

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of a meeting of the Highways Improvement Working Group held on Monday 21 October 2024 by Teams commencing at 10.00am.

Present: Cllr S Fishenden (Chairman)
Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Council
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr P Kirtley
Cllr M Manley

In attendance A de Jager (Clerk)

1. Apologies
Cllr M Howie and Mr N Rowe - Community Engagement Officer (West), Kent Highways
2. Declaration of Interests
None
3. Notes of Previous Meeting
The notes of the meeting of 09 May 2024 were RECEIVED and NOTED.
4. Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)
Update on:
 - North Ash Road – double yellow lines. Mr Rowe advised the Clerk that the public consultation for the introduction of double yellow lines ended on 23 September 2024 and a works order will be raised accordingly.
 - North Ash Road – additional site for the installation of a Speed Indicator Pole – the Parish Council have decided not to progress this, and Kent Highways have been advised accordingly.
 - Ash Road Pedestrian Crossing (Olivers Mill Bus Stop) – In order to move forward with this project, a pedestrian count survey is required, which costs approximately £1,000. Cllr P Kirtley PROPOSED recommending to the Parish Council that they cover the cost of the survey. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and AGREED.
5. Consideration was given to the following:
 - Chapel Wood Road – installation of double yellow lines on the north side of Chapel Wood Road from the roundabout was revisited as requested by residents on Chapel Wood Road. Cllr D Brazier advised that he had sought the opinion of a Highways Engineer, who has advised that the parking on Chapel Wood Road is not dangerous. The residents will be informed accordingly. Not progressed.
 - Speed Limits in Ridley – A similar request was received some time ago from Hodsoll Street and following a speed survey, it was found that the average speed was 20mph and not the perceived speed of 60mph. The Ridley Society will be asked to nominate a road that they feel has excessive speeding and this will be added to the HIP for a speed survey to be undertaken. Speed surveys will need to be carried out to ascertain current speeds in line with the Department of Transportation guidelines.

- A request to refresh the white line markings on the zebra crossing on Ash Road will be made.
- Another request will be made to the Village Association requesting that they install a traffic mirror at the intersection of Ash and North Ash Roads.

6. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be set following the November Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.26am