

STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Committee, Group or Sub Group	
Road Safety Group	
Meeting Date & Venue	
4 th December 2019 PC Office Upstairs	
Report Author	
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Report	
<p>Present were Councillors Bowden, Buller, Forward and Riordan with Speed Watch Rep Buller.</p> <p>The report of the 7th November was accepted and all items would be covered via the agenda.</p> <p>The Meeting Notes from KCC Highways' Jennie Watson were looked at in detail, with reference to the SPC Highways Improvement Plan (HIP).</p> <p>A Church Hill Gateway works HIP 3 – JW to work on design to include new village nameplate, roundels, rumble strips and dragon's teeth – monitor once implemented to see if 30mph can be extended southwards (HIP 4)</p> <p>B 20mph pilot scheme HIP 5 - JW to update when progress - just 1 further response in favour</p> <p>C Gybbon Rise HIP 6 - JW will assess and advise</p> <p>D Pinnock Lane bus stop HIP 8B – JW has contacted bus stop team - update when progress</p> <p>E Bovis pedestrian crossing – JW has contacted Claremarie Vine who will update when progress ----- the possible imminent Sainsburys' development in that area will affect this</p> <p>G Marden Road roundabout HIP 9 - JW has contacted Claremarie Vine who will update when progress</p> <p>Country Lanes HIP 7 – SF had logged on to WAMS and had follow-up discussions – the engineer reported that he regularly monitored Five Oak Lane – KCC only own 1m of verge and so cannot easily implement passing places or widening – mirrors are not approved of – the plastic kerbs at Colliers Green are failing</p> <p>Speed watch had deployed on two Sunday afternoons for a total of 55 minutes with 35 vehicles recorded and sent on to the police database</p> <p>Hedges - Letters would be distributed in the New Year if necessary – High Street and Station Road would be trialed first</p> <p>Narrow paths HIP8A – Station Road near the traffic lights needed careful study</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL</p> <p>That the HIP include priority 10 – River Bridge, Headcorn Road – single lane, humpback, with no visibility of on-coming traffic, history of accidents and incidents of aggressive driving – suggestion to install solar-powered traffic signals, activated by vehicle movement – if deemed safer, to position southern light at brow of railway bridge</p>	
Date & Venue of next meeting	
To be advised in the light of feedback from KCC Highways Officers (<i>chase mid-January</i>)	