further email from another resident about the Planning decision re the parking problems which will be exacerbated by the proposed Costa Coffee lounge is being dealt with by the Clerk and the Planning Committee.

9. Speedwatch.

Ten or 11 volunteers have been identified so far, and our visitor also agreed to take part. The Chairman has been in touch with Alan Watson at KCC and it is proposed that during the current Covid-19 restrictions at least one training session on August 19th could be undertaken by the volunteers, and a possible virtual briefing for interested Councillors.

10. Highways issues

Potholes and drain covers are still a problem and need addressing before the winter and need identifying and specifying on the Highways Portal.

11. Highways Improvement Plan

A should be viewed as a 'wish list' and needs to include many of the ideas promulgated by the Working Group. All members and other Councillors should be asked to contribute as many ideas as possible.

12. AOB

It was reported that the proposed extension to the School Close car park would be too expensive to undertake and had therefore been refused.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th September at 2.0pm at the Windmill.