

## Minutes of Highways meeting July 16<sup>th</sup> 2024

Present: Terry Hayward (Chair), Sue Lowen, Colin Burns, Claire Brown, Carrie Allen,

Apologies; Nick Austen, Nigel Pickford, Vicky Ellis, Stephen Woodbridge

1. Faversham Road. The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the extension of the 40mph limit is underway. Assuming there are not too many objections, the next stage will be the detailed design. Charlie Simkins has kindly agreed to fund the cost of this.
2. Gates and Roundels. Those on the A252 and A20 East, plus the mini gate on Pluckley Road, are agreed with Highways. The next stage is to request an invoice for the detailed design stage.
3. Pluckley Road. A number of people in Pluckley Road had agreed to display the signs asking people to check their speed and several had made donations to the Parish Council towards the cost. Colin Burns reported that residents generally felt that the signs had had an effect in slowing traffic; this will need to be checked in due course by a survey. It was agreed that there were probably too many signs but it was expected that one or two would disappear or get taken down in due course.
4. Pluckley Road approach. Residents had earlier raised concerns about the speed of traffic and dangerous overtaking between Coppins Corner and the Motorway Bridge and requested that double white lines could be considered. A more recent concern raised was the speed at Coppins Corner of vehicles coming from Pluckley resulting in some vehicles straying into the opposite lane. This made crossing the road at that point dangerous with some near misses of pedestrians reported. Kieran (Highways) informed us that this needed to be a separate item on the Highways Improvement Plan. It was agreed to add it to the HIP.
5. School Road. Kieran said that Highways could not support a single white line at the entrance to School Road since it would need to be maintained; there was no record of any injury accidents and measured speeds were too low. He offered their 30mph pack. It was agreed to request one.
6. The Hill. A Traffic Regulation Order had been issued for the Hill. This was in connection with the development behind Millgarth and proposed double yellow lines from a point 25 metres from the junction with the A252 to a point 56 metres further on in order to facilitate large vehicles exiting from the new development. Residents on The Hill are already concerned that parking on that side of The Hill forces traffic coming uphill into the opposite lane and risks collisions with traffic turning in from the A252 which often travels quite fast. The proposal leaves a gap

of 25 metres between the start of the double yellows and the junction thus encouraging parking at the very worst spot. Residents, the Highways Committee and the Parish Council have all objected. We await the outcome.

7. It was agreed to update the HIP by putting Faversham Road and Gates into a “work in progress” section thus enabling other proposals to enter the action zone.