

# BORDEN HIGHWAYS GROUP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Tumber and Cllr Small.  
In attendance: Cllr Bolas, Cllr Sims, Cllr Baldock.
2. To approve the minutes from the HIP meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024:  
The minutes from the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 25, were approved and signed by the Committee Chair.
3. Business Items:
  - a. To acknowledge the below approvals from the December Full Council meeting (item 154):
    - 1) The revised 20mph speed limit map.
    - 2) The implementation of the 20mph speed limit through Borden with the Danaway 40mph scheme to follow.
    - 3) The speed limit survey to be conducted by KCC Highways at the Maidstone Road/Oad Street junction. To assess the potential for extending the 40mph limit further down Oad Street towards the A249.

The above three items were noted.

4. Highways Improvement Plan (HIP):  
The committee reviewed the HIP and noted the following:
  - i. The KCC Highways speed limit survey for the Maidstone Road/Oad Street junction, assessing the potential extension of the 40mph limit towards the A249, included the area from South Green to Whipsnakes Hill—an area outside the Borden parish boundary. It was agreed that the Parish Council should not be responsible for costs incurred outside its boundary.
  - ii. It was also agreed that Borden Parish Council should not be expected to cover the costs of signage and design costs at the junction of Oad Street and Maidstone Road. The poor design and sightlines were established through Highways England and KCC Highways. Therefore, the Parish Council should not be held liable for the costs of mitigation measures to address the speed and safety concerns.
  - iii. Previous correspondence from KCC Highways asked for agreement that the Borden 20mph TRO would proceed first, followed by the Danaway 40mph TRO, with KCC covering the cost of both, which was agreed. However, recent correspondence now lists the Danaway £3,000 TRO cost as an expense for the Parish Council.  
It was agreed to respond to KCC Highways, reminding them of their commitment to fund both TROs.
5. KCC Highways Correspondence:
  - a. To review the 'Deposit Document Amendment 16 – Swale', received for the Borden 20mph speed limit.  
The Swale notice has been published on the Parish Council's Facebook page, website, and parish notice boards. It has also been shared in other village Facebook groups, allowing parishioners to view the full Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and submit comments in support or objection. The public deposit period runs from 7<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. Comments already made on the Facebook posts were reviewed and noted.
  - b. To review the ATC Traffic Analysis Report, received for Oad Street East and West:  
The committee reviewed the Traffic Analysis reports provided by KCC Highways, based on data collected in January 2025, alongside the previous data from 2022. After discussion, it

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was agreed that a clearer comparison of traffic volumes between 2022 and 2025 is needed. Given the complexity of the data, the committee felt this would be best explained by KCC Highways at the next meeting.

- c. To review any further correspondence from KCC Highways and discuss any actions to be taken.

There was no further correspondence that required discussion.

### 6. Street Maintenance

#### a. Street litter.

The Committee discussed various options to address the increasing litter in the parish. One suggestion was to consider employing litter pickers, but this would need to be included in the next budget.

It was agreed that this issue should be raised with the Borough Council initially. A recommendation will be made to the Full Council at their March meeting to send a formal letter to the head of Environmental Services at Swale Borough Council regarding the litter problem in the parish.

Additionally, the possibility of exploring community work through prison services was raised. The Clerk will gather information on this to assess its viability, and if feasible, this will also be presented to the full council.

Damaged signs:

Some of the 50mph repeater signs at Chestnut Street and Danaway are missing.

It was agreed that the Clerk should report this issue online to KCC. Since anyone can report highways issues online to KCC, the Clerk will also send the KCC reporting tool link to the full council.

### 7. Correspondence

A resident raised a concern regarding the broken traffic mirror outside the School on School Lane, which is used to help drivers see oncoming traffic. This will be added to the March agenda under correspondence for the full council's awareness.

It was agreed that the issue would be logged as a maintenance concern with KCC online by the Clerk, as it is considered unsafe near the school. Additionally, this sign will be viewed to ascertain the damage to assess the required repair.

### 8. New and emerging Highway issues.

There was nothing further to add.

### 9. To agree on a date for the next meeting.

The next meeting date will be confirmed once the next HIP meeting with KCC Highways known.

The meeting ended at 12:21

The minutes of this meeting were approved and signed by the Committee Chair:

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Date: .....