

BORDEN HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

NOTES OF MEETING ON 8TH FEBRUARY 2024

1. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Tumber.
2. Actions from the previous meeting were reviewed and it was noted that there has been no progress on the 20mph or other suggestions.
3. To discuss a possible meeting with Graham's regarding road closures for the next stage of the J5 works.
The information has now been sent out to the public by Graham's and put on the Parish Council Facebook page along with their Q&A's, so no further action at this time.
4. To discuss the TRO planned closure of Wises Lane from 18th March until the estimated completion date of 30th June 2024. Coinford has requested the closure to allow the installation of new apparatus and S278 development works to be carried out.

Cllr Bolas will send a Temporary TRO guidance document to the clerk to confirm if the Temporary TRO has been correctly implemented by KCC.

The Group recommends the Full Council consider the following points to formulate a letter to KCC Highways regarding the elongated planned closure of Wises Lane for 3 months for the foul installation;-

1. Consider that the TRO may not be lawful.
2. The road Closure completely shuts the connection between Lower and Upper Borden for an unreasonable period.
3. We understand the benefits to the developer of the joining of two separate sites for the moving of materials and machinery.
4. What is the reason the work cannot be operated under a 2-way traffic control system.
5. Could they have direct liaison with the other utility companies so that the road is not closed again at a later date, as has been seen on other parts of Wises Lane in recent times.

The Group recommends the following proposals for consideration by the Full Council;-

- Propose that the Parish Council write to Kent County Council which will include the above-mentioned points, and post the letter on the Parish website and Facebook page.
- Propose that the Parish Council copy the letter to KCC to Kent County Councillor Mike Baldock.

5. The responses to the consultation in the last issue of the Borden Broadside regarding the 20mph scheme were reviewed.
From 20 responses only 1 was a firm NO and another unclassified (10%).
18 responses in agreement to 20 mph (90%).
Out of the 18 who agreed the 20 mph 6 (33%) have reservations over the monitoring and enforcement of a reduced limit.

The Group recommends the following proposal to the Parish Council:-

- A response to all of the residents who emailed the Clerk regarding the 20 mph consultation is placed in the next edition of the Borden Broadside. This will include an explanation as to why other suggestions put forward cannot be progressed at the same time.

Cllr Baldock will be surveying the parish lines for reporting purposes.

All Highways issues can be reported by residents on the KCC fault finder
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

6. New and emerging Highway issues.

- Drains – the Highways group has recognised that there are blocked drains throughout the parish and these should be reported by individuals on the KCC fault finder.
- The Group discussed how KCC works with landowners regarding mudflow on roads, under the Environmental Land Management Schemes, and recommends the following proposal to the Full Council:-
 - That the Parish Council write to KCC to understand what steps they have taken under the Environmental Land Management Scheme i.e Pond Farm Road and the flooding at Oad Street.
- Regarding the 6' 6" width restriction the Parish Council need to understand where the restrictions are so that they can be enforced, and recommends the following proposal:-
 - The Parish Council writes to KCC Highways for the area of width restrictions and where it starts in Borden. This information is to understand if there is a legal right, and if not how to enforce it.

The meeting ended at 14:30

Agreed by Committee and Signed by;

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Chair