

23.08.18 HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

ATTENDEES

Tylden Reed, Jill Leyland, Simon South

APOLOGIES

Bryony Levermore, Dawne Austen

AGENDA:

- Parking
- S106 and other funding
- A252 Improvements
- Charing Heath speed limits
- Signage entering Charing

MINUTES:

Parking.

- Short discussion on possible parking sites for Charing Village, covering the following;
 - Piquet's Meadow – there is a covenant on the area for a playground but since the intention is to move the playground to the adjacent area, it may be possible to vary it.
 - The A20 picnic area – a gap may be created into the cemetery should carparking be located here.
 - Jill to approach Tony Jensen for further advice on KCC requirements
 - Parsons Mead – looking at the potential of additional parking attached to the new parish hall funded by the development to be greater than needed for the Hall to help serve the village – meeting next week.
 - Station carpark – this is the only paid for carpark in the village, we are going to wait until the new Train Operating Company (TOC) franchise is announced before we approach operator.
 - We believe that it is unlikely that Charing Green will free up land for extra parking for the surgery.

S106 and other funding

- Car parking to be included in S106 requirement list for Land South of the Swan

A252 Improvements

- One path has been resurfaced from the roundabout
- What are the proposed improvements following the award of funding? Tylden to make enquiries.

Charing Heath Speed limits

- The possibility of requesting a temporary speed reduction for Charing Heath to obtain vehicle movement data through the speed watch scheme (which can only operate in areas

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up to 40mph)- further investigations required and Simon South to share information obtained so far with the committee.

- Possibly gain support from Charlie Simpkins and Clair Bell.

Charing road signs

- Are 'No through traffic' and 'Unsuitable for HGV' signs present on the entrances to Charing village? Tylden to check

Other business

- Would we like gates at the entrance to the villages? Charing Heath and Westwell Leacon roads may be too narrow to accept the structures.
- Has the sinkhole in Charing Heath adjacent to Tile Lodge Cottages been reported on the portal?

Notes since the meeting.

Some years ago KCC drew up plans for 'gates' on the A20 but before work progressed funding dried up. At the time KCC and ABC agreed that gates could help reduce the speed of traffic through the village. We have also talked to developers but nothing has yet been forthcoming.

Tylden has e-mailed Toby Howe of KCC Highways and expects further communications from T.H. regarding A252 works including moving the 40MPH down to Red Leaves and the GPS problem regarding HGVs being sent down The Hill.

Simon has spoken to the Speed watch coordinator regarding additional positions for monitoring in the parish, B.F. will support the requests following an assessment for safe locations, two of the Charing group have applied to join with the Pluckley group to add flexibility and increase coverage.

The sink hole in Tile Lodge road has barriers round it.