

Minutes of Charing Parish Council Highways Improvement Group 28th October 2025

Present: Cllr Terry Hayward (Chair), Colin Burns, Jill Leyland

1. Apologies: Cllrs Stephen Woodbridge, Carrie Owen and Dennis Gudge; Sue Lowen, Vicky Ellis, Claire Brown.

2. Minutes of last meeting: These had already been approved.

3. Updates

- a. The extension of the 40 mph limit in Faversham Road was duly installed
- b. The gates, roundels and other road markings proposed for Charing Heath were agreed. It was agreed that additional roundels should be sited on Egerton Road by the repeater sign between the junction with Church Hill and the junction with Tile Lodge Road. It was also agreed that gates were more effective when they were on both sides of the road. However, for Church Hill and Charing Heath Road the opposite side of the road is a steep bank so a second gate may not be possible. JL will finalise the document and send to East Kent Highways for their review.
- c. In addition to the proposed gates for Charing Heath we would like a second gate opposite the existing one on the A20.
- d. Crossroads. There are still a significant number of vehicles turning right out of Station Road or going across to the High Street. A camera survey will be included in the surveys being done in the first week of November.
- e. The Hill. It is hoped that a TRO to “close the gap” between the corner with the A252 and the start of the double yellows planned in connection with the new development can be piggybacked onto the forthcoming TRO for the double yellows at the end of the High Street. Kieran Doble is due to visit the site.
- f. Stonestile Farm Road. KCC have identified suitable positions for the signs. One is on private land. The name of the landowner have been sent to KCC so that they can ask for permission to place the sign there.
- g. Road surveys. These should take place on the week beginning November 3rd. JL to check. *(Done and equipment was installed on 30/10/25).*

4. Budget and future projects. The committee had some queries on the budget figures which need to be resolved before we suggest a figure for 2026/27. It was agreed that we will not need to ask for as much as appears to be in the budget for the current year. It was agreed that the next project could be to reinstate the flashing vehicle activated speed sign on the A20. Subject to results from the imminent traffic surveys. While having a moveable sign has its attractions it was agreed that in practice finding a team to move it regularly and go through the training etc could be

problematic. *(NB Neither the latest nor the previous Highways Information Pack from KCC gives an indication of cost for a Vehicle Activated Sign.)*

5. Updates to HIP. Nothing specific other than points above.

6. AOB.

- a. Colin Burns volunteered to report instances where foliage needed to be cut back.
- b. Jill Leyland wishes to withdraw from writing future minutes and other “secretarial” work for medical (eyesight) reasons. Sue Lowen may be willing to help but otherwise the committee could advertise for a volunteer “secretary”.
- c. Nigel Pickford has stepped down from the committee as he has moved away from the village.