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HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 8.00PM ON THURSDAY 19TH APRIL 2018
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, CLAYGATE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Ken Huddart (Chairman), Geoff Herbert, Gavin Wilson and Xingang Wang
Co-opted: Caroline Stevenson (arrived at 8.10pm)
In attendance: Shirley Round Parish Clerk & RFO.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs. Tony Shearman and Bob Pritchard with reasons.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ken Huddart: Chairman of Trustees of Claygate Village Hall Association, President of the Claygate Village Association, Acting Chairman of the Claygate Conservation Areas Advisory Committee, Traffic Engineering Consultant, Fellow of Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation, Fellow of Institution of Engineering and Technology, Fellow of Institution of Civil Engineers.

Cllr Geoff Herbert: Co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch and member of Claygate Village and Flower Show.

Cllr Xingang Wang: Magistrate and co-ordinator of Claygate Speed Watch.

Cllr Gavin Wilson: Member of the Torrington Close Association. Member of Claygate Lawn Tennis Club. Chairman of Claygate Bridge Club

3. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting (15th February 2018)

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the meetings.

4. To report on the Actioning of items from the previous Minutes.

AP35 Highway Tree Planting. 5 trees have been planted **DONE**

AP39 Woodstock Lane by The Oaks consider traffic calming measures. Caroline Stevenson will pursue this with the Local Committee. **OUTSTANDING**

AP40 Cycle route – flooding Birchwood Lane. See agenda item 6

AP41 Speed Watch sites – XW will confirm with Surrey Police. See agenda item 7

AP42 TfL bulletin board – Ongoing. BP will report effectiveness to Clerk.

AP43 Highway Trees – The Roundway. **OUTSTANDING**

AP44 Riverside Bathrooms parking. Clerk has written to resident. **DONE**

5. Bridleways & Rights of Way

a) Woodstock Lane South horse ride and footpath update:

The upgrading of the horse ride has been completed and paid for. There has been a positive comment on the quality of the reinstated rural footway alongside FP31. There has been some unhappiness that the rural footway did not continue to the junction with Stevens Lane as this can become very muddy. Because of

equestrian use – this is a shared footpath – it is unlikely that creation of a rural footpath would work.

b) Horses on Claygate Common:

hoofmarks show that horses have strayed from the track down the east side, which is their right of way between Stevens Lane/A3. Control of this area is managed by EBC.

c) Horses on the Woodstock Lane rural footpath:

No evidence could be found but CS agreed to check periodically.

6. Cycling

a) Birchwood Lane flooding:

There have been reports of flooding in the area of Birchwood Lane where it goes under the railway-line. Both Dave Page (EBC) and Mary-Ann Edwards (SCC) have been made aware of the situation and SCC have confirmed they will be investigating it this year. KH will ask them to consider the construction of a wall through the flooded area, high enough to enable cyclists to wheel their way to the dry areas under the railway. This area is largely outside Claygate. KH will follow up **AP45**

7. To discuss Speed Watch and action if necessary.

The initiative of MarkTymieniecki and other enthusiasts enables sites to continue in Oaken Lane and at the BT exchange. Each site has to be visited at least monthly to qualify for police agreement. We have dropped the sites in Hare Lane near The Parade and Hare Lane past Champions since the parking activity prevented any reportable speeding. XW will confirm with Surrey Police the location of the 2 sites which have been dropped. **AP46**

8. Public Transport.

a) Bus routes, bus shelters & bus stops:

The change from Abellio to London United in June will mean that drivers change at the depots and not in Kingston. Cllr Herbert reported that the restriction on cars parking in the bus stop areas is now in place. These areas are now Bus Stop Clearways with the necessary markings.

b) Trains:

The Claygate platforms have been lengthened and a few new longer trains have been introduced. Cllr Wang reported a number of occasions when the early Waterloo trains has been cancelled. He will monitor the situation and report back. **AP47**

c) Claygate Station:

A report has been received by a member of the public regarding litter on the railway car park embankment (facing The Avenue). This has now been cleared although there is a considerable amount of rubbish in the car park. The Clerk will report this to Network Rail and request removal. **AP48**

8.35pm Cllr Wang apologised and left the meeting.

9. To discuss liaison with SCC—with particular reference to:

a) Road Maintenance and Footways:

SCC Area Office in a decluttering initiative identified what they considered to be unnecessary signs. Cllr Huddart asked that the sign to the Tennis Club be retained.

Carriageway defects have been reported throughout the village. Patching potholes has left an often uneven surface and the general poor state of other roads has been reported by KH to the Area Office. The surface of Elm Road at the St. Leonards Road junction is particularly poor. The road leads to the Youth Club, Claygate Day Centre and Capelfield Surgery and handles daily traffic. KH will contact Cllr Bennison with a view to expediting repair. The possibility of using EBC CIL funds will be considered. **AP49**

b) Highway Trees:

5 trees have been planted and contributions received from local residents. The Roundway does not appear to have been included. **AP50** Clerk will contact VR for clarification. Suggestions for new sites are being sought. The stump left after felling the cherry in the Parade (by the butchers) is unsightly and a request will be made that it should be removed. **AP51**

c) Street lighting:

No report.

d) A309 turn out of Woodstock Lane South.

Caroline Stevenson will pursue speeding issue with SCC. A missing Give Way sign has been reported and will be passed to Carole Walker SCC **AP52**

e) Bench at 16 Red Lane/1 Merrily.

At present we do not have a recommendation to put to Carole Walker. Cllr Huddart and a local resident have made several attempts to visit, and have put notes into 16 Red Lane and 1 Merrilyn Close, but have not managed to get any response. It is essential the donor of the seat makes proper arrangements for removing the garden rubbish, and asks for Surrey C.C's permission. Clerk will pass on message to Carole Walker SCC **AP53**

f) Meadow Road Green:

A works order has been agreed with Treeline Services to undertake the work to the trees. This will commence in early September. This contract requests information relating to underground services. This information is not obtainable from the Parish Council and should be investigated by the contractor.

10. **Parking issues**

a) Off Street Parking: Claygate Parish Council continue to reiterate concern at the increase charges in local car parks and the lack of an initial free period. The response continues to be that the car parks are loss-making – especially Torrington Lodge. Part of the problem appears to be that substantial business rates are charged for any marked out car parks.

b) On-Street Parking: A local resident in Hare Lane has recently emailed the Parish Council regarding obstructive parking in Hare Lane. Following our own and Surrey CC's public consultation the Parish Council opted for minimum on-street controls, just short lengths in Church Road and also in Hare Lane up from the railway bridge. However, the Parish Council did not pursue the Hare Lane restriction because a resident wanted to continue to have opportunities to park on

the street outside their home. The Church Road proposal will be going through the order process at present.

12 sites have been recommended for double yellow lines on the corners of road to improve sight lines. This may alleviate some of the problems. There have been no further updates.

11. To consider traffic calming and management and action if necessary.

a) Hare Lane traffic calming: Nothing to report. Prior to a local resident group arranging to clear the footpath along Hare Lane from the Swan to the Hare Lane railway bridge a contractor was employed by SCC to remove the earth and debris which had been narrowing the path.

12. Street Signage

Village gates: Clerk has been in contact with Street Smart who will be cleaning/repainting the village gates.

13. Communication of Key Decisions to residents including input to the Courier and the Website

Copy date for the next edition of Courier is 27th April. Topics for inclusion include the rural footpath in Woodstock Lane, the repair of the horse ride and the refurbishment of the Bench in St. Leonards Road by Street Smart.

14. Matters for Information Purposes Only.

Derwent Close/Oaken Lane: A report has been received of a resident driving over the grass verge to access a house.

Stevens Lane/Lower Wood Road: Nothing appears to have been done to reinstate the area. The last report from Cllr Bennison indicated the matter was in the hands of SCC legal department. The Clerk will contact the legal department to find out if any further action has been taken. **AP54**

16. To Confirm the Date of the Next Meeting on Thursday 19th June 2018 in the committee room of Claygate Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.25

Signed:

Dated: