



Highways Committee

Unconfirmed Minutes

July 29th 2020 @ 7PM held remotely via Zoom

Present: Cllr's Warnes (RW) (Chair), Woollen (GW), Neil (RN), Alison Melvin (AM)
Ian McArdle (BHO)

1. **Apologies:** Cllr John Coney
2. **Chairman's Announcements:** Welcomed everyone
3. **Declarations of Interest; Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare and disclosable pecuniary interest which then may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest. You must withdraw from the room or chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.**
4. **To consider requests for Dispensation to allow Councillors with Pecuniary Interests to speak and vote.** None
5. **Questions from members of the public.** None
6. **Church Street Lorries...**back in May 2019 this matter was raised and discussed, a letter was sent to Ian Janes HCC highways. (attached to minutes) Matters have not improved. E-mails and photo's have been received from two local residents showing lorry movement. It was suggested to contact local farmers to ascertain who use HGV's for delivery or collection and how often.
7. **Station Road junction update...**Cllr Woollen reported that headway was being made. The Clerk had spoken to the case officer. Highways own 1.8 metres of the land. Co Cllr Mark Kemp-Gee has written to Tom Fisher HCC Highways to review, and will talk to Ian Janes HCC Highways on safety issues and offer to facilitate a site meeting. Planning App received today 29/7/20 to **"Amend site plan with visibility splays and fence/hedge to plot 1 recessed into site"**
8. **Proposed items for discussion to make a decision for a presentation to Damian Hinds MP.**
 - a. Improve cyclist/pedestrian access along Station Road.
 - b. Cycle storage at Bentley Station. AM said most major stations have secured facilities for leaving cycles and will look to ask SWR to come up with a similar solution for 50 bikes at

Bentley Station. SH confirmed in conversation with Damian that SWR have been made aware of BPC proposals and are looking into demand for cycle racks at the station, they are also looking into funding opportunities.

- c. Possible speed limit changes
 - d. Cycle Lane along A31 is being considered...talk about cycle route from Bentley Station to A31
 - e. Look at footpath that goes across back of Station Road as a proposal to improve to a cycle path from Blacknest Road (before bridge) to Bentley Station.
 - f. A325..inform Damian of frustration at lack of response from Karen Brisley HCC re questionnaire/proposals. (a year since last heard) Three options of crossing, 1. the garage, 2. cross roads with Binsted Road/Dockenfield Road and the 3. Forest Crossing
IM (BHO resident) felt that **1** would be suited to residents **2** was extremely dangerous **3** Not logical
 - g. Back Lane 60mph speed limit is far too fast.
9. **Dockenfield Street traffic proposal.** Proposals received to restrict parking, BPC agreed to support.
10. **Meeting with Damian Hinds MP (details).** Date has been set at start of September
11. **RW asked for bullet points from members by the 10th August**

Meeting closed at 9pm

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Chairman.....

Date