

## **ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Notes of a meeting of the Highways Improvement Working Group held on Tuesday 28 November 2023 in the Viewing Gallery of Ash Green Sports Centre commencing at 4.30pm.**

Present: Cllr S Fishenden (Chairman)  
Cllr F Cottee  
Cllr P Kirtley  
Cllr V Ngwenya

In attendance A de Jager (Clerk)

1. Apologies  
Cllr M Manley

2. Declaration of Interests  
None

3. Terms of Reference  
The Terms of Reference were RECEIVED and NOTED.

4. Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)  
The Highways improvement plan was NOTED.

5. HIP Template  
The HIP Template was NOTED

6. Items for Consideration  
Consideration was given to the following suggestions:

- Installation of dropped kerbs at the Milestone roundabout – It was AGREED that this was not necessary people with pushchairs and wheelchair users can continue on the footpath round to the entrance of Milestone Academy, cross at the pedestrian crossing and continue on the footpath towards Hartley.
- 20mph zone for the whole of New Ash Green – It was AGREED that this suggestion would not be included as it was not felt that this would be suitable or meet the requirements for a 20mph zone.
- Pedestrian crossing on North Ash Road between Punch Croft and Over Minnis – while this is a cause of concern for pedestrians, especially children and those using mobility scooters, it was AGREED that contact with the Management Company will be continued to appeal to them to reconsider the parking restrictions at Manor Gardens as this is causing the problem. The crossing will be included in the plan, but not as a priority at this time. A request to re-instate the white line marking on North Ash Road will be included in the Plan.
- Cycle Lane from New Ash Green to Longfield – it was AGREED that this suggestion would not be taken forward as there is no land available where something like this could be installed.

- Ash Road Pedestrian Crossing – it was AGREED to include the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Ash Road at the Olivers Mill bus stop site.
- Rural roads – it was AGREED to include the adoption and repair passing points on rural roads in Ash, Hodsoll Street and Ridley.

These items will be included on the HIP Template and a meeting arranged with the KCC Community Engagement Officer for HIP's in the Sevenoaks District.

7. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be set after a meeting is held with the Community Engagement Officer.

The meeting closed at 5.06pm